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*Sunday Morning Series*

# **Building Stronger Marriages**

**GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Introduction: We are living in an age when the Christian home is under attack. We are bombarded from every side and it is taking its toll on faithful Christians. We have already noticed that the home will fall apart without God and the Bible! In this specific lesson we will focus on building stronger marriages. Couples need to take a good look into the good Book! We need to consider what it means to have a dynamic marriage, because if you are going to live a happy life, and raise a godly family, you need a strong and healthy marriage. Let's study together...

Discussion:

## ***I. The Purpose of Marriage***

- A. Marriage is a covenant (**Matthew 19:5-6**).
- B. Marriage is for companionship (**Matthew 19:4, Genesis 1:28**).
- C. Marriage is a commitment (**Genesis 2:18-24, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, 11:19, Joshua 24:15, Proverbs 22:6, Luke 2:52, I Corinthians 7, Ephesians 5:22-32, 6:1-4, II Timothy 3:15, Hebrews 13:4**).

## ***II. The Permanence of Marriage***

- A. Marriage reveals unity (**Matthew 19:3-9, Mark 10:11, Luke 6:18, Romans 7:1-4, Ephesians 6:1-4, Colossians 3:20-21**).
- B. Marriage remembers vows (**Song of Solomon, Psalm 127:3**).
- C. Marriage recognizes gifts (**Ephesians 5:21-32**).

## ***III. The Power of Marriage***

- A. Marriages can be strong if you work at it (**Matthew 19:3-9**).
- B. Marriages can be strong if you control your emotions (**Ephesians 5:21-6:4**).
- C. Marriages can be strong if you build one another up (**I Peter 3:1-4**).

Conclusion: God's word says that we were made for each other. God's word also reminds us that there is no place like home. If you are not being a godly family... PLEASE repent and set your house in order. Do you need prayers for any other thing going on in your life? The family of God is here to pray for you! If you have not been added to the family of God, come and take the steps necessary for salvation. Your Heavenly Father is waiting for you now!