

A group of five people are shown from the chest up, smiling and laughing. The image is heavily tinted with a solid red color. In the foreground, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair is laughing with her mouth wide open. To her right, another young woman with dark hair and glasses is also laughing. In the background, a young man with short dark hair is smiling, and behind him, another person with glasses is visible. The overall mood is joyful and celebratory.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

**SO WHAT DOES
THEOLOGY HAVE
TO DO WITH MY
MARRIAGE?**

GENESIS 1:27

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

GENESIS 1:28

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

GENESIS 2:18

¹⁸ The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Help = 'ezer

PSALM 33:20

²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

GENESIS 2:23

²³ The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

GENESIS 2:24

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

GENESIS 3:16B

¹⁶ “. . . your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”

EPHESIANS 5:21

²¹ Submit to one another out of
reverence for Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:31

³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

EPHESIANS 5:32

³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

EPHESIANS 5:33

³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

