**TITLE: We Really Need Marriage: Say, “I Do?”**

1. **Introduction:**

* **Purpose**: To bring up the marriage conversation to help the new generations understand marriage as a covenant.
* **Readers will gain**: a picture of marriage as a life-long covenant, and not a contract subject to termination.

1. **Chapter one: The “Law of First Mention”**

* Marriage in the order of Creation, Genesis 2:24(NASB).
* One man; one woman
* God’s purpose for the Family Unit

1. **Chapter two: Exploring Marriage on all sides**

* God’s institution not Man’s
* Western Culture Contract
* A Covenant- sacred and godly(Matthew 19:4-6)

1. **Chapter Three: Modern Day Dynamics and Social Structure**

* There are no Modern-Day Exceptions in the Bible
* Accept the whole Bible
* Choose one road to travel (your sure destination).

1. **Chapter Four: Marriages modeled in the Bible**
2. **Chapter Five: Make a Decision**

* First things First-Repent!
* The Salvation gift
* Surrender it ALL

1. **Chapter Six: Ask God for His Instructions**

* Why Marriage?
* Follow His Instruction
* Wait the right way

1. **Chapter Seven: The Covenant Promise**

* The Marriage Vows, what do they mean
* A promise to God
* A promise to each other

1. **Chapter Eight: Keeping the Covenant Promise**

* The Five Love languages
* When For Better or for worse is presented
* Strengthen your marriage

**10.Chapter Nine: The Charge**

* Strength your brother
* Strengthen your sister
* Live out loud

11.**Chapter Ten: Give Back**

* Share your struggles
* Mentor a husband
* Mentor a wife

**INTRODUCTION**

Marriage in western civilization varies from culture to culture, dating back to Ancient Greece and Rome where it was more a legal contract between a man and a woman rather than a covenant.

In modern day society marriage is usually copied, rather right or wrong based on what has been modeled.

It appears that marriage has been kicked aside by the generations coming for lack of a true understanding of what marriage is. From generation to generation the reasoning for not wanting to marry changes. In some situations, many were not reared in two-parent homes where they saw marriage modeled. Possibly, in other situations reared in two-parent homes that did not display kosher marriage relationships. Thus, they lacked a clear picture of what marriage should look like no need to add marriage in their dynamic of partner relationships, having children, or establishing a home together.

Man did not invent marriage; it is God’s institution. Since, many people were not introduced to its biblical view, marriage is not regarded as sacred and godly. The best way to understand marriage as a necessary institution is to consider its meaning in the “Law of first mention.” Marriage was established in Genesis in the order of creation (2:24). It was and still is intended to be a covenant between one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6).

Marriage, God’s way is the first step to creating a family according to God’s plan. According to Hebrews 13:4, marriage cannot be redefined to fit the modern-day family dynamic and the social structures that surrounds them.

Exploring marriage from all sides, while concentrating on its intended purpose by God will help us see, “Why we really need marriage.”