

BUILT TO LAST: WEEK 1

# DIVINE DESIGN & PURPOSE

Genesis 2:18–24 · Ephesians 5:31–32 · Malachi 2:13–16

IN COMMUNITY

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. How does viewing marriage as a covenant shift your expectations and priorities?
2. What does Keller's idea of being "fully known and truly loved" reveal about intimacy in your marriage?
3. What does Rainey's call to spiritual concern reveal about your role in your spouse's growth?
4. What part of God's design feels most difficult to live out—and why?

At Home

Couple Homework & Reflection

1. Read Together and Discuss Insights: Genesis 2 and Ephesians 5
2. Marriage Mission Statement: Write three shared values, three priorities, and one spiritual goal
3. Cleave Challenge: Practice a nightly 10-minute devotion and one public act of united loyalty (An activity that displays "We're in this together." Examples: Serving together in a visible ministry role, Show financial unity by tithing together or setting a shared budget goal, Attend counseling or meet with a mentor couple)
4. Voice Note (alternatively, give a written note or letter): Record a 3–5 minute message to each other: "*How did God work in our marriage this week?*"
5. What sermon is your marriage preaching to the next generation?