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 Truth In Love Television Program
 Annual Youth Campaign
 Home Bible Studies

Benevolence:

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 Disaster Relief
 Food Pantry

Edification:

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 Shepherd's class
 W.IN.G.S. Ladies' Ministry
 Youth Group for K-12th grade
 J.A.M. Youth Rally
 Vacation Bible School
 F.O.C.U.S. Groups
 USM Christian Student Center
 Godz Girlz
 Monthly Men's Breakfast
 KneEmail
 5th Sunday Night Singing
 Gulf Coast Bible Camp
 Lads to Leaders / Leaderettes

April 25, 2010

TV MINISTRIES

GBN—6:00 a.m. Channel 6
 In Search—6:30 a.m. Channel 6
 Truth in Love—8:30 a.m. Channel 10



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A One Man Woman For A One Woman

by Mike Benson

SINCE THE VERY dawn of history itself, Jehovah has intended that one husband be married exclusively to one wife "till death do us part..."

God told Adam, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). Jesus later repeated those words and then added, "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate" (Matt. 19:6). Let those last words sauté slowly in the juices of your mind for just a moment—"let not man separate."

Man throughout the centuries has endeavored to do just that—to separate. He has sought fragmentation and division between man and woman (Matt. 19:8), while God, by contrast, has mandated union and oneness. Note again the statement in Eden, "be joined" (NKJV). The King James translates this as "cleave"; the term means *to cling, glue, or bond*. It is employed in the Old Testament of flesh which adheres to the bone (Job 19:20), leprosy which is fused to the flesh (2 Kgs. 5:27), and metal which is welded together (Isa. 41:7). In a personal way, "cleave" describes the passionate commitment of one person to another (Ruth 1:14; Gen. 34:3; Deut. 30:20; Psm. 63:8 NIV). You see, from Heaven's perspective, marriage is to be a permanent, life-lasting, never-to-be-severed, "Super Glue" attachment.

Cynics today inform us this is simply not possible—that the institution of marriage, at least as the Bible portrays it (Eph. 5), is little more than an ancient relic of an out-moded era. "It doesn't work and simply cannot be found in the 21st century," they allege.

At first blush, this notion sounds correct. Experience and observation tell us that even the best marriages can be difficult at times—yes, even among children of God. And who among us hasn't watched a friend, loved one, or co-worker struggle through a heart-breaking divorce? Brethren, if we are not very careful, we too can buy into the humanistic idea that the Father's plan is impractical and ineffective and therefore some other "option" ought to supersede His divine arrangement.

And what option should we pursue, you may ask? The world says "many." Think Hugh Hefner. Think Hollywood. Think a plurality of relationships over the course of one's life. You see, the world says that the most pragmatic and satisfying approach to marriage in our modern society is through a multiplicity of intimate associations. Why endure one monogamous relationship for decades when you can simply "trade in" a person like you might secure a new car? When you get through

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the honeymoon (John 6:15; Gen. 29:9-20) and reach disappointment (John 6:41, 60; Gen. 29:21-25), just sever the temporary attachment (John 6:66) and look for another person to fulfill your needs and desires. Don't think one, think many.

Scripture tells us that there is a far better way. It teaches that the true path to marital harmony and longevity is built uniquely upon the essential truths of God's Word. And thus a man who wishes to honor the Father and really desires to be blessed (John 10:10) both now as well as in eternity will want to have, and love, one wife. He will be a one woman man married to a one man woman (Rom. 7:2). "Why?" you may inquire. Consider but a few reasons:

1. **In order that he might STUDY her.** "Husbands, likewise dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered" (1 Pet. 3:7). Watch the phrase, "dwell with them with understanding." Can a man who goes through multiple female partners honestly say that he genuinely and fully understands any of them? Of course not. Yes, he may have some limited insight to certain elements of their behavior, but he cannot in totality say that he has a heart, soul, and mind knowledge of any single woman. By contrast, a Christian husband who is dedicated to his one wife has the pleasure and privilege of learning his wife's moods, feelings, needs, fears, hopes, and dreams over a life time!

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He can study her and find real joy in perpetual discovery.

