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Marriage: Chemistry or Covenant?

Marriage:

- 1. What it is*
- 2. What it does*
- 3. What it needs*



1. What marriage is



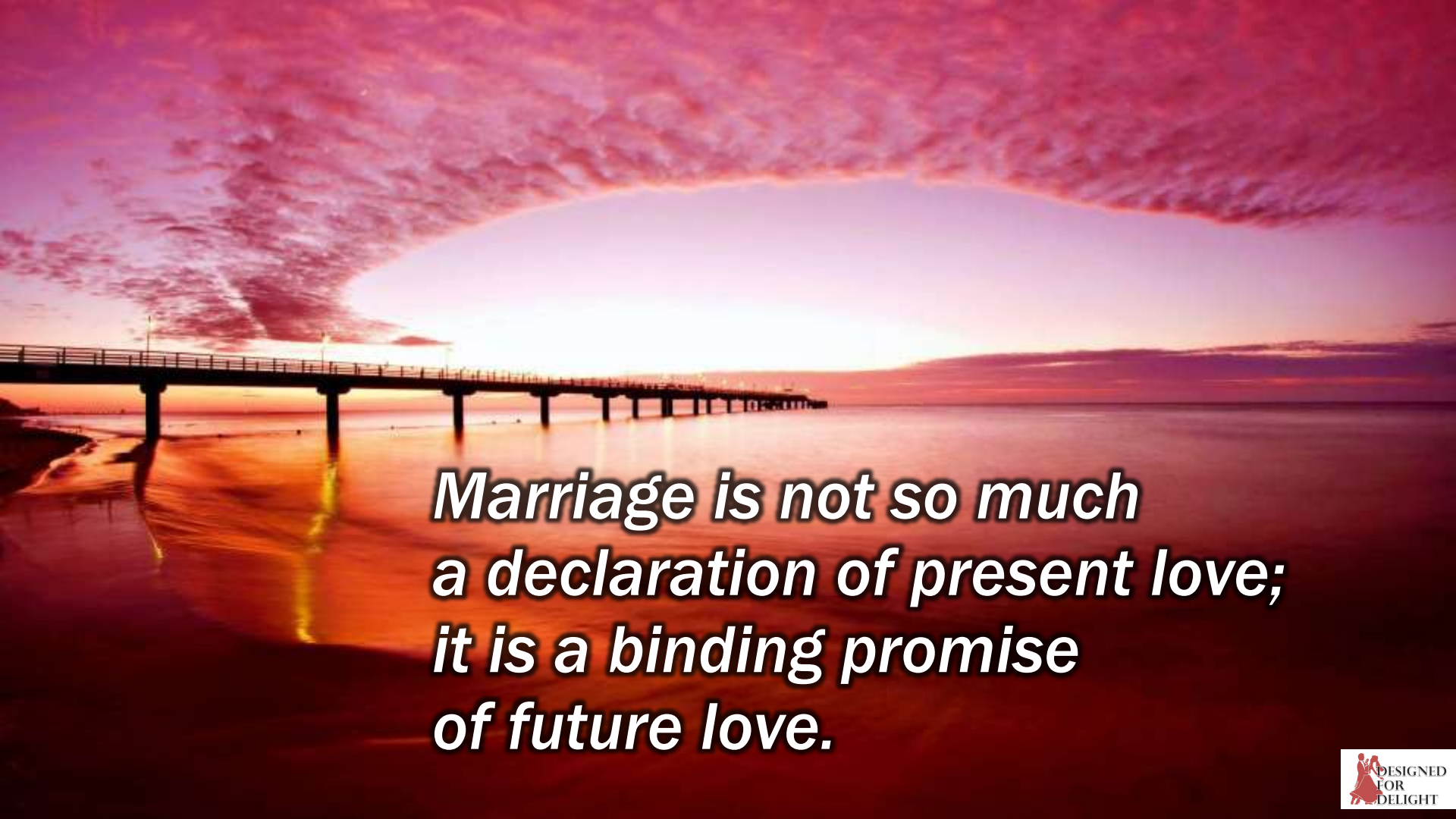
Ephesians 5:31

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



***A covenant is a deep, exclusive,
permanent, legal and personal,
binding commitment.***






*Marriage is not so much
a declaration of present love;
it is a binding promise
of future love.*

2. What marriage does



1. What marriage is



***Marriage ¹cleanses
and it ²meshes.***

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.”***




***The purpose of marriage
is to cleanse one another,
to partner with the Saviour
in helping your spouse become the future
glory self that God is making him or her.***

Three practical implications

- 1. Expect clashes in the marriage relationship***
- 2. Go for what would get stronger when you get older in marriage***
- 3. Cultivate respect more than just attraction in the marriage***





***Marriage ¹cleanses
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3. What marriage needs

- 1. What marriage is***
- 2. What marriage does***



Ephesians 5:21

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

Ephesians 5:18

“Be filled with the Spirit.”

Ephesians 5:22

“Wives, submit to your husbands.”

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***You can only keep giving love
as long as you keep getting it.***