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Marriage Matters

I attended a wedding last Friday evening. It was moving to see the four parents embrace each other as they offered up prayer for their children before the marriage. And it was a blessing to see two Christians commit their lives to each other.

Marriage—as God designed it—is an incredible blessing. How sad that today we have to add the words “as God designed it” in order to be clear. But is it clear enough?



I wonder how clear it is to my fellow church members, and to those who attend your church. I have a strong suspicion that we are influenced more by the culture than we realize.

If that is true, then you may wish to consider doing some teaching on this topic in the near future. As I reflect on marriage, I am aware of two powerful realities. One is that when we follow God’s design for marriage, there are incredible blessings. After 43 years (and counting!) of marriage, three adult children married to special spouses, and five

grandchildren, I can attest that God’s design for marriage—and family—results in powerful, generational, blessing.

Not only do you enjoy the positive blessings that God’s design produces, but you also avoid the adverse consequences that impact increasingly large numbers in our society. Statistically, children do better in every area of life when they grow up with their married mom and dad, whereas those who grow up in single-parent households statistically fare far worse. And that is just one example of an adverse consequence.

I encourage you to promote God’s plan for marriage and family regularly to your people. They surely won’t get it from the culture. May the Lord grant you wisdom as you help those entrusted to your care understand why marriage matters, and to understand, as well, all the matters surrounding marriage.

In Christ,

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PS: WFC’s *Wisconsin’s Leading Cultural Indicators, 2019 Edition* is a great resource for important statistics relative to marriage and family and related issues. Click [here](#) for to access the online version.

PPS: WFC’s Church Ambassador Network is hosting a workshop for pastors on The Gospel and Sexuality this Thursday morning. We will be in Amherst. Click [here](#) for details. Registration will close at noon on Wednesday.