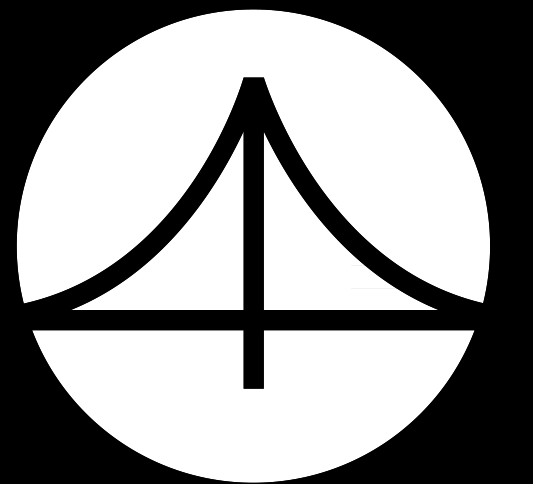


Genesis: Designed for Relationships

Genesis 2:15-25



**We are designed to live in relationships,
including marriage.**

- **Made for Relationships**
- **Equal but Distinct**
- **Model for Marriage**

Made for Relationships

- Even though Adam is in Paradise, God says it's not good for him to be alone
- Adam being alone is a problem because He's made in the image of a relational God
- This means all of us need good friendships

Equal but Distinct

- Men and women are equal due to shared humanity, so everyone has equal worth, value, and dignity
- Despite our equality, God calls men and women to different roles
- Within marriage, the man is called to be the leader
- Equal but distinct parallels the relationships in the Trinity

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Model for Marriage

- According to Jesus, the marriage in this passage is the ideal all other marriages are meant to follow
- The ideal: one man and one woman for life

Model for Marriage

- 3 Verbs:
 1. “Leave” - a reorientation of relational priorities
 2. “Hold fast to” - a commitment to face whatever the future may hold together
 3. “Become one flesh” - functioning as a team and a unit
- The result when this goes right: Nothing to hide from one another or be ashamed of

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