

## **The believers marriage in Christ Jesus**

Glory to Jesus for another opportunity to come your way. It's been a very beautiful summer weather, and I thank God for the grace and privilege to be a part of it. In continuation of what I intend to share for the month of July, which is **“The believers' marriage in Christ Jesus”**. I want to say a few things again today. Hopefully, you might be blessed of God maritally. Whether you're already married or you're in the process of getting involved in one, or you hope one day you'll get married to a child of God. As a believer in Christ Jesus, context is more to the believers and hope that you'll be blessed also with the child of God. Today, I'm looking at what I call, **We are called to purpose maritally**. I've tried to emphasise that over and over again because of the month of July's teaching and preaching. I told you, I'm going to look at two couples who, one was purposeful and one that was not purposeful. Let's see what happens so that we can learn from them. It's a living epistle, how we do life as God's own children.

The Bible tells us in the book of **1 John 3 verse 8**, for this purpose was the Son of God made manifest, they he might destroy the works of the devil. In **John chapter 18 verse 37**, Jesus was asked a question, who are you? Are you the king? Agrippa was asking him, that question, are you the king? And Christ said, for this cause was I born to be a witness. He came for a cause, for a purpose. In the book of **Matthew chapter 1verse 1**, began by saying this is a generation of Jesus Christ. He came to generate a people of purpose. This

is the generation of Jesus Christ. That's the way King James put it in the book of **Matthew chapter 1verse 1**This is the book of the generation of Jesus. He came to generate a people of purpose. In John chapter 10, they pick on him. He told them he and the Father God, are one. He works and the Father do works. He recalled back to them about why he's on the face of the earth to do the work of the Father. Whatever he does, he does the work of the Father. And he said to them, if you don't believe in me, that's okay. But believe the works that I do. It's of the Father God. God wants us to know that we individually, we are called of God for a purpose. And in that purpose, when we come together as a couple in one flesh, we are to accomplish the purpose for who God has called us into. By the virtue of our individual salvation, we are joined to the Lord in one spirit.

That was in the book of **1 Corinthians chapter 6:17**. Says we are called by the virtue of being born of God, we become one spirit with the Lord. By the virtue of becoming married, we become one flesh. And the thing is this, we don't come to the marriage to discover purpose. We come with a purpose. So when we come into the marriage, we begin to execute that purpose of God. It's like you go to university. You don't go to university to discover yourself. You have to discover yourself before you go to university. I remember going to one of my children's graduation ceremonies. One of the professors or the guest speaker of the day said something that is so remarkable, that I have known but he made it so obvious that it ensured I was in the right path. You don't come to university to learn

to discover yourself and purpose. You have to discover who you are, You only come there to be shown how to enhance who you say you are. When you are in the nursery, in the primary, in the secondary, you have teachers and tutors. When you go to university, you have lecturers. They just come to lecture you. They don't come to teach you that you are taught in secondary or primary. But the aim is that you come and say, I want to be a doctor. That's what my purpose is, to be a nurse, to be a teacher, to be an engineer, whatever field of life you want to do. You've had a purpose in mind to be a doctor. So they show you the pathway to ensure that even within the medicine profession, that different thing you want to know, to do.

So, a marriage does not give you the purpose. It's when you have the purpose, that you are joined in the Lord. When you come to be joined in the flesh, that purpose, you now begin to execute them, maritally. Adam had found purpose with God. When Eve came, she was to be a helpmate to accomplish that purpose. That's why before you consider being married, in the belief of faith, you have found your purpose with God. So, when the wife comes to help you, she comes with the purpose of knowing what she's there for. So together, you can be able to fulfil the call and purpose of God in your life. So, in the marriage affair, we discover each other, each of us discovers ourselves in the marital affair.

