

FRONTLINE #2: GOD'S ORIGINAL DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV)

- Marriage is God's idea.
- “Helper” is the idea of completeness. It is the idea of complementing.
- The basis for our reception of our mate is faith in God's integrity and His trustworthiness in providing them to us and not in our mate's performance.
- As an act of your will, you must receive your mate as God's gift made personally for you to meet your specific aloneness needs.
- Two key foundations for a successful and satisfying marriage are: leaving and holding fast.

2 things you must leave: You have to leave...

- your parents.
 - “Leaving” means to break one's dependence.
- other relationships.

Staying together takes deliberate, aggressive, determined action to hold fast to one another and to stay away from anything that might come between us.

- To hold fast in your marriage you must commit to each other that you will never, never, never divorce.
- To hold fast in your marriage you must commit to each other that you will do whatever it takes, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes to make your marriage work.

The result, if we will obediently and tenaciously follow God's design to leave and to hold fast, is total intimacy.