

September 14, 2025

Genesis 2:18-25

“God’s story of beginnings — where pain meets purpose, and grace breaks through.”

Genesis 2:18-21(NIV)

18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

Not made out of his head to top him, not out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved.” - Matthew Henry



Genesis 2:22-24(NIV)

22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Matthew 19:5-6

5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

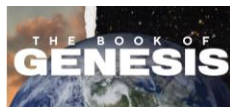
God's design for a sacred, biblical covenant marriage union:

- _____ – A New Priority
- _____ – Sticking Together for Life
- _____ – Different but Made to Fit Together
- _____ of Self-Forgetfulness – Naked and Unashamed

1 Corinthians 6:16-17

16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." 17 But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Genesis 2:25 (NIV) 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.



APPLICATION:

1. God designed us for meaningful _____.
vs 18-20

2. God graciously gives the gift of _____.
vs 21-23

“When God sees that we need companionship, He is better at providing it than we are at finding it.”

— Charles Spurgeon

3. God’s design for relationships ultimately points to _____. vs 24-25

Ephesians 5:31–32 3 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” 32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Matthew 28:20 “And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

“There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator.” — Blaise Pascal



upcoming events

SEPTEMBER 14: IGLESIA CONNECT RELAUNCH 5 PM

SEPTEMBER 15: FALL CONNECT CREWS BEGIN

September 17: BLOOD DRIVE 1:45 - 7:45 PM

SEPTEMBER 18: BAPTISM ZOOM CLASS 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 19: YOUTH GROUP 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 22: MATTHEW CONNECT CREW 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 24: MEN'S & LADIES' CREW 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 26-28: MEN'S RETREAT AT TUSCARORA

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Spanish Service, 2:30PM: 40

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