GOD CREATED MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-25

Facts about the Torah

- 1. The word *Torah* is Hebrew word for "<u>Instruction</u>", "Teaching" or "<u>Law</u>."
- 2. Torah is a name for the first <u>five</u> books of the Old Testament.
- 3. The Torah was written by Moses.
- 4. The Torah is the <u>backbone</u> of the rest of the Bible.

FOUNDATION STONES OF A STONE MARRIAGE

- 1. CONSULT GOD AS THE MARRIAGE EXPERT
 Genesis 2:18
- 2. BUILD ON COMPANIONSHIP
 Genesis 2:18: 2:21-22: 2:23
- 3. HUSBANDS ARE TO STEP UP AND LEAD
- 4. FORM AN INDEPENDENT UNION
 Genesis 2:24
- 5. <u>BOND</u> TO EACH OTHER

 Genesis 2:24

6. DEVELOP DEEP INTIMACY

Genesis 2:24

- Sexual intimacy creates a powerful <u>bond</u> and is great in marriage.
- Sex is not great <u>outside</u> of marriage because you end up <u>hurting</u> yourself and the other person.
- Becoming "one flesh" in marriage involves much more than physical intimacy.

7. BE OPEN, <u>VULNERABLE</u> AND ACCEPTING

Genesis 2:25

8. DETERMINE TO MAKE IT PERMANENT

Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:6

9. RELY ON THE THIRD MEMBER

Matthew 19:6

- <u>Pray</u> together, stay together
- Worship together, stay together
- <u>Serve</u> together, stay together
- Run to God. . . on Your Knees. Hebrews 4:16

[] I am married and want God to help us have a stronger Christian marriage.

[] I am not married, but if I get married I want it to be a strong Christian marriage.