



God's design for companionship

Gen. 2:18-25



"If family religion were duly attended to and properly discharged, I think the preaching of the Word would not be the common instrument of conversion."

Richard Baxter



18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."



God's design for companionship

- God's craving NOT a lack or need
- Man's craving 'not good to be alone'
- God's saving God's care and relationship



"I believe the family was established long before the church, and my duty is to my family first. I am not to neglect my family."

Dwight L. Moody



19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the 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 sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.



God's design for friendship

- 'suitable'
- Hebrew "neged"
- A creation as an equal companion
- Not 'man's best friend' companion!



Choose your friends wisely and Biblically!



"Woman was taken out of man; not out of his head to top him, nor out of his feet to be trampled underfoot; but out of his side to be equal to him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved." Matthew Henry



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 fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.



God's design for marriage

- 'helper'
- 'suitable'
- Companion
- Leader among equals



23 The man 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 be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.





25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.



God's design for family

- Ish Ishshah
- Created from Adam not from mud!
- One flesh
- One family
- More family populate the earth!



"Let no Christian parents fall into the delusion that Sunday School is intended to ease them of their personal duties. The first and most natural condition of things is for Christian parents to train up their own children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord!" C.H. Spurgeon



God's design for relationship

- Primary Relationship
- Permanent Relationship
- Private Relationship
- Personal Relationship







"Train up a child in the way he should go – but be sure you go that way yourself." Charles Spurgeon



Eph 5:21 be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.



God's design for salvation

- Love is:
 - unilateral
 - unconditional
 - sacrificial
- Two souls complete in each other
- Two hearts woven together as one
- Two lives that live for the other





"Better one's house be too little one day than too big all the year after." Thomas Fuller





Having somewhere to go is HOME Having someone to love is FAMILY Having both is a BLESSING





