



DGM Message Summary: Equally Yoked

Message Summary: A marriage with purpose is just as important as a marriage for love. If you are equally yoked in purpose, your marriage is more likely to last.

Scriptural References:

- **Genesis 28:6**
- **2 Corinthians 6:14**
- **Deuteronomy 22:10**

Key Points:

- Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob
 - When God's blessing is on you, it's not just felt: it can be seen.
- Isaac sent his son Jacob away where his grandfather Abraham was from.
- Scripture teaches that to do exactly how Abraham did and keep our marriage in the same family.
- Do not be unequally yoked together
 - Oxen are joined at the neck to maximize productivity
 - This is also described for relationships
- A marriage with purpose is just as important as a marriage for love.
 - If you don't have a higher purpose, your marriage will become stale.
 - There has to be a higher purpose to the relationship besides just lust
- We say we fall into love, but the Bible says love isn't an accident it's a choice.
 - Agape love is a choice.
 - If you don't make a choice and you're always waiting for the experience, you won't make it in this world.
- Moses says you shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together.
 - It is cruel to put them in the same yoke.

- When you intentionally marry outside the covenant of Job don't be surprised if you're dragged down.
- As a single person, run as fast as you can for the Lord and look to your right and left and if someone else is keeping up with you, you're all set.
- Paul says for what fellowship has righteousness without lawlessness, though whoever wants to live right will find themselves at odds with those who want to live wrong.
 - Scripture is teaching us to choose our relationships wisely.
 - What communion has light with darkness? They must agree. Agreement is necessary for a lasting union.
- If any brother has a wife who doesn't believe and she's willing to live with him let him not divorce her. God will give you the grace you need to get thru it.
- Studies show people who're committed to God's house stay married 90% of the time.
- In extreme reasons you might need to separate.
- Isaac sent Jacob away to take him a wife. And he got a charge – you shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.
- Jacob's mother said "I'm weary." Her son Esau married from an opposing culture.
- Agreement is one of the most powerful weapons.
 - The Devil knows how to divide and conquer.
 - When a husband and wife learned to use agreement, the job gets done.
- Jacob obeyed his father and his mother.
 - The path of obedience always leads to promise.
 - The path of disobedience always ends in a discourse.
- Jacob started walking.
 - Don't ask God to guide your steps until you're willing to move our feet.
 - He didn't have everything altogether and ready- so he stepped out to move in the direction that God had called him to do.
- He came to a certain place.
 - It might take a while to see the benefit of making your decision.
 - He chose to stay in a hard place rather than go to an easy place and disobey.
 - A little self-discipline only weighs about an ounce, but regret weighs a ton.
- Then he dreamed.
 - God rewarded his faithfulness by giving him a dream bigger than his peers.
 - When you obey God he knows how to reward you.
- And behold a ladder was set up on the earth and its top point reached up to heaven.
 - Jacob would bridge the gap between heaven and earth and he showed him a staircase that ascended on to glory.

- Do you know God wants to open the heavens to you and me just as he opened them to Jacob.
- He likened himself to the ladder: his humanity kept on earth but his divinity caused him to stretch.
- God said behold I am with you and will keep you forever.
 - God can keep you wherever: the airport; the street; on your job.
 - God says I am not regional I am the almighty wherever you go.
- When you obey God, anything you may lose, God will get it back(friends, money, time).
 - Continue to obey in spite of the loss, you'll get it 30, 60 100 fold. He will not be outdone.
 - Anything you might have to walk away from for God, God will make it his business to get it back.
- He says, 'For I will not leave you 'til I have done what I have spoken to you.'
- As surely as I walk thru your challenges, I will walk you through you rewards.
- Jacob awoke and said, 'surely the Lord is in this place.'
- God is with us even in the hard places. Even when we have a rock or a pillow.
- Jacob didn't realize how much is obedience impacted God.
 - You might think your obedience is a small thing, but you don't realize what God can do with just one little step of obedience.
 - There are no accidents – just as simple obedience changed Jacob's life he will change yours.
- Miracles are released thru the right obedience.
 - Imagine if we obey, and say God I trust you and I'm going to do it.
 - Obedience is the only way to promise.