

**MARKHAM MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
Sunday, January 4, 2009 – 10:45 a.m.  
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***The Magnificence of a Good Marriage***

**New Year's Resolutions**

- Deal with things of **first** importance

**The Pharisees Bring the Topic of Divorce**

- Jesus appeals to God's creation **design**

**What Is God's Creation Design For Marriage?**

- One man and one woman **completing** one another in marriage

**1. Leave**

- Sufficient **maturity**

**2. Cleave**

- Two free-will people choosing to **unite** fully and totally

**3. Weave**

- Two will become one **flesh**
- It is the creation of a married couple by an **act** of God
- Like a piece of cloth woven from two **threads**

**Divorce Comes From Fallenness and Sin**

- Because your **hearts** were hard
- Only one **path** for divorce and remarriage
- **Additional** regulations in I Corinthians 7

**The Disciples Reacted with Alarm**

- Living single can be **best** for the sake of the Kingdom of God

**Marriage Is Magnificent!**

- Ephesians 5: 25–33 captures the euphoric **potential** of marriage