



## Sermon Notes

### The Vow of Pursuit

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## Key Scriptures:

Genesis 2:18-25

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### GENESIS 2:18-25 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

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

<sup>19</sup> Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>25</sup> Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no  
shame.

#### **GENESIS 2:24A-B NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION**

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and  
is ***united to his wife***,

*United in Hebrew is Dabaq (Daw-bak).*

*Dabaq- To cling to adhere, or to catch by PURSUIT*

#### **PSALM 63:8 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)**

<sup>8</sup> I **cling** to you;  
your right hand upholds me.

#### **JOB 41:17 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> They are **joined fast** to one another;  
they cling together and cannot be parted.

#### **JUDGES 20:45 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)**

<sup>45</sup> As they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the  
rock of Rimmon, the Israelites cut down five thousand  
men along the roads. They kept **pursuing after** the  
Benjamites as far as Gidom and struck down two  
thousand more.

**Married Vow: I promise to pursue my number #2**

**Single Vow: I promise to pursue my #1**

Main Idea: Close **the Gap** between your **intentions and your actions...**

A)When you **SEE SOMETHING GOOD** say **SOMETHING GOOD.**

**HEBREWS 3:13 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION**

<sup>13</sup> But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

**Men: Pursue your woman with words of affection.**

**Women: Pursue you man with words of affirmation.**

**1) Women wonder do you love me today?**

2) Men wonder do you believe in me today?

B) When you THINK OF SOMETHING do SOMETHING.

**1 JOHN 3:16-18 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)**

<sup>16</sup> This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? <sup>18</sup> Dear children, **let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.**

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