

With: Parenting (Part 37)

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Text: Genesis 1:26, 2:18, 4:1-2; Matthew 1:18-23

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

Genesis 2:18

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

It's not good to be alone... so, here's a family.

Genesis 4:1-2

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

Parenting Cain and Abel... good luck!

Matthew 1: 18-23

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Parenting (with) Jesus... We are not alone.

Food for Thought for the week of January 16, 2022

(Questions and Scriptures for further study and discussion.)

1. What stood out to you this week? Did you hear the Lord pointing something out just for you?
2. Was there anything confusing or troubling? Did you find yourself inclined to push back on anything?
3. Did anything make you think differently about God or others?
4. How might this change the way you live? Was there a specific takeaway or application that the Lord spoke to you?