




## What Is Man – Lesson Five: The Power Couple

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 **Text:** Genesis 2:15–25

**Series Theme:** Rediscovering Mankind's Identity, Function, and Glory in God

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### Opening Thought

Marriage is not a man-made institution. It is a **God-made covenant**, designed to reflect His image and extend His Kingdom on the earth. From the beginning, God's purpose for man and woman was not simply companionship—it was the creation of a **power couple** operating in divine alignment to manifest His glory.

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## I. Series Context

We are exploring God's original intent for mankind — male, female, husband, wife, family, and community.

- **Redeem** = to be brought back.
  - **Reconcile** = to be brought back to the *exact* point of origin.
  - The redemptive work of Christ restores humanity to God's design, but we walk into that redemption through the renewing of our mind (Romans 12:2).
  - Our fight is not primarily with the kingdom of darkness but with our own flesh. The enemy exploits ignorance and carnality to derail God's plan.
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## II. Main Text – Genesis 2:15–25



## Verses 15–17

### “Tend and keep”:

- **Tend** (Hebrew: abad) = work, serve, labor with purpose; also “to worship” (submission).
- Cultivate what God entrusts.
- **Keep** (Hebrew: shamar) = guard, watch over, preserve, protect, maintain order. A priestly word used for keeping God’s commandments and guarding holy things.
- Adam’s role: protect the atmosphere of Eden, maintain spiritual boundaries, defend God’s order.

## Verses 18–20

God declares: “It is not good for man to be alone.”

- Not a statement of incompleteness, but of *function*.
- One form of humanity could not fulfill the entire mandate (fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue, have dominion).
- “Helper” (Hebrew: ezer) — not inferior, but a strong ally. Often used for God Himself (Psalm 33:20; Deut. 33:26).
  - Breakdown: one who sees and engages on behalf of the head.
  - Submission = coming under God’s mission, not subjugation.

## Verses 21–25

Woman (Hebrew: ishah) brought to man (ish):

- Face-to-face counterpart — equal in value, different in function.
  - Joined together = “one flesh” — distinct expressions of God’s image now operating in covenant unity.
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### III. Word Studies

#### Male – Zakar (זָכָר)

- Root = remember, be marked, make known.
- **Letters:**
  - **Zayin** = sword/weapon — warrior, protector, initiator.
  - **Kaf** = open hand — covering, capacity to bless.
  - **Reish** = head — leadership, vision, governance.
- **Meaning:** Mindful protector, strong covering who remembers and leads.

#### Female – Nekeva (נִקְבָּה)

- **Letters:**
  - **Nun** = life, seed.
  - **Kaf** = sacred/hidden realm.
  - **Bet** = house, dwelling.
  - **Hey** = revelation, divine breath.
- **Meaning:** One who receives seed, nurtures life in hidden space, builds it within, releases it with divine breath.
- Root: to pierce, designate, name — opener of space for purpose, power to define and call forth.

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### IV. Secular vs. Kingdom Definition of Power Couple

**Secular:** Two strong, influential individuals whose combined presence amplifies impact.

#### Characteristics:

1. Mutual empowerment.
2. Shared vision.
3. Individual strength + collective influence.
4. Relational stability.
5. Impact beyond themselves.



**Kingdom:** The union of man and woman in covenant alignment with God's mission, merging individual callings to fully express His image on earth.

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## V. Why the Enemy Attacks Marriage

1. **Destroys God's image** — Marriage reflects Christ & the Church.
  2. **Collapses society** — Marriage is the foundation of family/government.
  3. **Stops legacy** — Breaks generational covenant transfer.
  4. **Removes covering** — Isolates individuals from spiritual protection.
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## VI. Functional Glory

“Crowned with glory and honor” (Psalm 8:5):

- **Glory (Kavod)** = weight, substance, manifested presence.
  - **Crowned (Atar)** = encircled, wrapped for purpose — functional, not ornamental.
  - Husband and wife are to be *operational*, not just present.
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## VII. Covenant Partnership

- Equal in value, distinct in function.
  - Side-by-side mission, not hierarchy of worth.
  - Two aligned yet distinct expressions of God's image working as one.
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## VIII. Final Charge

The redeemed marriage is God's **first power couple design**:



- Warrior + noble woman.
- Mindful protector + prophetic life-bearer.
- Two operating as one to manifest God's glory, extend His Kingdom, and secure generational legacy.

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## **KEY TAKEAWAY – Kingdom Power Couple Definition**

A Kingdom power couple is a man and a woman joined by God in covenant, functioning in divine alignment and mutual submission to His will, where their individual strengths and callings merge to express the fullness of God's image on earth. Together, they multiply fruit, advance the Kingdom, manifest dominion, serve as living demonstrations of covenant love, operate in spiritual authority, and establish generational legacy.