

THE MARRIAGE PARADOX

Introduction – A paradox consists of statements that lead to an apparent or real contradiction in logic or intuition. God created marriage as a covenant relationship where two distinct individuals become one.

- A. God created men and women to be coregents over creation as a united force for good.

Genesis 1:27-28

Genesis 2:24

- B. Human rebellion against God's will resulted in men and women becoming conflicted and disunited with one another.

Genesis 3:16

Genesis 4:6-7

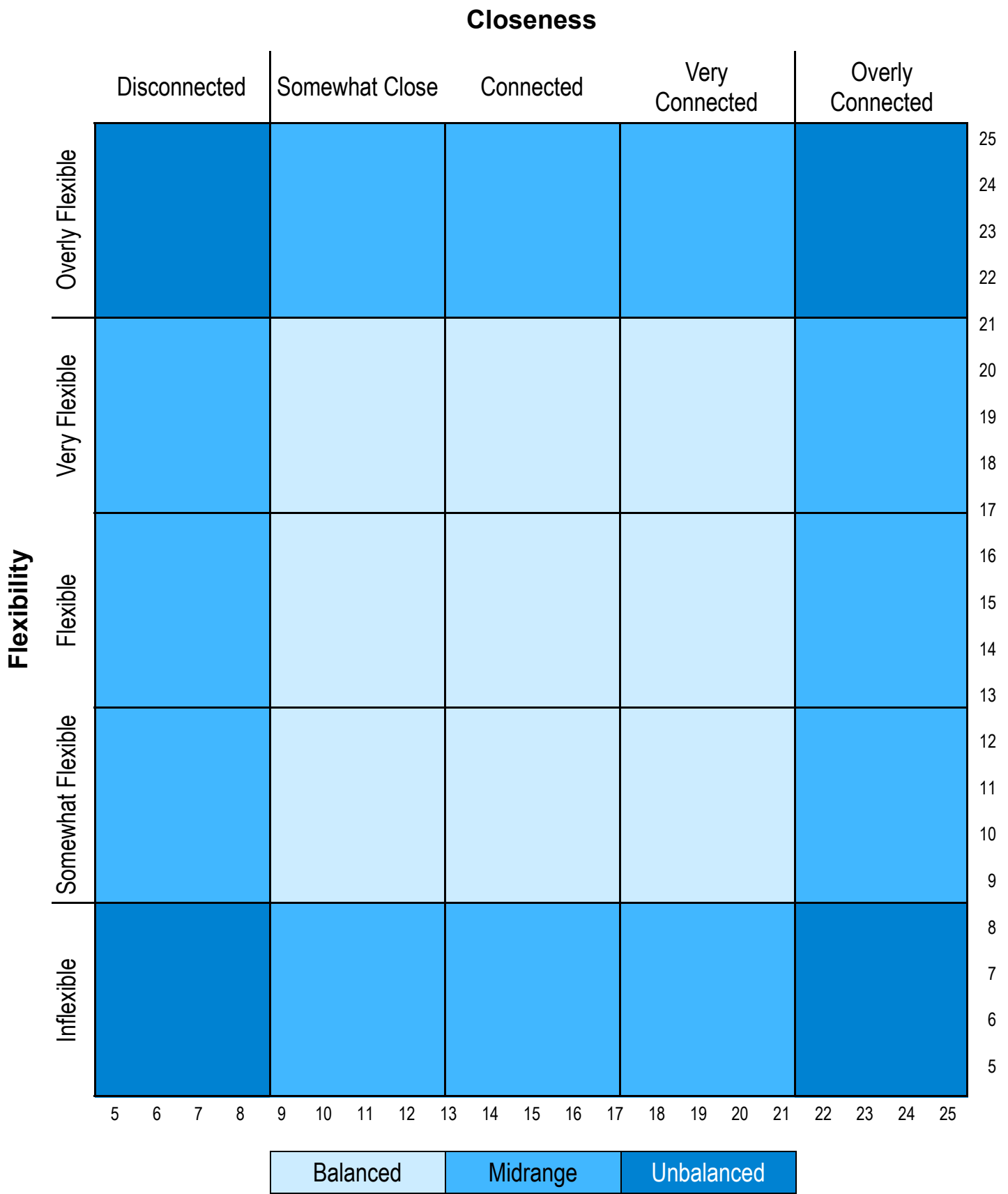
- C. In Christ our true humanity and individual identity are restored so we can become one in our relationships like marriage.

Ephesians 5:21

Ephesians 5:31-33

Conclusion – Our relationship with God through Christ enables us to become individuals capable of being united with others without losing our true identity.

1 Corinthians 1:10



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