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“Christians have too passively consumed the culture’s vision of marriage to the exclusion of the biblical vision of marriage.”

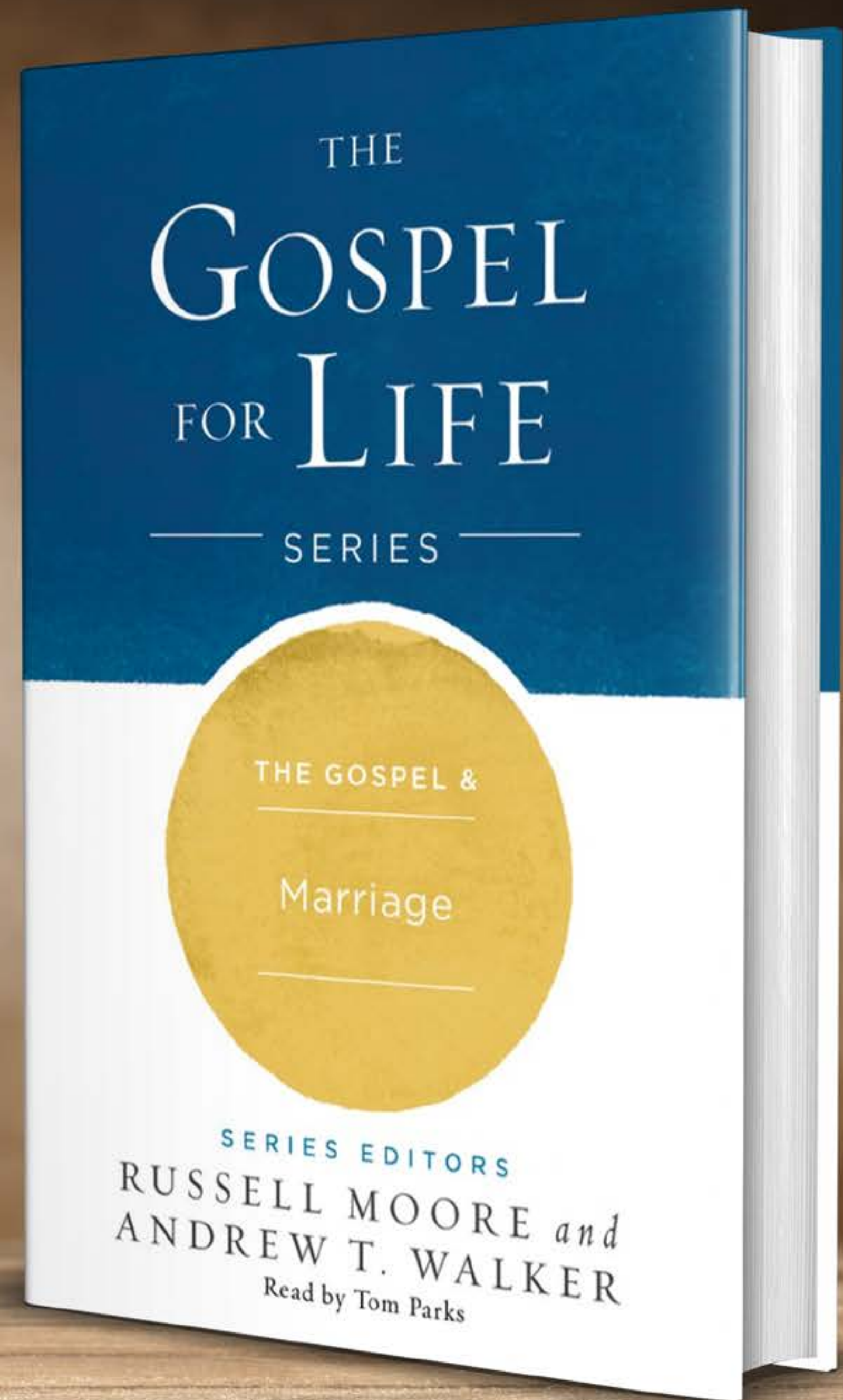
INTRODUCTION, *THE GOSPEL & MARRIAGE*



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God made humanity
with dignity and
differentiation. (1:26–28)



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**“It was *God* who created mankind.
It was *God* who created
male and female.
It was *God* who created
marriage and sex.”**

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God completes
the dilemma of
creation. (2:18-20)



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*Aloneness is not only
a psychological isolation
but also an incapacity to
fulfill a calling/purpose.*



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“The man did not yet see the problem of his aloneness. And so God translated the man’s objective aloneness into a feeling of personal loneliness by setting him to this task.”

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**“In serving God, the man
encountered his own need.”**

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“The man and the woman thus corresponded physically, socially, and spiritually. The woman by relative difference but essential equality would be man’s fitting complement.”

ALLEN P. ROSS



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“Male and female are not clones who just happen to have a few different body parts. A complement is ‘either of two corresponding parts that completes the whole.’”

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*Marriage is normative but
not superior or necessarily
preferred for everyone.*

*You don't need a spouse
to be fully human.*



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**Adam delights in
the woman as his
complementary
companion. (2:21–23)**



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his complementary companion.**



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“The man perceives the woman not as his rival but as his partner, not as a threat because of her equality with himself but as the only one capable of fulfilling his longing within.”

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**Adam delights in the woman as
his complementary companion.**

**“Not made out of his head to top him, not
out of his feet to be trampled upon by
him but out of his side to be equal with
him, under his arm to be protected, and
near his heart to be beloved.”**

MATTHEW HENRY



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God reveals the
pattern and purpose
of marriage. (2:24,25)



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“Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime.”

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“Marriage is a spiritual and legal covenant between two complementary counterparts, through which they are joined by God in a one-flesh union, and commit to pursue and enjoy a conjugal, exclusive, indivisible, lifelong love relationship.”

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“Marriage is an exclusive heterosexual covenant between one man and one woman, ordained and sealed by God, preceded by a public leaving of parents, consummated in sexual union, issuing in a permanent mutually supportive partnership and normally crowned by the gift of children.”

JOHN STOTT



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“It’s a jaw-dropping, mind-blowing concept that God creates a union so deep and complete, that the individual parts are supernaturally eclipsed by the greater whole.”

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“Genesis 2:24 is the single most important verse in all of the Bible explaining the meaning and purpose of marriage.”

DENNY BURK



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**“Here’s the profound mystery.
From the very beginning, God
intended marriage to be a
depiction of the Gospel.”**

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“From the beginning, marriage was a visible object lesson given by God to teach humans about invisible spiritual realities.”

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“God created manhood, womanhood, marriage, and sex because He wanted us to have symbols, images, and language powerful enough to convey the idea of who He is and what a relationship with Him is all about.”

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**God designed marriage
for humanity's unending
flourishing and ultimate
fulfillment in Him.**



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Marriage Takes Three

PERRY TANKSLEY

*I once thought marriage took
Just two to make a go,
But now I am convinced
It takes the Lord also.*



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*And not one marriage fails
Where Christ is asked to enter,
As lovers come together
With Jesus at the center.*



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*But marriage seldom thrives,
And homes are incomplete,
Till He is welcomed there
To help avoid defeat.*



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*In homes where Christ is first,
It's obvious to see,
Those unions really work,
For marriage still takes three.*



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