When we come together, we find out what is the common goal of our purpose with God, to fulfil on the face of the earth. For Jesus fulfilled his purpose. Because he did that, God blessed him, God rewarded him. God crowned him in grace and truth. He received the blessedness of purpose. Everyone who has lived through life to feel what God has called them to do have a purpose, you discover it as individual. When you are joined to the Lord, when you come to be joined in the flesh, you're not going to physically execute what is in the realm of the spirit. You are joined to the Lord. When you get born again, you are joined to the Lord in the spirit. When you get married, you get joined to your spouse in the flesh. So what is there in the spirit, you're going to be called to be able to live through in the physical realm. To exhibit the grace, the enabling, the power, the beauty, the glory, the blessedness of God. To do whatever dimension or whatever purpose or assignment that God has given to either of you marital. When you have not discovered yourself individually, when you come together, you begin to struggle. As a man, you can't lead because you have no purpose. As a woman, you can't help because you have no purpose. Because the arms of the flesh, we come and fade away. The reality that your human spirit begins to agitate. What am I here for? What am I living for? And when all you think about is not being fulfilled in God, in the course of that relationship, you're becoming boring, abuse coming, all sorts setting because people have not come to discover what their

purpose are. And when you have no purpose, you do the wrong thing they oughtn't to do because you don't know why God has brought you together in that relationship.

So it's more than what you think it to be in your own human perspective. So we are told in the book of **Romans chapter 8 verse 28**, *all things work together for good to them that love God*. To them who are called according to his purpose. We are called for a purpose.

In **Ephesians chapter 1 verse 11 to 12**, *of his own will, he called us for a purpose. He predestined us for a purpose*. You are predestined with a purpose. There's an assignment upon your life when you get joined in the Lord as his ambassador on the face of the earth.

When you come to join together with your spouse, together is now you begin to share during the period of the courtship or to know what that purpose, how it can work out to your life as God's own children to fulfil God's purpose. The reason is because Bible says

in **1 Corinthians chapter 2 verse 8, 9 to 10**, say your eyes have not seen, ears have not heard neither has it entered the heart of any man, what God has prepared for them that love him. There's something that God prepared for you who love God. Do you love God?

As a spouse, as an individual, if not a married, do you love God? Now spouse coming together, do you both love God? You have to discover that which eyes have not seen. Ears have not heard. That has entered the heart of any man. That's going to bring that

uniqueness of God in your personal life. As the scripture says in the book of **Acts 20 verse 32**, *says I commend you to God, Paul was telling them, and to the world of his grace who*

*is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all who are sanctified.* To be sanctified means to be set apart for uniqueness. To be set apart for purpose. To be set apart to fulfil the God dimension for your life as a spouse. And when you know that God has called you for a purpose, it changes the horizon of your thinking and the way you reason, the way you do things. And whatever opportunity that God gives to you as a spouse, you know it's for a purpose. If you don't know what God's purpose is for you, your eyes have not seen it, ears have not heard it. You are unique from your brother, your sister, your friend, whosoever you know before you, your family, from your parents, you are unique on the face of the earth. So that means there's no one like you. So, you begin to incorporate somebody else's life, somebody who are doing stuff into your own relationship. It doesn't work because there's a uniqueness in your relationship. It's funny that when you come with your uniqueness, I come with my uniqueness, we come together, we see the beauty of the glory of God. We see the beauty of the creation of God. That's the essence of that. Now let me show you two families or two couples. The one that went to fulfil God's purpose and the one that refused to fulfil God's purpose. Let me start with the one that refused to do God's purpose and see what happened because they didn't know God's purpose for their personal life. Let's see what happened to them.

