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**“What HE Has In Mind”**  
**A New Marriage – Part 2**  
**Genesis 2:21-24; Matthew 19:3-6**  
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When the relational waters of pink and blue collide, our expectations within marriage rise to the surface. How do we, in a world of overwhelming selfishness, develop and mature the most sacred human relationship we can undertake? We all have definite ideas about what we want, but where do we end up if each of us demand the tide to turn our own way? What do you have in mind?

Genesis 2:21-24, pg 2

*“So the Lord God ... took out one of the man’s ribs ... made a woman from the rib ... brought her to the man ... why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”*

Matthew 19:3-6, pg 696

*“... Jesus replied ... ‘from the beginning “God made them male and female ... why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one” ... let no one split apart what God has joined together.’”*

What the husband has in mind:

- A recreational companion
- An attractive spouse
- A sexual dynamo
- A domestic supporter
- A devoted admirer (committed to unconditional esteem)

He expects himself to be:

- A responsible provider and protector

What the wife has in mind:

- A tender hand
- An attentive ear
- A soft heart
- A watchful eye
- A sure foot (committed to loyal love)

She expects herself to be:

- A loving companion and encourager

What HE has in mind: oneness

How do we get started:

1. Take a date and discuss the inventory given above. What is true about your expectations for your spouse and yourself? Are they realistic? Ask your spouse to give you one area to work on for the next month.
2. Do a marriage study of some sort together. Read books like “His Needs Her Needs” by Willard Harley, or my favorite, “For Women Only” and “For Men Only” by the Feldhahn’s. Jump into the “Love and Respect” class (or any of the classes offered during this series), or register with Community Marriage Builders.
3. Remember the **“oneness”** journey. It’s not about the husband becoming more pink, or the wife learning to be blue. It’s about **the craft of your Creator** at work in your marriage **to make you** something new – **together as one**.

**Study Questions for Next Week**  
**A New Marriage – Part 3**  
**Genesis Chapters 1-3**

1. 1:26-27 How is this verse key to a healthy marriage?
2. 2:15-25 What is the purpose of marriage? How does a couple *“become one”*?
3. 3:1-19 What are the answers to the problems described in this section?