



Preserve Marriage Ministries

PRESERVE MARRIAGE MINISTRIES PURPOSE STATEMENT

OUR PURPOSE

PRESERVE MARRIAGE MINISTRIES (PMM) exists to strengthen and preserve covenant marriages as God has purposed.

OUR IDENTITY

As a freestanding 501 (c) 3, non-profit organization, PMM supports married couples in their pursuit of a covenant marriage and serves as a marriage resource for churches and their staff.

THE ISSUES

- Divorce Rate > 40%
- Increasing Percentage of Dysfunctional Families
- Children Living in Single Parent Families > 35%

CAUSES

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| • Living Life Outside God's Will | • Financial Distress |
| • Failure to Communicate | • Taking Each Other for Granted |
| • Infidelity | • Lying and Deceit |
| • Selfishness | • Inability to Resolve Conflict in a Healthy Way |
| • Inability to Love | • Lack of Forgiveness |
| • Inability to Extend Grace | • Lack of Humility |
| • Lack of Commitment | • Demands of Life/Balance |
| • Fear of Rejection | • Lack of Intimacy |

EFFECT

"Marital Dysfunction and Divorce has pervasive ill effects on children and the five (5) major institutions of society- the family, the church, the school, the marketplace and government itself. If the family is the building block of society, then marriage is the foundation. Ignoring or failing to address the problems will do little to change the culture of divorce."*

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THE SOLUTION

Teach skills and provide dating couples and married couples with the information and tools necessary to build and maintain strong covenant marriages.

- Teach God's Design for Marriage through Biblical Principles.
- Teach couples to love radically, forgive Biblically, respond graciously and lead with a servant's heart.
 - "Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."-Colossians 3:13
 - "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less."-C.S.Lewis
- Guide couples toward growth in their relationship with Christ and with each other.
- Learning God's principles of Forgiveness.
- Granting Forgiveness.
- Extending Grace.
- Commitment.
- Applying Biblical communication skills through practical application.
- Authentic Communication.
- Achieving Spiritual Oneness.

RESOURCES

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PREPARE/ENRICH

MARITAL RETREATS

BEFORE THE RING RETREAT

BEYOND THE RING RETREAT

THE SMART STEP FAMILY RETREAT

PARENTING RETREAT

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MARITAL COUNSELING

Preserving and Strengthening Marriages

MARRIAGE INTENSIVES