

**Series:** Before and After You Say "I Do"

**Message:** The Myths of Marriage

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## **Myth #1 – A Good Marriage Will Develop Naturally.**

### **Sonya Rhodes**

"Understanding this process makes it possible to see what's in store for us and to adjust to the changing circumstances of our marriage." The main task of the first few years of marriage is to "de-idealize" one's partner. "It is, in fact, necessary to become disillusioned with each other, to fall out of love, if you will."

- 1) Conflict-Habituated Marriage
- 2) Devitalized Marriage
- 3) Passive-Congenial Marriage
- 4) Vital Marriage
- 5) Total Marriage

### **Isaiah 53:6a**

*6a All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way;*

### **Romans 3:23**

*23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

### **Romans 3:10-11**

*10 as it is written, "There is none righteous, not even one;*

*11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God;*

### **Genesis 3:16**

*16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

## **Myth #2 – The Right Mate Will Meet My Deepest Needs.**

**Ruth Bell Graham**

I pity the married couple who expect too much from one another. It is a foolish woman who expects her husband to be to her that which only Jesus Christ can be: always ready to forgive, totally understanding, unendingly patient, invariably tender and loving, unfailing in every area, anticipating every need, and making more than adequate provision. Such expectations put a man under impossible strain.

**John 10:10**

*10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.*

**Ephesians 5:31-32**

*31 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.*

*32 This mystery is great; ...*