“Christian marriage does not exist for the benefit of the two people in the marriage, it is for the benefit of the world, that God would be glorified. The main purpose of marriage is not the enjoyment of the two people who are married, the main purpose of marriage is to glorify Christ as we participate in the Mission of God. Anything less is making an idol out of marriage.”

(Fr. Alexander Schmemann)

Discuss your initial impressions of this reflection on marriage with your spouse. How does your marriage “glorify Christ”? 