

Marriage is meant to be the becoming of one flesh, an act of God Himself who joins the two persons together. Marriage is an act that leads to a permanent state of being, a serious step only successful if the marriage is kept in God by both husband and wife.

The actual wedding ceremony is the climax of a long time of preparation. It is easy for the glamour to fade and for married life to become a monotonous routine. A successful marriage is joyful and requires imagination, care, pleasant surprises, romance and variety of activities. Marriage is a living journey through life.

Divorce, challenges and unfaithfulness are not part of the blueprint for marriage, but a consequence of living a Holy Union in a broken and sinful world. Mercifully, the answer is in the Word of God and couples would do well to diligently and collectively study His Word.

A marriage is a living relationship, designed to grow. Hard work is rewarded; life finds meaning.

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The Levitical laws are not valid today

The Bible condemns promiscuity not homosexuality

10% of the population is homosexual

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If two people love each other, they should be allowed to marry

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