

"God made all the creatures and birds of the earth, and had Adam name them, but there was not a suitable companion for Adam among them.

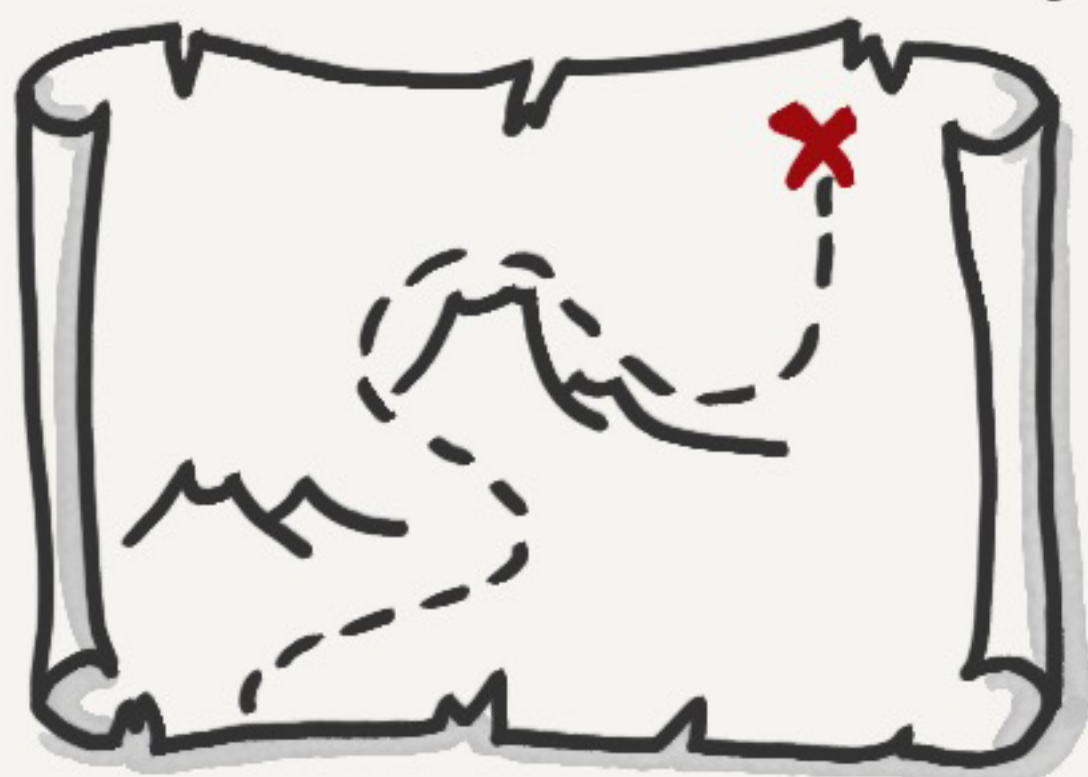
Then God said, 'It's not good for man to be alone. I will make for him a helper - a companion fit for him.'

So He put Adam into a deep sleep, and used one of his ribs to make a new person - a woman of the same substance - and presented her to him...

Therefore, a man leaves his parents, embraces his wife, and they become as one."



Dating can often feel like trying to navigate uncharted territory.



Dating is a process - not a status.

The Bible doesn't have "dating" as a relationship category.

"There are no verses for that category because God does not acknowledge that as a category.

So if you are dating, your operative verses are 1 Timothy 5.

Then the question becomes... 'How far is too far with your mom? Where is the line with your sister?'"

- Single, Dating, Engaged, Married by Ben Stuart

How do you know if they're the one?

Commitment

Your relationship can survive an argument.

Communication

You grow in understanding of each other.

Confession

You can confess and work through past sins.

Community

You both see the value of Biblical community.

Healthy Dating

- 1 Start with Prayer**
Ask God to bring truth and wisdom into the dating process.
- 2 Lead with Clarity**
Be clear in your intentions. Give honest feedback.
- 3 Learn to Comprehend Your Identity**
You are first sons and daughters of the Most High.
- 4 Value Purity**
Sex is meant for consumation - not evaluation.
It complicates and distracts from the purpose of dating.
- 5 Be Respectful**
Honor each other, and your families.
- 6 Wait Patiently**
Learn more about each other in a community setting.