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Through the cross, Christ heals the wounds between husband and wife. He restores the dignity of the one-flesh union. He empowers forgiveness and strengthens believers to resist cultural pressures. The marriage of Adam and Eve remains the pattern God upholds and redeems for all time.

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