

# THE IDEALS OF MARRIAGE

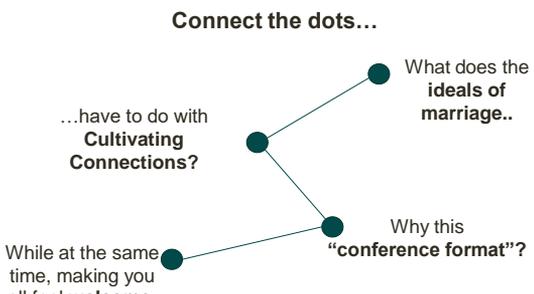


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## Purpose Of This Talk

Connect the dots...



...have to do with **Cultivating Connections?**

What does the **ideals of marriage..**

Why this **"conference format"?**

While at the same time, making you all feel **welcome.**

## The Ideals of Marriage

What is traditional marriage?

What are its ideals?

standards  
principles  
motivators

## Why this question?

Radical departure from the idyllic "Leave it to Beaver" marriage in recent years.



- Man, Woman, Monogamous, Loving, Roles, Faith

## The Culture

**Researchers:** What are the ideals of successful marriages today?

Eli J. Finkel  
*The All-or-Nothing Marriage  
How the Best Marriages Work*

**Conclusions:** "Leave it to Beaver" marriages are not the most successful marriages today.

## The Culture

**Historians:** What have been the ideals of marriage throughout history?

**Conclusions:** Thousands of years of marriage pre-date "Leave it to Beaver". Many of these examples seriously threaten what we mean by "traditional".



**BBC RADIO 4**  
**In Our Time with Melvyn Bragg**

## The Culture

**Cultural pundits:** Raising, debating and “settling” the issue.

THE BLOG 06/26/2015 04:08 pm ET | Updated Jun 26, 2016

### What’s the Real Definition of ‘Traditional Marriage?’

-Huffington Post -

By Matt Bourne

**Conclusions:** What do you say to that Christians!

## Culture Makes Surprising and Persuasive Claims

Make the best you & me → Self Actualization

Fall in... Stay in... → Love

Society → Needs

## Deep History

*Gen 2:22-24*

Creation

→ And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

→ And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh...

→ Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

## Why marriage?

*Eph 5:30-32*

Gospel

<sup>30</sup> For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

<sup>31</sup> For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

→ This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

## This Weekend

**cultivate marital connections**

- In the Gospel
- With your Spouse
- With the Church

**Listen for the ideals of marriage**

Not the best version of me... but the best likeness to Christ.

Not love that is primarily a feeling but love that is primarily action.

**Why this “conference format”?**

Not society giving rise to marriage... but God giving rise to marriage and society.

**Welcome!** What better forum to speak about God – marriage – Church