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<p>Theme: “Marriages are made in Heaven” Really?</p>	<p>Date: 3 2 12</p>
<p>Scripture: Matt 19 v 4-6 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? ⁴ Haven't you read, he replied, that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female', ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?⁶ So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.</p> 	<p>Comment: We all know this common saying about marriages being made in heaven- Jesus is saying here that God is involved in the joining of a particular man and woman in marriage (he is not merely talking about sexual union here). Does this change how we view the importance of our marriage? Our culture tempts us to think that marriage is solely our business. It’s both a challenge and a comfort to take account of God’s involvement.. Ask yourself – “How does it help me if I remember that God has joined us together?”</p> <p><i>Include a question?</i></p>
<p>Prayer (as a couple): Lord you have joined us in our marriage. Help us remember the strength that this gives us as a couple. Be with us when we are struggling with our differences. Help us be willing to be challenged by you when we would rather give up than work through our difficulties. Thank you for giving us each other. Amen</p>	<p>Prayer (for others): Lord we pray for a.... and b..... who are considering splitting up. Show us how we can encourage them in their marriage. Please show them each other’s strengths and give them the courage to work at where they need to change. Give them eyes to see each other’s best points once again as they did at the beginning of their relationship and above all else help them forgive each other their sins. Amen</p>
<p>Final quote: Let marriage be honoured!</p>	

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.