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Our marriage relationships are a precious gift from God and they are worth every effort to nurture and grow and mature in the likeness of Jesus Christ. Genesis 2:22 proclaims that God fashioned the rib from Adam into a woman. The Great Artist fashions with His own divine creativity and majestic hand the “help mate” for Adam. When the Lord brings her and shows His amazing work to Adam, Adam becomes so excited and joyful that he breaks into praise before God for the precious gift of his wife. Husbands and wives are a gift to each other. If you are a married couple, you and your spouse need to frequently engage in this thanks giving and excitement! Encourage your spouse and your marriage with your personal excitement towards your spouse.

Genesis 2:24 proclaims that the two shall become one flesh! A mystery and miracle in itself! The Lord our God uses sexual intimacy between a husband and wife in order to facilitate this miracle. But why does the Lord give this gift to a married couple? First of all let us consider some parameters.

Sexual intimacy is only for a married couple. It is not to be shared between similar sexes. It is not to be shared outside the bond of a covenantal marriage relationship. When we step out of the God given boundaries for sexual intimacy we have welcomed sin into our lives, and sin ruins what God intended to be good (Genesis 1:31). Consider the rampant nature of sexually transmitted diseases, or broken hearts from broken relationship.

The Lord gave us sexual intimacy for our enjoyment. Read Song of Solomon chapter 7! It defines sexual intimacy very well. The Lord gave us sexual intimacy to make a permanent bond between a wife and her husband. It is not a tool. It is not a weapon. It is a precious gift to be enjoyed in the boundaries of a marital covenant. It is a testimony to the Lord God and His will for the church to be united to Jesus Christ. Just as the church and the Lord Jesus are one, so is a husband to his wife (Ephesians 5:31-32).