I want to read from **Acts chapter 5**. I want to read from **verse 1**, the book of Acts of a purposeless couple that didn't know that they are called for a purpose, and they did what

ought not be done. When you know what you are called to do, for purpose, you act well as a child of God. **Acts chapter 5 from verse 1 to 16**, but a certain man named Ananias with Sapphira, his wife, sold the possession and carried back part of the prize. His wife also being privy to it and brought a certain part and laid it at the Apostle's feet. The Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled her heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back part of the price of the land? Why it is remained? Was it not thine own? After it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why has thou conceived this thing in thy heart? Thou has not lied unto men, but unto God. Ananias, as hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost. And great fear came on all them that had these things. And the young man arose, wound him up, and carried him out and buried him. It was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what has happened, came in. And Peter answered unto her, tell me whether you sold the land for so much? And she said, yeah, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that you have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door and shall carry thee. Then fell she down straight away at his feet and gave up the ghost. And the young man came in and found her dead, and carried her forth, buried her by the husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many that heard these things.

But let me just stop in verse 11 there, that's okay. This is a couple. This time of the apostle ministry, the power of the Holy Spirit is at the top high. There's no room for compromising.

We're living by the word of God. Now this couple decided to bring stain to the presence where the Holy Spirit is at work. With a lying spirit. Brethren, those terms of austerity, things were lacking. Brethren were selling their land, or bringing things to help the needy, the vulnerable in their midst. They choose on their own. They were not forced, they were not pushed to it, they were not cajoled to it. There was no pressure to them. Everybody was doing what they can to ensure in that time of famine, the body of Christ, the church, the people of God would be able to live together, share common goods together. But this couple decided to lie, because they are purposeless. They don't understand the mystery, the spirit of God, as believers in Christ. They are in the house of God, but they lack the purpose of God. The scripture says that they sold their land as a means to join others, to give towards the work of God. But when they came, they held back the portion. Simple question. Ananias was asked, is it true that this is how much we sold it? no man of God, no apostle Peter, no pastor, we sold it, we sold it 200 percent, but we are bringing 50% to the house of God, that would have been all right. He said, but we brought in everything. He knows that was a lie. People of purpose don't lie, because purpose don't lie. Purpose speaks forth. Purpose speaks for it, and it died. The wife, who came late, took hours to dress who knows, only God can tell what made her to come late that day. When she arrived in the church very late, the house of worship very late, simple question. Is it true that the land was sold for so much, and you people brought it to the house of God? She

lied with her husband. When people don't understand the mysteries of God, it becomes to them mystical. The Bible said God made known his ways unto Moses, Psalm 103 verse 7, but miracles were already known by the children of Israel. We you don't know the way of the Lord. Only purpose helps you to know the way of the Lord. When you know God's purpose, he shows you his way, his pattern, how to get things done. You don't lie through it. You live through it. Good time, bad time. When you know together with God, you will get to the end of it. They lied, purposeless couple. This is the work of God. You came to assist God's work, to be a part of the brethren in the work of the Lord. They lied. Such kind of person, the same spirit they will carry if they occupy a public place of service. They will lie through. There are many who work in public places of life, in within the church, outside the church, and within the church. They lie in their place of work. And they get away with it. As a believer in Christ Jesus, they lie within the church. People who are purposeless, that's what they do as a couple. They forgot their call unto purpose. You know your call for a purpose. You don't do that.

Let me show you another couple who understand what it means. Purpose, in the house of God. It's another couple, Aquila and Priscilla. **Acts chapter 18, and verse 1 to 4 and 24 to 28.** After these things, Paul departed from Athens and came to Corinth. And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla. Because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome and came unto

them. And because he was of the same craft, he made a boat with them and rowed. For by their occupation, they were tent makers. And he rose in the synagogue every Sabbath and pursued the Jews and the Greeks. Verse 24. And a certain Jew named Apollos, born of Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the scripture, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the will of the Lord, and being fervent in the spirit, he spoke and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue, whom when Aquila and Priscilla had, they took him unto them and expounded unto him the will of God more perfectly. When he was disposed to pass unto Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him, who, when he was come, helped them which had believed through Greece. For he immediately convinced the Jews, and there publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. This is another couple, Aquila and Priscilla. They know their purpose in the house of God. They are believers in Christ Jesus. They have known their purpose to receive men of God, to receive servants of God. Apostle Paul came to town in Ephesus. They received him. He was there to be a part of their tent making. He was there, and used the opportunity of staying with them, being housed by them, to preach and to teach the will of God to the Jews and the Gentiles.

