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## God's Purpose in Marriage (11)

- God has created marriage as the one flesh expression of His Triunity.
- This one flesh reality is the target of Satan who desires to disrupt and distort our ability to reflect God's oneness.

*1 Thess. 2:18 ...but Satan hindered us...*

- By *hindering*, Satan seeks in some way and to some extent to create a separation, however small at first, between the husband and his wife so that the display of God's kind of love is polluted.

### **1. We Need to Know that our God Created Roles (Ps. 113:14-15) function within the context of our natural weaknesses.**

- The devil is an expert concerning these weaknesses and is ever present to take sinful advantage of them

**2. We are to remember that the husband and his wife, together (Gen.2:24), as he leads (Gen.2:15) and she helps him in his leadership (Gen.2:18), are to...**

- **Guard** the Garden of their marriage from any pollution entering from “the field.”
- **Maintain** or cultivate the soil of the marriage as they together patiently and carefully and lovingly clear the garden of any sin debris so that the seeds of God’s grace may be planted to produce the flowers of God’s glory.

**3. Once we recognize and embrace our weaknesses as God’s fertile field for the growth of His grace, we need to understand the instruction of the Word of God which tells us how to respond to our weaknesses.**

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

**4. We walk together in the strength of His might.**

- We are to remember that we are in Christ and He has given us the power of His Spirit to resist and overcome all the schemes of the devil.
- Jesus is the armor of God Whom we are to put on.

**Rom 13:14** ...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires...

**Rom 8:3-4** ...and sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

- What did Jesus' walk look like?
- In any and every situation, circumstance, attack and problem, the Savior of the world stood in the power of God's might as He depended upon the power of the Holy Spirit as His strength.

**James 4:7** Submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you...

**Eph 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places...

The husband and his wife are to see one another as God's gift to one another as the husband lovingly leads his wife as Christ lovingly leads His Bride and the wife lovingly comes alone side of him as his helper as the church submits of Christ, to express the inexpressible [1 Peter 1:8], to make invisible God [Col. 1:15] visible, to make known the wonders of the mystery of God [Col. 4:3] to a dying and lost world.