

## Finding the One

- ✓ Culture says that fulfillment comes by finding the **one**.

**Matthew 19:3 (NIV)** Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

**Matthew 19:5-6 (NIV)**... "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh"? <sup>6</sup>So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

**Matthew 19:7-8 (NIV)** "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

<sup>8</sup>Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning."

- ✓ Jesus said the number one source of relational trouble is a **hard heart**.

## The Spiritual Side of Relationships

**Matthew 22:37-39 (NIV)** Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

✓ Jesus is the **One**.

**John 15:5 (NIV)** “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

✓ Your spouse is the **two**.

**Matthew 10:37-39 (NIV)** “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...<sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.<sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

✓ Pursuing marriage more than God is **idolatry**.

**Exodus 34:14 (NLT)** You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

**Matthew 6:33 (NIV)** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Before You Marry:

1. Get **connected** in church.
2. Address your **past**.
3. Break some bad **habits**.
4. Set some **standards**.
5. Get out of **debt**.