
THE LIGHT

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THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE

*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother,
and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall become one flesh.*—Genesis 2:25

What do we mean when we say that in marriage “the two become one?” Is it something mystical that happens to you on your wedding night when you consummate your relationship? Or is it something that happens to you over a long period of time? Now don’t get me wrong, sex is great! but I believe oneness in marriage comes slowly and steadily, not instantaneously in a moment of passion.

Marriage is like weaving cloth on an old fashioned loom. When we first say “I do”, a few threads are woven into the fabric. Every day we add a few more threads of many different colors. Slowly a pattern emerges and, given enough time, it becomes a lovely cloth, whole and one. This oneness will not be completed until death parts us, for then and only then, will the Weaver take the cloth from the loom. At death, one of us will be given the fabric of a shared life woven over many years. With it we will comfort ourselves and use it to fashion new clothes for new generations. This cloth will be a testimony to the faithfulness of God, the Weaver.



Marriage is like weaving on a loom.

When my wife and I first married, oneness was not something we attained instantaneously in a moment of grand passion. It took time. Sherry and I are more one today, than when we first married. Over the last 41 years, we have worked together, fought with each other, talked to each other, raised our children, served our churches, invested our lives in dear friends, and on and on and on. Our sex life has been part of that process, but when you put it in the context of a lifetime, it has been just a handful of golden threads scattered through the fabric of our life. All the ordinary things of a shared life have led us to know each other in the deepest and most intimate sense of the word. That may not seem very “mystical,” but it has been very spiritual.

Oneness in marriage takes time. Give yourself time to become one.

In Christ’s love,

Pastor Mike