



Created for Relationship

Genesis 2:4-25

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Introduction: When God saw everything that He had made, He declared it to be very good. However, we will see in greater detail in this chapter that when God was in the midst of creating man, He declared, "It is not good," until He created woman. Man, being in God's image, was different than all other creation in that God had designed man for relationship.

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1. What does God's creation of Eve for Adam demonstrate about the nature and character of God?
2. Describing woman as a "helper" has often taken on a negative connotation in our culture. If a helper is a matching complement, what does this say about woman and man?
3. Oneness is the key theme in this passage regarding marriage. What are some things that can be done to promote "oneness" in marriage?
4. What are some things that create barriers to oneness in marriage? In what ways does the Fall, in Chapter 3, bring insight into these barriers?
5. What does leaving father and mother involve? What has this looked like in your marriage?
6. "Marriage ... exists for God's Glory. That is, it exists to display God. ... And therefore, the highest meaning and most ultimate purpose of marriage is to put the covenant relationship of Christ and the church on display." - John Piper. In what ways does this inform or change the way we typically view marriage?

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1. **01. Relationship: Man, being in God's image, was different than all other creation in that God had designed man for relationship.**

2. **02. Oneness: Marriage was designed for man to experience a level of intimacy and unity greater than all other human relationships.**

3. "God is our helper. Think about that statement. When I place the term helper as a descriptor of God's activity and character, it takes on a whole new meaning, doesn't it? I understand that as I grow in my ability to truly help my husband, I'm not regressing into some sort of infantile servitude; I'm becoming more like God: being a helper is one very specific way that women can mirror and glorify the Lord."- *Elyse M. Fitzpatrick.*

4. **3. Glory: The most fundamental purpose of marriage is that it exists for God's Glory.**

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