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A Mississippi pastor is suggesting that churches need to do something about the increasing number of men and women, including Christian couples, who are cohabitating and producing children out of wedlock.

Joseph Parker and his wife, Birdie, are co-pastors of African-Methodist-Episcopal (AME) churches in Marks and Clarksd ale, Mississippi. While he does not dispute the statistic that 72 percent of black children are born to unwed mothers, he d oes think the report gives all the wrong reasons, such as poverty, lack of education, and not being able to meet the right man for marriage. Parker points out the fact that studies do not focus on moral aspects.

"For this issue, but really with every issue, God's Word has accurate wisdom and counsel to help you know. In other wor ds, God's way is the best way to do anything," the pastor decides. "That's just the way it is. And so when it comes to mar rying ...

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