In the synagogue, Paul was able to do that, because this couple understood that. He taught them, the Jews and others, the will of God. This couple knew their purpose to be one to house the servants of God. While Paul had left, another person came, called Apollos, an eloquent preacher of the word of God, a man of God. Even though he had the limited knowledge of the word of God, they still received him. They didn't undermine him. You know some people, when they find their pastor is not literate enough, they undermine him. It's not charisma, like somebody I want to see, they undermine the person. But when you know purpose, you are there to be an addition, to complement that person, to be the perfect person they should be. Apollos was an eloquent preacher, but he had limited knowledge about the things of God. But this couple had knowledge of the things of God. They had been with Apostle Paul, who understood the mystery of the mysteries of God, in the name of the Spirit. They sat him down while he stayed in their house and expounded to him more of the things of God. They didn't disregard him. And Apollos was also humble enough to learn from these people who had been with Apostle Paul. And they taught him some things. And when he was travelling, they even gave him a letter for other brethren to where he was going to, to receive them. That was their purpose.

And from their purpose, the efficient church was built, was established. When Paul visited that church in **Acts chapter 19**, we saw how people got filled with the Holy Spirit, but the foundation was laid by Apollos, who was received by a couple called Aquila and

Priscilla, who welcomed him, received him in their house. They knew their purpose. They knew what they are called to do, to be recipients of the servant of God that comes to that community, that city, to help them to be comfortable to preach God's Word. Either the one who is there to receive God's servant or to go speak ill of them. Either who discovered the limitation of the pastor or the one who said, I will help him to make up his limitations. This couple, they received Apostle Paul. He sat with them. And he was able to use their house as a base to go to places to preach God's Word. And also Apollos came. They knew their purpose, to be users of God. I have seen wonderful couples in my life, families, couples, who have been a blessing to me, who are still a blessing to my life.

To ensure that the purpose of God in my life keeps on carrying on. And may God bless you if you are listening to this message today, who have been there for me through my ups and downs of my personal life, in the work of the ministry of the gospel. This couple knew their purpose. All you have to do is to pray for God's servant, for the work of God, or to pray for the nation, pray for your countrymen and community, or for families, to be a help to individuals, the vulnerable who are in need, as a couple. Have you discovered your purpose as a couple? Because when you get joined to the Lord as a believer in Christ, you should be able to know what your purpose is. When you come and join together, you become one flesh, become easier to find God's purpose. If any of you have never discovered each other, it's time to pray and ask God. Lord, help us to find our purpose

and meaning in life, in our local church, in the local community, to serve our community.

It's when people don't know the purpose of God for their life, they become abusive in their relationship. And over time, they carry it out of them to affect others about them, maybe their children, their household, their family members, their relations, their loved ones, because they have not known their purpose. It's when you don't know the purpose in your marriage, that marriage becomes a place of war, a battleground, a fighting place.

Because your concentration is not about what God intends, it's about what your flesh, your five senses are telling you, what your community is telling you, or this generation, what social media is telling you, or what your friends are telling you, or what denominational doctrines are telling you. You've lost focus of the call of God upon your life. Today, I'm asking you, know that there's a call upon your life, martially. And let me show you what that means. We are called to inherit our blessings. In 1 Corinthians 1 verse 9, the Bible says, God is faithful, who has called us into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ. We are called to a place of fellowship. We are called individually, and together we are called to a place of fellowship. When you're getting married, the first principle in that marriage is the principle of knowing, of coming to serve God for a purpose, and coming to know God. The issues of other matters have to do with the relationship of bearing children, to come after one. The first primary thing there is to serve God to fulfill purpose.

I just pray that this meeting will make a meaning to your personal life and begin to re-evaluate your life.

