

RELATIONSHIP GOALS

“The Secret to Marriage”

MARRIAGE USED TO BE ABOUT “US”, BUT NOW IT’S ABOUT “ME”

“To create a framework for lifelong devotion and love between a husband and a wife. It was a solemn bond, designed to help each person subordinate individual impulses and interests in favor of the relationship, to be the sacrament of God’s love, and serve the common good.”

“A contract between two parties for mutual individual growth and satisfaction.”

Submit to **one another** out of reverence for Christ.
Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

YOU NEVER MARRY THE “PERFECT PERSON”

*“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a **profound mystery**—but I am talking about Christ and the church. **Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV)***

MARRIAGE IS DESIGNED TO BE A REFLECTION OF THE GOSPEL

*Husbands, love your wives, **just as** Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. **Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)***

WE ARE MORE SINFUL AND FLAWED IN OURSELVES THAN WE EVER DARED BELIEVE, AND YET AT THE VERY SAME TIME WE ARE MORE LOVED AND ACCEPTED IN JESUS CHRIST THAN WE EVER DARED HOPE.