

Family 101: Doing Family God's Way!

"A Match Made in Heaven"

Pastor Jason Dennett's Notes

NKJV - *"And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.*

And 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."

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- The LORD stated it **wasn't good** for Adam to be solitary, alone, separated, isolated.

In the book "Into the Wild", made into a movie in 2007, it records two years of Chris McCandless' journey to the wilderness of Alaska to find ultimate happiness. Chris was certain that time alone in the Alaskan wild, living off the land, being completely alone, was his ticket to fulfillment. After arriving there and spending 100 days in absolute solitude he read these words in a book: "an unshared happiness is not happiness." Chris wrote in the margin next to these words, "HAPPINESS ONLY REAL WHEN SHARED."

- **"It was very good"** is echoed throughout the entire chapter - Gen 1
- We were all made for **RELATIONSHIP - with God and man!**

10 Commandments - 4 are "vertical"; 6 are "horizontal"

The 2 "Great" commandments - 1. Love GOD 2. Love man

CEO and chairman of Google Eric Schmidt, in a commencement address at the University of Pennsylvania, said, "Turn off your computer. You're actually going to have to turn off your phone and discover all that is human around us." He continued, "Nothing beats holding the hand of your grandchild as he walks his first steps."

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• **Relationship has ALWAYS eternally existed within the TRINITY:**

Gen 1:1 - "In the beginning, God ("Elohim") created the Heavens and the Earth."

John 1:1 - "In the beginning was the Word ("Logos"), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Isa 48:16 - "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me."

Gen 1:26,27 - "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness...So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

In the 2013 movie Her, Theodore falls in love with "Samantha", his name for the female voice behind a new operating system with artificial intelligence. Over time, he begins to lose the real relationships in his life as he falls for his virtual love interest. In the end, Samantha evolves to a higher level and another, less sophisticated operating system replaces her. In the end, Theodore snaps back into reality and encounters his loneliness again.

• **Adam needed a companion, a helper, a compliment.**

"Helper" = Heb. "עֵזֶר" or "ezer" meaning who aids, helps, assists.

Psalm 115:9 - "O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield."

Psalm 121:1-2 - "I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

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comparable to him.

- Adam saw that there was no suitable companion or helper for him. He was *incomplete, alone, without, lacking.*
- **Mikel McLaughlin has an impressive 560 friends on Facebook.**
While looking over that list, McLaughlin realized that he did not actually know most of those people, so he set out to change that. The Minnesota native messaged several friends and asked them if they wanted to meet. Then, he rented a car and took off on a trip that has taken him as far as California.

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• **The LORD created this union, by a series of DIVINE ACTIONS:**

The Lord **tranquilized** Adam. (Adam was put to Sleep!!)

The Lord **created** Eve. (Adam didn't have to!!)

The Lord **brought** her to him. (Adam was unable to!!)

• **"..bone of my bone.."**

- Adam wasn't **all** there!! (Eve was the missing part!)
- Adam was **VERY** different from Eve! (Blue & Pink??)
- "Leave & **Cleave**" principle.

• **3 Levels of HUMAN ATTRACTION:**

1 Thess 5:23 - "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

PLANTS have a "body" but no soul or spirit.

ANIMALS have a body and soul, but no spirit.

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods, admiring all that naturalism and evolution had created. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!", he said to himself. As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind. As he turned to look, he saw a 7-foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear

was closing in on him. He tried to run even faster, so scared that tears were coming to his eyes. He looked over his shoulder again and the bear was even closer. His heart was pumping frantically as he tried to run even faster, but he tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up and saw the bear right on top of him raising his paw to kill him. At that instant he cried out "Oh my God!" Just then, time stopped. The bear froze, the forest was silent, the river even stopped moving. A bright light shone upon the man, and a voice came out of the sky saying, "**You deny my existence all these years, teach others I don't exist and even credit my creation to a cosmic accident and now do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?**" The atheist, ever so proud, looked into the light and said "**It would be hypocritical for me to ask to become a Christian after all these years, but still...could you make this bear a Christian?**" "**Very well,**" said the voice. The light went out, the river ran, the sounds of the forest continued and the bear put his paw down. The bear then brought both paws together, bowed his head and said, "**Lord I thank you for this food that I am about to receive.**"

HUMANS alone have a body, soul, and a spirit.

- **There are 3 different Greek words for LIFE: "bios"; "psuche"; "zoe"**

Physical Attraction?? - This is the area of the body and appearance.

Emotional Attraction?? - This is the area of personality and the soul.

Spiritual Attraction?? - This is in the area of spiritual maturity and goals.

Some settle for **2/3** or even **1/3**...this takes lots of work!!

- **This isn't YOUR case? Then follow Jesus' example:**

Rev 21:9 - "Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you **the Bride, the Lamb's wife.**"

Rev 2,3 - Jesus continued to work with, work on, and work thru the Church, despite Her many problems.