2. **In order that he might SHARE with her.** The man who has many women tends to view sex as a mere physical act.

He totally eliminates the depth of human relationship and restrains sexuality to the narrow confines of momentary passion and pleasure. But the man who is completely devoted to his one wife and follows God's original blueprint experiences oneness on a much deeper level of intimacy and closeness.

I read recently where the University of Northern Iowa offered a general art course that included an unusual exercise. The instructor brought a shopping bag to class filled with lemons and then gave one piece of fruit to each class member. The assignment was for the student to keep his lemon with him day and night—smelling it, handling it, and examining it for 48 hours. At the next class, the students were asked to put their lemons back into the bag. Then they were told to find their particular lemon. To their astonishment, most students did so without difficulty! The point is, in God's beautiful design, sex not only includes seeing and caressing your mate's body (Song of Sol. 4:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:1ff), it involves knowing and sharing your own naked heart with your life-long partner in a way that no one else could ever experience.



3. **In order that he might SANCTIFY her.** "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church" (Eph. 5:25-29). The word "sanctify" comes from the same Greek root word as "saint," which means *to make holy, to set apart*. Just as Christ loved His bride, the church, and gave Himself up in order to make her holy, a loving husband will want to sacrifice his own likes, desires, and preferences in order that he might purify his wife's inner character and assist in the maturation of her faith. He is willing to die to self, because that is what true love requires.

The world says "many"; the Lord says "one." The world's "option" to biblical marriage offers a) shallow attachments, b) unfulfilling and empty relations, and c) no opportunities for spiritual growth or heaven as its goal.

Thanks, Hugh and Hollywood, but I think I will stay right where I am. (Reprinted from THINK magazine, March 2010, 14-15)

News & Notes



Remember in Prayer:

~ Dottie Thomas is now in Bedford Care Nursing Home, Monroe Unit in Hattiesburg.

~ Gladys Miller, great-aunt of Seth Sullivan and a member of the Mendenhall church has been diagnosed with colon cancer. She had surgery on Tuesday at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, and is doing well.

~ Marie Moore, great aunt of Seth Sullivan and sister of Gladys Miller is in ICU at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson.

~ Buddy Hill is hospitalized at FGH in room # 3013 with a kidney infection.

~ Paige Heady, friend of Bro. David Lipe has a brain tumor and will have surgery on April 29 at Vanderbilt Hospital.

~ Ken Renfroe's heart test was negative for damage or clots. Ken's been having breathing difficulties and has an appointment next week to see his general practitioner.

~ Mark Reid, Ginger Renfroe's father is finished taking radiation for his cancer and will have tests run in several weeks.

~ Linda Cascio, Jessica Lammers mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

~ Currie Reynolds, eighth grader at P.C.S. died in her sleep last week. Her mother, Wanda is a co-worker of Mary Alice Moorers.

~ Rhonda Hughes, niece of Sherry Varner's friend has been diagnosed with cancer and requests prayers.

~ Theresa Kersh, L.C. Barlow's aunt has been diagnosed with cancer and the prognosis is not good.

~ Montee Howell, Ruth Howell's daughter-in-law has been having back problems.

Also Remember: Pete and Ina Mae McLeod, Earl and Dorothy Bolinger, Lamar Pitts, Margaret Pitts, Hannah Duke, Louise Jenkins, Rachel Barczewski, Deborah Asbill, Juliana Asbill, John Thornton, Buddy and Wanda Long, Cook Family.

Serving Our Country: Philip Madden, Jesselyn Lammers, Robin McCall, Randy Pierce, Bobby Lammers, Scott Howell.



Birthdays

- Rick Bedwell - April 22
- Sallie Thornton - April 23
- Phil Underwood - April 25
- Wilton Moorers - April 26
- Hailey Glover - April 27

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries this week

Weekly Ariel Update

Ariel Reynolds is taking chemo treatment shots at home once a week. They will be traveling to St. Jude in Memphis on Monday for several scans on Monday and Tuesday. This will be the first scans since she started treatment. For daily updates go to www.caringbridge.org. Type *arielreynolds* with no spaces to view her website.

Focus Group 3 (Dunn / Moorers)... will meet Saturday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Jolee Russell. Members will be given a map and contacted concerning what food items to bring.

