

God's Design for the Family
Genesis 2:18-23, 1:26-28

DOES CULTURE HAVE IT WRONG?

1. Is “marriage” becoming a obsolete?

- 39% yes; 1970's – 28% yes
- 18-29 group – 44%

2. Never married asked if they wanted to get married – 61% yes.

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- THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF CREATION

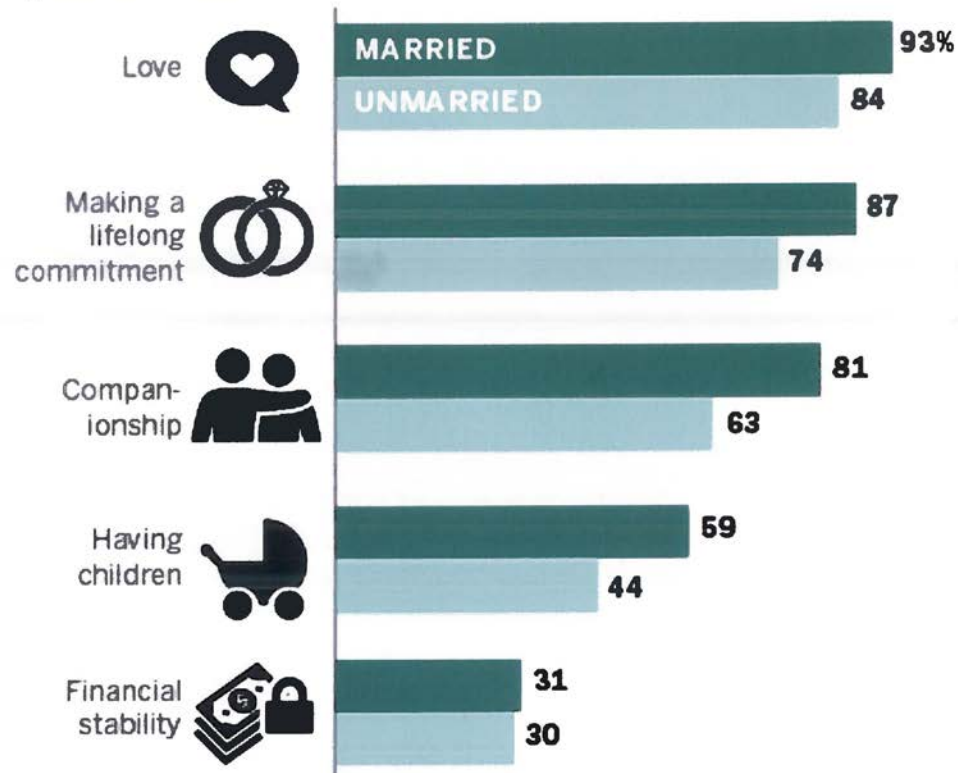
- Gen 1 – the facts
- Gen 2 – the details - the how and why

1. IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN (“ADAM”) TO BE ALONE. V 2:18

- Gods design decision based on knowledge or observation? 2:18
- 1:26 – “Let us make man in our image.”
 - God is love. 1 John 4:8, 16.

Why Get Married?

Percent saying each is a very important reason to marry, by marital status



Asked of married and unmarried separately, n=1,306 for married and 1,385 for unmarried.

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#1 reason to marry:

1. LOVE – 93%

2. Commitment – 87%

3. Companionship – 81%

4. Have children – 59%

5. Financial stability – 31%

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2. ADAM MUST HAVE A “COMPANION”

1. Genesis 1:26: Companion (let them...)
 - Adam + ? = created humanity
2. Genesis 1:27:
 - 1:27a - Adam + Adam = created humanity?
 - 1:27b - Adam + Eve = created humanity
3. Interconnected different parts of one whole.

3. WHAT WILL ADAM'S COMPANION BE LIKE?

- Two interconnected different parts:
 - Gen 2:18: helper “suitable” for him:
 - Hebrew word translated:
 - Suitable – only in Gen 2:18, 20
 - Opposite – Gen 21:16, Neh 12:9, 12:24, 2 Kings 2:7...

4. GOD'S OPTIONS FOR "OPPOSITE" TO OR OPPOSITE LIKE.

- Why not?

1. A pet gorilla in the garden? 2:20b
2. His job? 2:15
3. A hobby? 2:19
4. An offspring?
5. Another adult, suitable – "ish" and "isha"

GOD'S CHOICE FOR ADAM'S HELPER-COMPANION.

- God's purpose for Adam and Eve:
- 1:28, God blessed them and said:
 - Be fruitful and multiply
 - Male and female
 - Adam names Eve – 3:20, “Life”