



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

Created to Complete

Genesis 2:18-24 (AMP)

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Topic: Mandate, Helper Completer, Roles, Marriage is a Picture of Christ & the Church, Men needed, women cherished, Men nature focused, women people focused, sexuality, sexual fulfilment, working together, wear the crown, sacrifice, submission; single, married or divorced our Covenant is first with Jesus, flirt, 1 Peter 3:1-5, gentle and quiet spirit very precious, honor, respect, intimacy, leave and cleave, both play the Jesus role, why bosses are attracted to assistants.

Description: God created woman to help and complete the mandate God gave Adam and that leads to intimacy and sexual oneness. Explaining why men are nature focused and women people focused, and that men need to be needed and women need to feel cherished. We are both created equal in value, but with different roles; men as Jesus sacrificial leader & women as Jesus sacrificial submission.

Valentine's Day is this Sunday - it can be the funnest of times or the loneliest of times, but no matter what, remember God is our Valentine and we are His!

- I love Zeph. 3:17, such a wonderful reminder of God's love for us and ours for Him!

“The Lord your God is in your midst,
A Warrior who saves.
He will rejoice over you with joy;
He will be quiet in His love [making no mention of your past sins],
He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.” (AMP)

*Father God, fill each lady here with an overwhelming joy at the thought of how much You love her. If she ever feels unloved or unwanted, fill her spiritual ears with Your beautiful love song and sooth her heart with Your comforting words. In Jesus' Name, Amen.And as **Phyllis** comes up to share a Testimony Nugget with us from her life would you please help each one of us receive your great love that you are ministering to us?!*

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From then book, *Men are From Mars, and Women are From Venus*, it says, “Men are motivated by being needed and women are motivated by feeling cherished.”

-This is a statement that resonates within our soul.

Genesis 2:18-24 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“Now the Lord God said, “It is not good (beneficial) for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper [one who balances him—a counterpart who is]^[a]suitable *and* complementary for him.”¹⁹ So the Lord God formed out of the ground every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.²⁰ And the man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for Adam there was not found a helper [that was] suitable (a companion) for him.²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.²² And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man He made (fashioned, formed) into a woman, and He brought her *and* presented her to the man.

²³ Then Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

-Ladies, we are created to complete God’s good design for our lives. If we will co-operate with Him and let Him teach us, we will grow and find fulfillment, it may not be the way we once thought, but in flowing with the Lord we will find it to be even better.

Let’s have a conversation about the bigger picture of what these verses are talking about.

This is more than just about a man and a woman becoming one flesh to fulfill some work in a garden. It is much much bigger than that!

- Who remembers from the last time we met, what the difference was in Adam and Eve from before the Fall to After it?
- Their way of seeing!

Heb. 11:3 NIV “By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”

-Everything seen is created out of that which is not seen. So which is more real???

-God takes us by the hand and walks us from the seen to the unseen; He starts with our physical domain and uses it as a doorway to the more real world of the Spirit realm. The earth and the fullness thereof is filled with so many metaphors to help us understand God’s bigger picture that is rooted in the Spirit realm.

Jesus is the Chief Cornerstone, the Shepherd of the Flock, the Great High Priest. In understanding something about masonry, shepherding and the role of a high priest we learn the great importance of Jesus comparing himself to these.

-God is the one who started making boundaries. Only with boundaries can we have order. Can you imagine music without the composition of notes or pauses, art or football without boundaries?! It would be chaos, and God brings beauty, order and fruitfulness out of chaos, with boundaries & limits.

-God made the boundary of making Adam first and Eve out of Adam.

-In being one who fills the **role** of helping and completing what often men start, we need to understand that these are only **roles** that we take on, they have nothing to do with worth or value!!!

-**Jesus submitted** himself to God, and also to earthly rulers such as Pilate, Herod and Caesar.

- You see, man was made from the earth and with a **focus on the earth**.

-This is why men tend to be more **nature** focused, and women tend to be more **people** focused.

- Eve was made from Adam and for him, so women tend to have a special interest not only in her domain, but also very perceptive and **interested in her counterpart**.

-Ladies, as Eve, we are made through a **two-step process**, more refined and delicate, much like the difference between a clay pot used for outdoor purposes and a delicate vase used indoors.

-Men tend to be more **risk** takers, and women desire more **security**.

-Helper = help-**her**/ God helps her to help him.

Completer = complete-**her** / God completes her so she can help complete him and the mandate.

-For us to help and complete our husbands/men, we must first see God's design & align.

-Completer...He Comes to complete her

-Then she can be the helper & completer to her husband & the mandate God gave her husband or authority.

-We've lost the focus of the Mandate! We are trying to complete our husbands in body, when if we go back to the original design, God made Woman to help Adam complete the work of ruling over the earth and all that's in it.

-Today we have the idea that being one is solely in **body**, and the sexual connection is how we complete our husbands.

-A very important part, but that's not the **order** God designed!

-There's something very bonding about **working together** toward a common goal. So many couples lose intimacy by going in different directions with their work.

-If you have different jobs consider aligning the direction of your focus. What job has the Lord put in your husband's heart?

