

Rest in God's Goodness part 2

SCRIPTURE: *Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper ^[e]suitable for him."¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the ^[b]sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name.²⁰ The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the ^[c]sky, and to every beast of the field, but for ^[a]Adam there was not found a helper ^[e]suitable for him.²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.²² The LORD God ^[f]fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; ^[g]She shall be called ^[h]Woman, Because ^[i]she was taken out of ^[j]Man."²⁴ For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. Genesis 2:18-24*

RELATIONSHIPS

- It was God who saw that man was alone. It was God who filled man's need even before he even knew it.
- God created Adam from dust, but Eve he took from one of Adam's ribs. This marks how close the relationship of a man and woman is. He hand chosen Eve for Adam and delivered her to him.
- This is a testament to God's goodness and a reminder for us – God chooses our partner, our mate and He will personally deliver that person to us. Our role is to prepare ourselves and to have faith.
- This also shows us how important relationships are to God. He intended a man and a woman to be together permanently.
- It is important for us to remain inside God's design and intentions

God established several other relationships for our own good.

1. GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENS

- Romans 13:1
- There is no authority that exists that has not been established by God. This is why we are commanded to pay our taxes and follow the rules of the land.

2. HUSBANDS AND WIVES

- ***Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*** ¹⁹ ***Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them. Colossians 3:18-19***
- Both husband and wife have roles and responsibilities to each other designed and established by God.

3. PARENTS AND CHILDREN

- ²⁰ ***Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing ^[j]to the Lord.*** ²¹ ***Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart. Colossians 3:20-21***
- As children, we are commanded to obey and honor our parents because this is God's design for us.
- Parents though are also commanded not to discourage and embitter our children. We are to teach them and train them up in the ways of the Lord.

4. EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEES

- Colossians 3:22; Ephesians 6:9
- God gave us the ability to work and the ability to earn riches but He also placed above us our earthly masters, our bosses, whose authority we have to follow. We have to do our work as if we are doing it for the Lord because ultimately God is our boss.

treat them in the same way God treats us because we will be accountable to Him.

5. CHURCH LEADERS AND MEMBERS

- Hebrews 13:17
- We are taught to obey our spiritual leaders not because of themselves but because of the authority given to them by God.
- We all should be of one mind and one heart so that we can all work together as we fulfill God’s commandment to go and make disciples.

6. BELIEVER TO BELIEVER

- Hebrews 10:24-25
- We are reminded to keep the Sabbath, to dedicate this day to the Lord.
- We have a responsibility to each other to be an encouragement to each other.

7. BELIEVER TO NON-BELIEVER





- 1 Peter 2:12
- This is our responsibility as Christians, to live out our faith so that those who are not yet believers will see the goodness of God. We are supposed to reflect Jesus Christ.

But this is most important relationship is: (Genesis 1)

We were made in God’s image, male and female, we were created in His likeness. This means we are not just physical beings but spiritual beings as well. But this **Relationship Broken**. (Genesis 3) This relationship was severed when Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s command. The devil wants us to doubt God, he to deceive us to believe that God is selfish. They focused on the one tree, we focus on the one thing forgetting that there is more around us that have been given to us to use freely. Freely – because out of God’s goodness and love He gave us free will to make a choice. Free will was given to us because God wanted to establish relationship with us. . . but then they chose to disobey. Just one act of disobedience was enough to sever the relationship from a good God. **Relationship Restored**. (John 1:12-13) But God took the initiative to restore the relationship. This was done at the expense of Jesus Christ, who left heaven and took the form of a human being to carry our sins to the cross. But in order to fully restore this relationship we have to believe and accept that Jesus Christ is THE only way, that He alone is Savior, and only His sacrifice is sufficient to pay for our sins so that we can come to God as renewed and reborn. The relationship can be restored IF we believe in Jesus Christ and receive Him as a PERSONAL Lord and Savior.

APPLICATION:

Patiently listen as God reveals where you can apply the passage’s lesson in your life. Write down specific action points to what He has revealed to you.

	<p>Personal: What are the important relationships in your life? How do you value, respond and prioritize these relationships? Do you obey all the commandments that God has given to us in regards to relationships?</p>
	<p>Family: How can you, as parents, exasperate your children? Intentionally train up your children in God’s way? How do you as children honor and obey your parents? What is the condition of your heart as you obey and honor them? How do you as a family reflect the love of God?</p>
	<p>Discipleship: Have you shared God’s love with anyone lately? Is God’s love prompting you to open yourself to a discipleship relationship?</p>
	<p>Church/ Ministry: Is God prompting you to work in His ministry? How can you best reflect God’s grace and love in your community?</p>

PRAYERS:

Lift all the things that you learned back to God. Share your thoughts to Him. If He is impressing a sin in your life, confess it to Him. He is always ready to forgive.