Focus Group 1 (Smithmier / Richey)... will meet Sunday, April 25 after morning services in the fellowship hall.

Focus Group 5 (Jones / Dickson)... will meet Sunday, April 25 after evening services in the fellowship hall.

Focus Group 2 (Pope / Reynolds)... will meet Sunday, May 2 after morning services in the fellowship hall.

College News: The next college student supper will be Monday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the student center. Kim Anderson and Lori Ford will be hosting.

Ladies Retreat... Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. at Paul B. Johnson State Park Retreat Center hosted by Kensington Woods. The theme is "Create In Me A Clean Heart." The speaker will be Janice McCain of Texas. A light breakfast & lunch will be served. The bus will leave K.W. at 8:15 a.m. Sign-up on the back table in the auditorium if you plan to attend and indicate if you will ride the bus or need childcare. Childcare will be provided at the church building and lunch will be provided for the kids. The deadline to sign-up is Sunday, April 25.

Student Center Wish List: Focus Group #6 has registered a wish list at Target for the student center kitchen. The items will be used for the preparation and serving of food for the student suppers and all other functions held at the student center. There are copies of the wish list on the back table. Please place purchased items in the box in the fellowship hall. If you would like to give a monetary donation instead of purchasing something, please give your donation to Angelia Coy or Pam Hill.

Special Thanks: To my dear brothers and sisters at KW, thank you so much for your very generous support of the mission trip I took to Miami. Because of your giving hearts, I was able to be a part of a great campaign that greatly uplifted many people in Miami as well as encouraged my own spirit. May God bless you as you continue to serve the Lord. In Him, Bethany Benson

Dear KW Family, thank you very much for all the words of encouragement, kind deeds, and prayers during Meredith's illness and hospitalization. Your loving concern meant a lot. The Archer Family

I want to thank everyone for their visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Please continue with your prayers. God Bless, Mary Cascio

Youth News:

Lads to Leaders Awards Ceremony... May 2 after evening services in the auditorium. Each participant will be awarded a medal and a slide show presentation will be shown. **A reception will be held in the fellowship hall. Everyone please bring finger foods & drinks!**

Senior Reception... Sunday, May 23 after evening services in the fellowship hall to honor our KW graduating seniors. Everyone is invited to attend! **All seniors need to turn in a senior photo or clear head shot photo to Mary Alice Moorers no later than Sunday, May 16 for the bulletin.**

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Week Beginning, April 25, 2010

Coordinator: Jessie Pope (601-297-1889)

Please call coordinator if you are unable to serve.

Announcements: Don Rake

SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader: Malcolm Berch

Opening Prayer: George Underwood

Scripture Reading: Kevin Reynolds (Joshua 24:14-18)

Lord's Supper: (Presiding) Don Montgomery

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| 1. Justin Stoll | 5. Louis Pecoul |
| 2. Ricky Moorner | 6. Tawaski Carter |
| 3. Jonathan Williams | 7. Carl Carlisle |
| 4. Ed Wright | 8. Josh Naylor |

Closing Prayer: Justin Stoll

Attendance Cards: Reggie Neel

Communion (April): Ken Upchurch

Nursery: 4/25: Beth & Lori Ford

5/2: Toria Chatman & Kathy Devenport

Building Cleaners: 4/26: Chip Hill 5/3: Overstreet

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader: Malcolm Berch

Opening Prayer: Jim Dickson

Lord's Supper:

1. Justin Stoll
2. Ricky Moorner

Closing Prayer: Ricky Moorner

Count Contribution: Pope / Jones

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Devotional: 4/28: Justin Stoll

Song Leader: Khalil Pope

Prayer: Kevin Devenport

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION

April 18, 2010

	Goal	Actual	Avg.
Bible Study	200	143	134
Morning Worship	275	225	214
Evening Worship	200	133	128
Wednesday (4/14)	200	125	138
Contribution	\$8,500	\$7,586	\$7,793

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday: Prayer 8:30 a.m. • Bible Class 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. • **Wednesday:** Bible class 7 p.m. • Ladies Bible Class: 7 p.m.