

**Series: Marriage and Family**

**Sermon: God's Marriage Metaphor**      **Bible Verses: Various**

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Last session: "The perfect marriage is where God gives me \_\_\_\_\_ to help \_\_\_\_\_ be a more \_\_\_\_\_ person, becoming more and more like Jesus (sanctified)."

## **MARRIAGE IS A METAPHOR: Showing how much \_\_\_\_\_!**

God's character is such that he not only forgives, he \_\_\_\_\_ us for the years \_\_\_\_\_ in sin and failures.

Marriage was made, at the very beginning of creation: a man and a woman, leaving their families, uniting together and \_\_\_\_\_, for the rest of their life.

Marriage is sometimes called \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by theologians.

- You *LEAVE* your Father and Mother (your first family).

- You *CLEAVE* – cleave means **sticking to something** \_\_\_\_\_.

God setup \_\_\_\_\_, not living together, not sleeping together, and not mere friendship: just \_\_\_\_\_ to mimic and demonstrate the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ has for his Church.

### **Practical Application.**

If I am married, a question I should ask myself is, "Do my actions right now, represent how much Jesus loves the Church? Am I \_\_\_\_\_ how Jesus & the Church relate to each other?"

If I am unmarried I should reassess how I treated \_\_\_\_\_. Dating isn't a game, and I should only marry someone who can help me \_\_\_\_\_ glorious commitment between Jesus and the Church.