

Series: Jacob - Life in Tension.
Title: "In Defense of Marriage."
Text: Genesis 29:31-30:24
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Key Issue: Marriage is a _____ institution, which changes everything about it.

God's Design for Marriage:

Genesis 2:24 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

1. For your personal _____.
2. For the purpose of having _____.
3. Transmits and maintains societal _____.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 *6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

4. Models the _____ of God.

The Most Current Cultural Attack - Gay Marriage.

1. It's bad for _____.
2. It's bad for _____.
3. It's bad for _____.
4. It's bad for _____.

Romans 1:26 *For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature.*

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Romans 1:27 *And the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.*

5. It's bad for _____.

Other Threats, just as serious:

1. No-fault _____.

Malachi 2:16 (NKJV) *For the Lord God of Israel says that He hates divorce... Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously (with your wife).*

2. _____ together.
3. The self-_____ movement.
4. Babies _____ marriage.
5. Sexual _____.

1 Corinthians 6:18, 20 *¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ²⁰ For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*

6. Devalued _____.

Psalms 127:3 *Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.*