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***2026 Congress Theme: United in Christ: Growing Together to Serve God
(Ephesians 4:16 NIV)***

***Living as One Flesh
April 14, 2026***

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Marriage is a ministry that God has ordained. Living together as “One Flesh” in the ministry of marriage comes with challenges in our present cultural context. In this class we will explore the meaning of marriage, and why God designed it for husband and wife.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand why God created marriage.
- Search the Scriptures to see God’s plan for man and woman as husband and wife.
- Understand the responsibilities of the husband and wife.

SYLLABUS

1. What is Marriage (Genesis 1:26 2:18; Ephesians 5: 21-33)
 - a. The responsibility of husband (Genesis 2: 1-20)
 - b. The role of the wife (Genesis 2:20; Ephesians 5: 23)
2. God’s Divine Order
 - a. Loving your wife (Ephesians 5:33)
 - b. Respecting your husband (Ephesians 5:33)

RECOMMENDED READING

- *Marriage Matters* by Dr. Tony Evans, 2000
- *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* by John M. Gottman, PhD.
- *The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman

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