



# SERMON NOTES

Sunday, March 13, 2022 | Pastor Scott Boerckel

## **“The Joy of Marriage”**

Genesis 2:18-25

1. The glory of leadership and the pain of being alone  
(Genesis 2:18-20)

2. The creation of the ordered pair  
(Genesis 2:21-23)

3. What does the creation of man and woman mean?  
(Genesis 2:24-25)

## Table Talk

- 1) Look at 1:4, 10, 18, 21, 25, and 31. What did God think of what He had made? Now, look at 2:18. What does God think is “not good”? How is aloneness not a good thing? Does this mean that there is something wrong with being single (see also 1 Corinthians 7:8, 27-28)? Who might you be able to bless who is lonely?
- 2) What kind of authority is there in the “naming” of things? What kind of authority do human beings have over creation? What kinds of responsibilities come with that authority?
- 3) What did God do to get Adam a helper? (v. 21) What kinds of challenges do we have today in the Bible language of the woman being a helper to the man? What kind of feelings did Adam express for and about Eve? (vv. 22b-23) How do we see joy expressed here? How do we continue to see joy in male/female bonding?
- 4) What does this kind of joy in intimacy cause a man to do? (v. 24) What difficulties are there in this leaving of father and mother? What kind of difficulties are there in the holding fast to one’s spouse? Why is it important for parents to allow their adult children to establish their own families? What are some ways that parents can wrongfully interfere?
- 5) What kinds of bonds get established when a person gets married? Once married, can all of those bonds be separated while both persons are alive? What kinds of challenges does the church face in holding to the integrity of this text as it relates to so called same sex marriage and as it relates to divorce?
- 6) How is the innocence and joy of Adam and Eve’s relationship portrayed? (vv. 23, 25)