-For Denny and I, before we got married we decided he would work to provide and I'd been home with the children. We both worked toward a common goal of raising the kids, just taking on different roles.

-Which is more important?

Discussion: In you D Group time tonight you will read 1 Samuel 30, and discuss God's thoughts on that.

- Even with me being a part of SHiNE, this is an extension of **Denny's heart** to convey God's wonderful design for marriage and family.

Last night I wanted to run part of my talk past Denny before sharing it with y'all tonight, to be sure I was on track, and he was so cute, he just gave me that deer in the headlight stare and said I'm really tired. Not the response I was expecting at all! But then this morning he sent me this text.

* Good morning, sorry I was so out of it last night, you were feeling very vulnerable and I didn't offer much back. Think women need encouraged by what you shared, keep it in. Love you!

-First man is given a **job** from God, then he works at it until he realizes he doesn't have a counterpart to complete the job given him. He can cultivate and rule the earth, but he can't be fruitful and reproduce his own image bearers. Feeling inadequate to complete the job given him by God, he is ready to trust God in sacrificially laying his life down to gain a helper suitable for him.

-Until a man gets to this point, he's not ready to marry! He has to come to a place of **realizing** his need, so he can humble himself, and be willing to sacrifice his body for another. Otherwise his wife may spend a lifetime trying to get his attention.

*Now don't get me wrong, most men like a little **flirt**, so married ladies turn up the flirt meter for your husbands, give them something to chase. Just watch a football game, they chase that ball from one end of the field to the other! I don't understand it, but men love the chase! It's not a game of playing hard to get, rather creating a desire to pursue.

-Last time we talked about picking our **crowns** up out of the ash heap and wearing it as the redeemed ladies Jesus died to make us.

-Part of being redeemed and ruling in the area of our marriage is to cultivate that inner beauty Peter speaks of. And honestly, the older I get the more I appreciate that inner beauty... it doesn't fade and lose its "shape" like outer beauty! God graciously gave us the ability to minister beauty to our man with an inner disposition that meets an inner need he has that's even more necessary than the physical sexual desire.

-Actually there is a deeper sexual hunger a man has for oneness of soul. We don't tend to think of men that way, but they find oneness through sexual intimacy, where we as women tend to find oneness through talking, feeling secure and cherished, then we express it through physical intimacy.

1 Peter 3:1-5 AMP "In the same way, you wives, be ^asubmissive to your own husbands [subordinate, not as inferior, but out of respect for the responsibilities entrusted to husbands and their accountability to God, and so partnering with them] so that even if some do not obey the word [of God], they may be won over [to Christ] without discussion by the *godly* lives of their wives, ²when they see your modest and respectful behavior [together with your devotion and appreciation—love your husband, encourage him, and enjoy him as a blessing from God]. ³Your adornment must not be *merely* external—with interweaving *and* elaborate knotting of the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or [being superficially preoccupied with] dressing in *expensive* clothes; ⁴but let it be [the inner beauty of] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality *and* unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, [one that is calm and self-controlled, not overanxious, but serene and spiritually mature] which is very precious in the sight of God. ⁵For in this way in former times the holy women, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands *and* adapting themselves to them; ⁶just as Sarah obeyed Abraham [following him and having regard for him as head of their house], calling him ^blord.

And you have become her daughters if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear [that is, being respectful toward your husband but not giving in to intimidation, nor allowing yourself to be led into sin, nor to be harmed]."

Single ladies, remember, **whether single or married we all are the Bride of Christ**, His counterpart. Understanding the roles of Christ and the Church gives us a picture to plug our lives into, helps us to understand why marriage is so important.

Marriage is one of the greatest evangelical tools we have today!

It is the only thing God used to illustrate Christ and the Church; in a big way we need to understand it, and honor it, whether single or married!

Eph. 5:23 NLT ²³ For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

Eph. 5:32 NLT “As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.”^[C] ³² This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.”

Married ladies

Speaking **words of honor and acting in respectful ways** is sometimes more sexy to our husbands than a new lingerie thriller. Now to pair them together... that just might be to the moon and back for some husband's.

Married ladies, maybe this Valentine's Day weekend **wear the crown**, and that's all.

That's the part I read to Denny and all he could respond with was a happy “dear” in the headlights look.

(Don't read, for reference)-Gen. 2:21-24 AMP “So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam; and while he slept, He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. ²² And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man He made (fashioned, formed) into a woman, and He brought her *and* presented her to the man. ²³ Then Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”

So when Adam woke up and saw his counterpart for the first time, do you think he said, “WO – Men, this one is mine!”

-Gen. 2:24 AMP “For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”

-Verse 24 has been misunderstood by some, to mean they leave their parents all together. If that was what this verse meant, then it would be instructing Adam and Eve to cut off all relations with God and the earth (since it was Adam's figurative mother)! No, God is instituting marriage and its fruit, the family unit, as the most important institution on earth! Marriage is a for-picture of Christ and the Church, husbands demonstrating Christ's sacrificial, servant – loving leadership through laying his life down for his wife, and the Church's sacrificial servant submission to her husband.

