



HOME IMPROVEMENT

Building a Home that will Last

Ephesians 5:21-33

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**The stability of marriages is
a fundamental building block
of our entire culture.**

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OBSERVATION #1: There is a spiritual battle for every marriage.

OBSERVATION #2: God is going to use your marriage to change you – *mold your character and produce fruit of the spirit in your life.*

OBSERVATION #3: Ministry pressures tend to magnify relationship stresses.

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God's design for marriage is centered
around one concept ...

ONENESS

Ephesians 5:31

1. What is oneness?

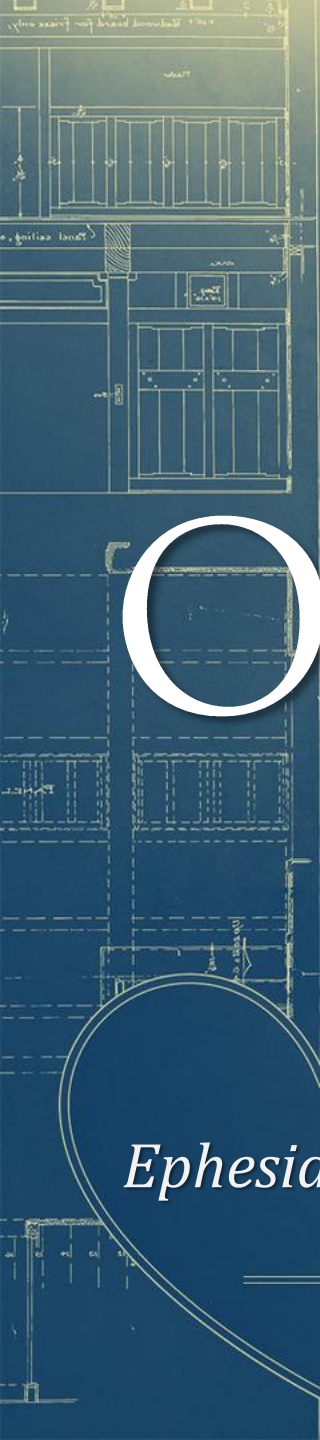
- Exclusivity - *“leave father and mother”*
- Permanence - *“shall be joined unto his wife”*
- Intimacy - *“they two shall be one flesh”*



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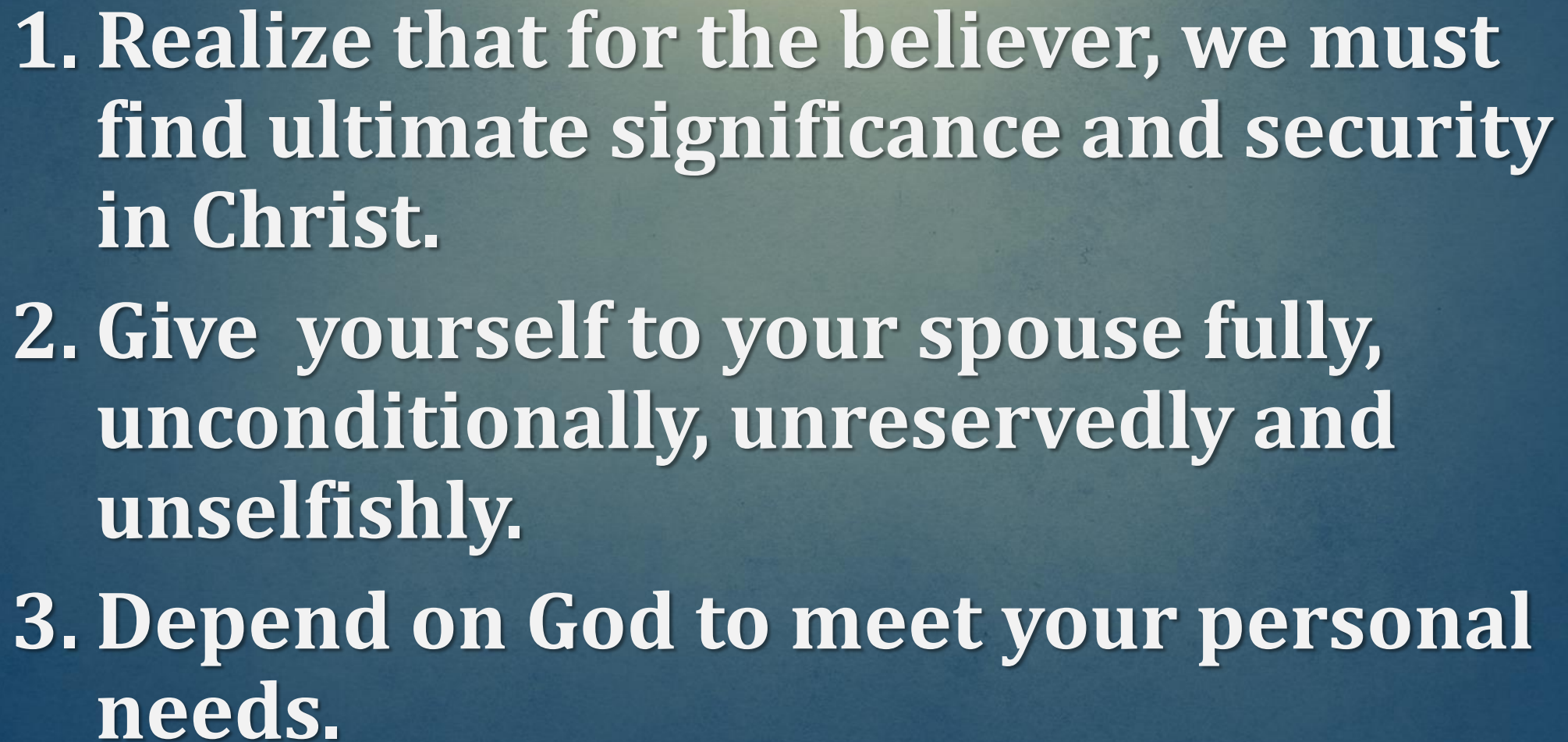
ONENESS

- A deep experience of personal intimacy that can only be found through the marriage covenant
- A relationship where our deepest needs can be substantially met
- Total intimacy, deep unity
- Complete and total sharing of everything that life has to offer – *bodies, possessions, ideas, abilities, problems, successes, sufferings, failure*



ONENESS >>> ~~TRUST~~
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Ephesians 5:31

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1. Realize that for the believer, we must find ultimate significance and security in Christ.
 2. Give yourself to your spouse fully, unconditionally, unreservedly and unselfishly.
 3. Depend on God to meet your personal needs.

Practical Steps that Lead to ONENESS

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1 Peter 3:8-9

- 1. Go to war every day against the selfish patterns of life that will rob your soul.**
- 2. Establish an atmosphere of trust.**
- 3. Don't save "emotional bullets."**
- 4. Seek to understand, not to be understood.**
- 5. Keep working at it every day - intentionally, patiently, persistently.**