

Your **oneness** is God's wedding gift to you both
Protect it. **Defend** it. **Fight** for it. **Die** for it

Do **everything** in your power to stay **united together**

THEREFORE what God has joined together let no one **separate**

Today you **forsake** everything else & everyone else for each other
Nothing & No one should come between you and if it does – **don't let it!**

You can't **unmake** what God has made

Today **Jenny & Dean** God has made you two **become one**

Enjoy God's gift to you both!

But. For. So. Therefore. That's God's purpose for marriage!

HOWEVER there's **another relationship** you two must consider **now**
A relationship **above** every relationship even your own relationship together

And that's the relationship you have with **Jesus** the **gift giver**
Jesus is giving you this gift of **oneness** and he wants you to be one with him

You see **Jesus** not only wants to be in **your marriage**
Jenny & Dean he wants to be in **your life**

And in order for you both to have **oneness** with God
Oneness we've broken because of **our sin**
A relationship which we've **neglected** for other things

God offers you **another gift** today - the gift of his Son **Jesus Christ**
God sent his Son **Jesus** to die for you

So that you might not only have **oneness together** in marriage
But so that you might also have **oneness with God**

Jesus offers you two gifts **today**

Jenny & Dean take them and enjoy them both!

God's Purpose For Marriage

Mark 10:6-9

Congratulations **Dean & Jenny** you've finally made it!

You're finally here on the **big day** after lots of preparation & hard work

Like you two, I've also been **looking forward** to today
I wouldn't have missed this for the **world!** (**Jeanette Michelle**)

Which by the way you look **fantastic** and Dean you look like a bloke in a suit
We've done some planning together so I've also **looked forward** to today

In fact, it's probably fair to say that **everyone** here
Has been **looking forward** to this afternoon

Everyone **looks forward** to weddings for different reasons
Some even **travel** very long distances to be here

To **see** the Bride all dolled up, to **eat** the Wedding Cake
To **catch** the bouquet, to see your first **married kiss**, to eat free catering

In a few minutes you **two** will stand here before **everyone**
And make some **pretty serious promises** to one another

Promises that will **change everything** forever
Because from this day until your **very last** nothing remains the same.

Everything **changes** today!
And you know that's what God's been **looking forward** to!

Everyone's been **looking forward** to your **wedding**
But God has been **looking forward** to your **marriage**

God's been **looking forward** to the promises you're both about to make

And what better way to start your **married life** together then to hear from
The one who at the beginning came up with the **idea** of marriage!

In **Mark 10** Jesus talks about **God's purpose for marriage**
And that's what I want to talk to **all** of you about briefly - especially Jen & Dean

What's God's **purpose** for Marriage? What's God's **purpose** for your Marriage?
What's God's **purpose** for Jenny & Dean's marriage?

Listen again to what it says - Mark 10:6-9

"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

But. For. So. Therefore. That's God's **purpose** for Marriage!
That's God's purpose for you **Jenny & Dean**

Whenever things **aren't** going great and you feel like packing it in
Dean whenever you feel like taking off to your parents PLACE
Jenny whenever you want to go out for Milk & never come back

I want you to remember these four little words **But. For. So. Therefore.**

Dean when you're at 1 end of the house **deafening** the neighbours with TV
Jenny you're at the other end doing whatever **women** do when couples fight

When you guys are at a **stalemate** with each other
Over who **squeezed** the toothpaste from the wrong end

Or whose turn it is to **unpack** the dishwasher
God wants you to remember **But. For. So. Therefore.**

You see, God's making **something new** today
And everyone here today is a **witness** to God's creation

We might not have been there **at the beginning**
But we're seeing God create something **new** today!

BUT at the beginning God made you male and female
It's obvious that you guys are **different** from each other

You **look** different, You **dress** different You **talk** different, You **smell** different

You share things in **common** but you both have **different** interests
You are two **different** people

Male & Female **equal** with but **different** from each other
And that's how God **made** you both at the beginning

BUT today God's creating something **new** out of you two
There's now something **new** from what he made at the beginning

FOR God to make something new today

Jenny & Dean you need to **leave** all other relationships behind
And start a **new life** together beginning from **this day** forward

You see, God's **making** something new today!
These **two** are about to be **united** together

These **two** people are about to become **one flesh**
That's the **miracle** God performs at weddings he **makes** something new

He takes what he **made** at the beginning **male** and **female**
And he makes those **two** different people become **one**

SO they're no longer **two** different people but **one** person!
Oneness is what the **two** of you need to work on together

Jenny & Dean your **oneness** together is the **most valuable thing** you own
Your **oneness** is the **most important** thing you've got!

Your **oneness** must come before **every thing else**
Even your **work**,
Even your **pleasure**

Your **oneness** must come before **every one else**
Even your **kids**,
Even your **parents**,
Even your **friends**