



## SESSION THREE – How God “BUILDS” a marriage

- **WHEN does God begin building the marriage?**

**Answer:** Mr. Hatch says, “As one great authority on marriage and family stated, ‘We need to scream it from the housetops, marriage begins at birth.’ May I say that ten times? Marriage begins at birth. ... I will agree with the sociologist who says, “the greatest predictor of how a marriage will come, whether it will be a good marriage or not, is what happens in those early years of childhood.”

- **WHAT does God want to build into children so they build a marriage that is the most important, only permanent, and most intimate of human relationships?**

**Answer:**

1. **Self identity.** “God wants to give him a clear, simple, realistic, wholesome understanding of who he is.”  
And how does God impart this understanding? “The only way a human being will ever know what he’s like, whether he’s worth anything is what? Look in a mirror. Do you know what a mirror is? That mirror are the significant people who stand around him, primarily his parents.”
2. **Gender Identity.** The little boy or girl knows which they are and think it is great to be the one they are.
3. **Learn how to relate.** Relate to adults, to peers, to those of same gender and different gender – all of the basics of human relationships are to be learned by the child in the home.
4. **Sexuality as a good gift created by God.**
5. **A model of a good marriage** – most important, only permanent, most intimate of human relationships.

Mr. Hatch says, “A biblical, Christian family unconsciously will prepare children for marriage from birth. Don’t prepare them for a career primarily. Prepare them for marriage and family, and God’s family. God will take care of the career.”