You see they **both play the Jesus role!** Leading and submitting are both powerful roles Jesus fulfilled and modeled for us to follow. All men are to submit to authority over them and all women are to lead in some ways! This is the beauty and mystery of the “dance” we do together. Why is it so beautiful, it’s hard to articulate, but it resonates deep within our being that it is true.

First God Created Man and gives him the mandate, then in

Gen. 1:28 AMP “And God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God saw Adam and Eve as one when he created them; He spoke the truth of what was to come. And in Gen. 2 we see Adam had to get to the place he realized he needed help, to fulfill the mandate God gave him. As he studied and named the animals he realized there was no suitable companion for him. He has fellowship with God and with the animals, but no human companionship. God is the one who first says this is not good, as much as God loves Adam; He wants him to bond with one from him and for him, and experience what God does.

Gen. 1 & 2 complement each other. Gen. 2 is an amplification of Gen. 1, like a supplement. If you were to look at a map of Colorado, that would be a big picture of the state, then to look at a map in the corner of the page of Colorado Springs would be an amplification of a place in Colorado. This is what Gen. 2 is to Gen. 1, a closer look at the creation of man and woman.

Gen. 2:15 NLT says, “God creates Adam outside the Garden, then places him in it.”

-God leads in ruling by setting the example of naming the sky, the earth, the day and the night. This is part of ruling over the domain He created, and God wants Adam to experience this too, so he gives him the animals to name. An expression of loving authority is naming.

God named Adam and Adam named woman Eve. Doubly named as God named man, Adam.

Ladies, taking your husband’s name is part of becoming one with him, his loving leadership and delight in taking you as his bride to be one with him in work, spirit and body.

-He desires a companion to share his domain with, so be interested in what he is interested in, listen to what God is speaking to him about and share in the work of accomplishing it. If you are praying for your husband or authority, God will give you wisdom to help complete the tasks at hand.

-Out of working together to fulfill the mandate to rule, subdue and cultivate will come intimacy between the two of you and fruitfulness will be a result. This propagates God's call to fill the earth.

-Gen. 2:22 says God brought the woman to the man. The context of brought would be the same as a bringing a gift to a king.

-In v. 23 "Then Adam said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."

-In Hebrew this is full of excited expressions exclaiming one for him, made in his image and likeness. Not only does he appreciate her form, but he now has companionship in fulfill what God has called him to do! Men are created to fully appreciate and enjoy their wives, and women are created to fully enjoy the process of being desired, loved, protected and provided for.

-It is a beautiful scene, there is no sin in the world and they are both innocent to any flaws, they are making history with the first romance. Both created by God and awakening in His hand, for the Lord first and, then for one another. It is the same for Christ and the Church and for you, whether married or single.

-This commonality is very important to remember in the midst of our very real differences! Because of our many common attributes we are able to fellowship with a level of intimacy that we can't have with other creatures.

We are both from God, with the mandate to rule, be fruitful and multiply. We both have minds, wills and personalities that make us alike. We are both under God and the angels.

-As biblical Christians we are to uphold these truths, the commonness of our beings and our differences from the start.

-Man was made from the earth and brought to the Garden to work there.

-Woman was made from the man, brought to the man and began her work there by his side.

-Man was given the Garden Mandate all by himself.

-I still remember how stunned I was the first time I heard Barbara Mouser explain why so many bosses are attracted to their secretaries! This is not to make us paranoid, but gives credence to the beautiful design for man and woman working together that goes back to The Garden of Eden.

Barbara Mouser says, “This fellowship of soul leads to oneness of the body. God intended for man and woman to have physical union based on their mental, spiritual, and emotional intimacy. The two should become one flesh. They should be married and they should be sexually one. To illustrate this point, consider why so many bosses commit adultery with their secretaries. The first answer is because they are sinners. The secretaries and bosses are sinning and doing what is wrong. In one sense that is the end of the matter. But, the reason this pattern repeats so often is because of the created foundation of sexuality. Men are oriented to be sexually united with the women who help them. They are also oriented to become more personally intimate with the women who are their partners in work. If you work together well, you build trust. This builds intimacy. This builds sexual attraction. Many people, over time, become sexually attracted to people they were never attracted to originally, because this progression takes place. When there is partnership in work, trust and intimacy of soul is built, often followed by a powerful attraction for physical union.”

“If you are married, be interested in and committed to helping your husband in his work. Know that a great deal of your soulish intimacy will come from his sensing that you want to be his helper. Your sexual attraction will be increased only as you set up this pattern. If a man is going to employ a woman other than his wife to help him, he should be very careful about picking this woman. Great care should be taken to keep all professional fences in place so that partnership in work does not lead to sexual attraction in the wrong relationship.” (p. 79, 5 Aspects of Woman, 2020 Edition)

To close, listen to this beautiful quote from the 5 Aspects Study, “While man is leader and head, woman is the completion and crown. She is the last creation of God, the one who brought the Creator Himself to rest and satisfaction. Her creation transformed the not good of man’s loneliness into the very good culmination of the world.”

As you reflect on what God is speaking to you, listen to this song in light of God’s love for you and the bigger picture of Christ and the Church, for this is the pattern that makes all marriages strong, intimate and fruitful.