

## The Art of Relationships: The Purpose of Marriage

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Ephesians 5:21-33



*This past Sunday we began our new series, the Art of Relationships where we will engage with God's design for marriage, explore topics like singleness and relationships in parenting, and discuss biblical and practical tools and skills. All of which will help us experience more of the life-giving relationships that God designed for us to have. This morning we discussed the purpose of marriage. Marriage is a tool God uses to grow us out of selfishness and into selflessness.*

### Getting Started

Mario mentioned the mass majority of couples who are made up of opposites. Is your spouse opposite of you? How so? If you're not married, do you have any friends that are opposite of you? How so?

### Read

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### Digging Deeper

- Marriage is a tool that draws us out of our selfishness and into selflessness. How have you seen this modeled (or not modeled)? If you are married, have you experienced this in your own marriage?
- There was an emphasis placed on the good and beautiful tension that relationships create on Sunday. In fact, Mario if you don't have any tension, something's wrong. How did this resonate with you? What ways do you sense God wants to use the tension created in your relationships?
- The purpose of marriage is to participate in sacrificial love for the benefit of one another and the world around us. What's one specific way that you can offer sacrificial love to your spouse (or for those not married, maybe a friend or roommate) this week?



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