

# Sunday Service

19th May 2024

## Topic: The Codes of Bliss: Unlocking a Successful Marriage

**Text: Genesis 2:21-25** *And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. [22] Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. [23] And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man." [24] This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. [25] And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. (NKJV)*

### INTRODUCTION

Codes can be described as secret numbers or letters that grants you access to enjoy that which you desire. For every of your relationship, marriage, friendship, parenting; all of these requires certain codes for each of them to be successful.

However, it is not enough to know these codes, you must be able to apply it for you to achieve the desired result. Codes are practically useless when they are just acquired and are never used. You can't go to an ATM stand, slot in your debit card, stare at the screen and expect your money will be withdrawn without inputting any pin. The knowledge of your pin is not enough. What automates the attainment of your desire to withdraw your money is you inputting your pin.

Likewise if you would enjoy and attain greatness in your marriage, wisdom demands that you apply what you have been given. The Bible even says (paraphrasing), 'Blessed are the hearers but even more blessed are the doers.'. Therefore, if you only have these codes and you do not apply it, you will continue to struggle and many things will feel out of place.

Don't be like a man who stands at a door and prays for it to be opened despite knowing that he has the key in his pocket. Most times, the answer you are looking is not in prayers but in acting. My prayer for you is that as I teach these codes, you will receive the grace and humility to apply it.

Let's analyze our main text today to see these codes:of success.

## THE CODES TO UNLOCK SUCCESS IN MARRIAGE

**Verse 21:** "And the *Lord God* caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place."(NKJV)

➤ ***The FIRST CODE you must input if you would have a successful marriage is "Lord God"***

The moment you get to a point in your marriage where you see God as Lord, then you have come to accept God as a sovereign God. In other words, you are saying "*Whatever comes to me in this marriage, it is me and my God.*" It is an acknowledgement of God as Almighty.

You might have witnessed many things you didn't bargain for in your marriage but I want you to always remember that God is right there with you. In that relationship that you prayed and got the conviction that it is the will of God and after six months, you are heartbroken, God is still Almighty. Never put Him as aside because of your experiences. The day you do so you become the reality of moving from frypan to fire.

***"Nothing happens that catches the Almighty God unaware, you are the one that was caught unaware not Him. As long as you know this and you understand that He is still your God, you will inevitably enjoy great access to the mystery of longevity."***

After looking up to God for many years for the fruit of the womb, you come to a conclusion then saying, '*God has disappointed me*' and you give up. If you minus God, who do intend to invite? The devil? Devil has nothing to give you. Rather than removing God from the picture, get closer to Him.

There is a dimension that you must grow in your family that you never minus God in your dealings. However don't stay at a level where you don't have a personalized experience with God. The dimension of "My God" is an indication that God is at the center of your home and inevitably He will grant speed.

**Psalm 127:1**

*"Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain." (NKJV)*

What has got you so busy that you don't have time to do devotion with your family? Living your life without communing with God in your home is saying that you are capable and you have the strength to make your home great. It is only a proud man that doesn't pray. No man on earth will ever lack the need for God. Even the atheists need God. So consistently create a personal relationship with Him at times. Don't drag misunderstandings in your home that you don't pray together for days. The devil is an opportunist, he will strike. In those times of misunderstandings, never miss your prayer time because when you pray together, every iota of fight dissolves. **Proverbs 9: 10** says

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." (NKJV)*

It is when you fear God, love God, and serve God that wisdom to run your home will flow. I hope you know that you can serve God and not fear Him because the definition of service is not in activities. But the chronological order of reverencing Him and loving you gives you the enlightenment of service.

Verse 21: "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place." (NKJV)

- ***The SECOND CODE you must input if you would have a successful marriage is 'Patience and Sleep'***

If you read that scripture carefully, you will discover that it was not Adam's will to sleep. God caused him to sleep. Do you know in marriage, if you want to be successful you must open yourself to the rain of sleep from God? For your marriage to be great and successful, you must imbibe the dimension of sleep. I'm not talking about the physical sleep, I'm talking about patience.

When your partner is angry, you go into sleep. When Adam was sleeping, it looked as if he was injected with something. He was in a deep sleep that till he was opened up, part of his ribs was removed and was closed, he did not wake up. Great things do not happen in marriage when the two partners are awake. Infact, two people active in marriage will eventually destroy that marriage, one must be passive while the other will be active. This is what makes families glorious. When the head of is hot, the other's head should be cool. You must get to a dimension where you learn patience. **Colossians 3:13** says

*"bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do." (NKJV)*

Why would you stay together and would not bear with one another? Bear with one another. Funny enough, if you have the wrong company of friends, whenever you are sleeping over a matter, they will call you a fool. Is not good to be a fool for God? It is good to be a fool for God because the fools for God are those who enjoy marriage. Be patient.

**Verse 21 & 22:** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and *closed up the flesh in its place.* [22] *Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman,* and He brought her to the man. (NKJV)

➤ ***The THIRD CODE you must input if you would have a successful marriage is "Tolerance and Long-suffering"***

I can't imagine God causing a human being to sleep and while he is sleeping, He removed his ribs and the man didn't move an inch. Most of the times, the reason your marriage is not working is because you can't tolerate. You have the capacity to tolerate and to suffer long. But in this generation, we are not ready to suffer.

Suffering is part of life. If you go to any prayer mountain and they tell you that your suffering has ended, it is a lie. They are just teasing you. When you leave one, you will enter another one. Don't enter marriage because you say you will not suffer, suffering is waiting. I remember when. My wife and I were doing a project, all the money we had home and abroad was diverted to the project and we went through suffering but it was just for a while. The moment we completed the project, we could eat anything we wanted. I beg you. Don't let suffering take you away from your promising future.

**I pray for you today, by mercy your marriage will last. Every storm in that home cease in the Jesus' Name. Stay blessed.**