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## **Chapter 13**

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I do not think cohabitation is a meaningful alternative to marriage. Cohabitation is known to be a living arrangement alternative for an unmarried couple to live together in a long-term relationship without the legalities or seriousness of marriage. It is a nonformal agreement whereas marriage is considered as such. Personally, I am not in favor of cohabitation because I am a Christian and it just does not align with what God intended for us. It goes against the institution of marriage. When we fully understand what God intended marriage to be and what it stands for then we would see how the idea of cohabitation goes against that very concept in so many ways. Because we as a society have grown so used to self and the idea of, I want this this way and I want things that way or the idea of I have to do and get things based on how I feel has such a selfish prideful personality attached to it. Aside from the idea of marriage as a Christian we want more of God and less of ourselves but what happens when self is all we think about or strive to satisfy? We end up with the idea and acceptance of “cohabitation” for example.