

**Relational Wholeness - Marriage, Singlehood and the
Resurrection
Callings on Your Life
October 18, 2026
Genesis 2:24, Matthew 22:23-33**

Sermon Points:

I. The Need for Relational Wholeness

- **The Human Yearning for Connection:** Modern culture reflects a deep underlying issue of loneliness and a powerful yearning to know and be fully known.
 - **Defining Relational Wholeness:** Sustaining relationships with family, friends, and community that are mutually beneficial, growth-fostering, and empowering.
 - **Inward Healing First:** True relational wholeness begins inwardly with the healing, reconciliation, and restored identity received from God.
 - **Representing Christ:** As God restores our identity as His children, we are empowered to reflect Christ in our daily interactions.
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II. The Core Foundation: Loving as Christ Loved

- **The Commandment (John 15:12):** *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."*
 - **Grounded in God's Love:** Obeying this command shifts our focus from self-effort to a growing awareness of how deeply God loves us, anchoring our identity in His grace.
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III. Biblical Clarity on Marriage and Singlehood (Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 7)

- **God's Design for Marriage:** Marriage is a covenant designed between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24). Within this framework, human sexuality is good and powerful, served as a protective safeguard rather than a restrictive barrier.
- **Mutual Fidelity and Care (1 Cor 7:1–5):** Marriage requires mutual duty, yielding authority over one's body to one's spouse, and mutual devotion.
- **The Gift of Singleness (1 Cor 7:7–9, 32–35):** Singleness/celebrity is a distinct grace from God that enables undivided devotion to the Lord's affairs.
- **Equal Honor in God's Kingdom:** Neither marriage nor singleness is spiritually superior; believers are encouraged to faithfully serve God within their current calling.
- **Sanctifying Influence (1 Cor 7:10–16):** A believing spouse brings a sanctifying effect to the marriage and household, demonstrating God's remarkable grace.

IV. The Ultimate Destination: The Resurrection (Matthew 22:23–33)

- **Marriage is Temporal (Matthew 22:30):** At the resurrection, people will neither marry nor be given in marriage, but will be like the angels in heaven. Earthly romantic love is not eternal.
 - **Transformed Relational Reality:** In the resurrection, believers will experience fully healed, whole bodies and know one another in a redeemed, higher relational order.
 - **Anticipating Eternal Life:** Our ultimate destination is the holiness and sanctification realized in the Resurrection, which should shape how we steward our time, money, and talents today.
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Personal Notes