Are you fulfilling purpose in your life, in your marriage? Are you a purposeful couple? Are you a couple who have no purpose, lying through your teeth individually and together, to hinder the flow of the power of God? Don't wait till the Holy Spirit caught up with you, as it caught up with this other couple, Annais and Sapphira, for lying to the house of God, lying through their teeth, conspiring against the flow of the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

I pray that us, who are ministers of the gospel, will live to the high bar of the Holy Spirit, so that God can help use us to clean the church of liars, clean the church of evil, clean the church of perverts. When the Holy Spirit operates at the height of the Word of God, there's no room for evil.

It's called the Holy Spirit, whatever that's is not holy, cannot stay there. You are called to a place of purpose. Go and live the same. In fulfilling God, in Jesus' name. Amen. Lord I thank you today for your Word, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## **SUMMARY**

This teaching emphasizes that **marriage for believers in Christ Jesus is a union for fulfilling God's divine purpose**, not just for companionship, procreation, or societal

expectations. Every individual believer is first called by God for a **unique purpose**, and when they get married, that purpose is **meant to be jointly fulfilled**.

Using two contrasting biblical couples—**Ananias & Sapphira** and **Aquila & Priscilla**—the message illustrates the **importance of discovering, aligning with, and walking in God's purpose**, both individually and as a married couple.

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## KEY POINTS

### 1. Marriage Is a Platform for Purpose, Not the Discovery of It

- You don't get married to find purpose—you discover purpose **before marriage**.
- Like university students don't attend to find purpose, but to build on a chosen path.
- Each partner should already be walking in God's calling before joining in marriage.

### 2. Individual Purpose Leads to Collective Fulfillment

- As believers, we are joined to Christ in **spirit** through salvation (1 Corinthians 6:17).
- In marriage, we are joined **in flesh**, and are meant to **execute God's purpose together**.

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### 3. Examples of Couples in Scripture

#### *Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11) – A purposeless couple*

- Lied to the Holy Spirit by pretending to give all proceeds from a sale.
- Their **lack of purpose and alignment with God** led to **deception and death**.
- They were in the house of God but **not aligned with the Spirit of God**.
- A cautionary tale: **Where there is no purpose, sin, abuse, and confusion reign.**

#### *Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-4, 24-28) – A purposeful couple*

- Welcomed and supported Apostle Paul as tentmakers and fellow believers.
- Later mentored Apollos, a powerful preacher with limited knowledge.
- Their **home became a ministry base** and a **foundation for the Ephesian church**.
- Their purpose was **hospitality, support, and teaching** in the Kingdom.

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### 4. Purpose Brings Alignment, Order & Growth

- When both husband and wife know their divine assignments, they can:
  - Avoid conflict

- Serve God better
  - Support each other's spiritual growth
  - Raise children with godly vision
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## **5. Dangers of Purposeless Marriage**

- Leads to:
    - Abuse
    - Deception
    - Frustration
    - Division
  - Couples without purpose chase after trends, opinions, and emotions, not God.
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## **6. Marriage Should Enhance the Work of God**

- A couple should work together to:
  - Serve in the local church or community
  - Support ministers and ministry

- Fulfill assignments such as hospitality, prayer, teaching, etc.
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## 7. Biblical Basis for Purpose

- **1 John 3:8** – Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil (He had purpose).
  - **Romans 8:28** – All things work together for those who love God **and are called according to His purpose.**
  - **Ephesians 1:11–12** – We are predestined and called for purpose.
  - **1 Corinthians 1:9** – We are called into fellowship with Christ.
  - **Acts 20:32** – God builds us up and gives us an inheritance among the sanctified.
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## 8. Practical Reflections & Encouragement

- Ask: *Have you discovered your purpose individually?*
- Ask: *Have you discovered your purpose as a couple?*
- Purpose leads to **unity, fruitfulness, and impact** in the Kingdom.
- God wants to use couples as **channels of His grace and power.**