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 - Orpha & Ruth both left their families to join Naomi's sons. Ruth 1:4
 - A. We also are to leave where you came from, our old pattern of life, and form a new one with Jesus. Examples: Abraham, and the rich young ruler Matthew 19:21

Have you left and let go of your past? What is it that you are still holding onto?

- B. Lay aside those weights, sins, unforgiveness, bad attitudes, & trust in worldly things. Hebrews 12:2, Mark 11:25 Matt 5:23-24 James 1:21, Luke 12:33-34
 - C. Our covenant relationship with the Lord is to be primary and supersede all others. God's work is completely different than the world & requires a change in how we think. We are a new creation in a new family. Lay aside the past. 2 Corinthians 5:17
- II. Cleave to Christ
- A. A newly married couple must learn how to live together. New methods, new recipes, new circumstances, new decisions.
 - 1. Not her way. Not his way. But THEIR WAY.
 - B. Jesus has provided us a HOME. John 14:2-3
 - 1. God's way is our way; God's light is our truth; His truth is our life John 14:6. We renew our minds to this new way of thinking and living. Romans 12:2

What parts of the new life Jesus created for you to live with Him in have you not yet embraced?

- C. We have become a part of a new family and learn and adapt to living in this new family. Live every moment with him. Marriage was so important God ordered a new couple to take 1 year to focus on their new relationship. Deuteronomy 24:25

- D. Cleave to the one who will never leave you. Hebrews 13:5

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- A. Reproduction was a part of God's plan for marriage. It is intended to take place within the confines of marriage.
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- IV. Naked and unashamed Genesis 2:25
- A. Naked – isn't referring to nudity here. I means their relationship was open & honest. Jesus desires us to be transparent with Him without fear and allow Him to see & wash our flaws Eph 5:26
 - B. Unashamed – Isn't about not being embarrassed, but is a picture of safety & confidence that He won't exploit your weaknesses.
- V. Till Death do us Part
- A. John Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible notes that cleave also meant "not depart from her as long as they live"
 - B. In marriage it is the death of spouse that sees the marriage covenant fulfilled to its end. Romans 7:2-3
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 - C. We have an everlasting covenant Hebrews 13:20-21
The Marriage of Christ to the Church never ends.
 - D. We have received eternal redemption and eternal life. Hebrews 9:12, 1 John 2:25, John 17:3
 - E. Jesus is eternal... The one who lives to die no more. John 1:1, Revelation 1:8
 - F. He has done so much for us. Ephesians 5:25-31. The one thing we are asked to do in this GREAT MYSTERY of Marriage: Christ and You is to submit to Him who has given all for us. Eph 5:22

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