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He looked at her adoringly as she described their sixty years together — he a dashing airline pilot and she a spunky wife. Their immaculate apartment in a retirement home glowed with life, not faded memories. Their stories of raising children, living in Pakistan, and proud accomplishments of grandchildren painted a portrait of a couple that seemed more in love now than they could have ever been. No newlywed could rival the joy they radiated in being together.

Hollywood ends love stories with a wedding, but in real life, that is merely the beginning. Marriage is more than a feeling. In God’s plan, it’s the “more than” which, over time, creates true wedded bliss.

When Adam laid eyes on Eve, he exclaimed, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man” (Genesis 2:23, NKJV)

The Hebrew word for “woman” is *ishah*, and *ish* is Hebrew for “man.” *Ishah* came out of *ish*. Picture this as a single being from which a second being is drawn. Together they complement one another like interlocking pieces of a puzzle, in body, mind, and spirit.

Today, marriage is treated as an item of convenience to push individual rights, something to diminish if burdensome to heterosexuals or to use to force acceptance of homosexuality. But this misses the point. Marriage is not just two people who are “in love.” It’s the mystery of a man and a woman becoming one, a transformation of opposites that grow in harmony with one another.

It is a re-creation. As Jesus said, “a man shall...be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

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