

# MARRIAGE: Friendship





## *Ephesians 5.31*

*“For this reason a man will leave  
his father and mother and be  
united to his wife, and they will  
become one flesh.”*





## *Proverbs 18.1*

*Whoever isolates himself seeks  
his own desire; he breaks out  
against all sound judgment.*





# *FRIENDSHIP CONNECTS US.*

*Marital friendship is a “deep oneness that comes through a mutual journey to the same horizon.”*





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- *Friendship is a mutual journey ...*
- *... toward the same horizon.*





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*Ephesians 5.25-27*

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.*





# FRIENDSHIP FORTIFIES US.

*“The reason it (friendship) must have priority is because of the power of marriage. Marriage has the power to set the course of your life as a whole. If your marriage is strong, even if all the circumstances in your life around you are filled with trouble and weakness, it won’t matter. You will be able to move out into the world in strength.”*





# FRIENDSHIP FORTIFIES US.

*“However, if your marriage is weak, even if all the circumstances in your life around you are marked by success and strength, it won’t matter. You will move out into the world in weakness. Marriage has that kind of power—the power to set the course of your whole life. It has that power because it was instituted by God. And because it has that unequalled power, it must have an unequalled, supreme priority.”*

*Keller, The Meaning of Marriage, 131*





# *FRIENDSHIP FULFILLS US.*

*“The determining factor in whether wives feel satisfied with the sex, romance, and passion in their marriage is, by 70 percent, the quality of the couple’s friendship. For men, the determining factor is, by 70 percent, the quality of the couple’s friendship.”*  
*Gottman, The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work, 17*





***Ephesians 5:21***

***Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.***

