

## Family Discipleship Resource

September 8-14  
(Genesis 2:18-25)



### **G** – Gather for Prayer

Father,

*Thank you for the gifts that you give us and the capacity that we have for relationships. Help me to follow in your ways in the way I relate to others.*

*In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **R** – Read the Text (Genesis 2:18-25)

*<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> 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.'*

*<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."*

### **O** – Observe what God has said

***What crisis does God solve in this passage? How does he solve it?***

***How does this passage define marriage? Why is this important?***

### **W** – Work on Application

In this passage, the first ever crisis is answered in the most brilliant way. Adam's need for a companion and helper to aide in achieving his God-given calling is met with the most uniquely made creature yet—woman! In so doing, God creates a community in which mankind is able to thrive and an institution by which mankind is able to procreate and subdue the earth! In addition to all of the principles concerning marriage and unity that this passage obviously endorses, something even more fundamental is being communicated here. When God comes through, He does so in abundant ways! Here, amid man's loneliness, He gives mankind a helpmate and establishes an entire program for others to follow in which the human race can enjoy the very same kind of relationship that Adam and Eve shared here. This passage also serves to highlight mankind's need for relationship. Whether God allows you to seek

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relationship in the context of marriage or in a community of believers, recognize that it is not good for men or women to be alone. They are designed to relate to one another and, together, relate to God.

***How important are relationships in the context of the human race?***

***In what ways are you pursuing meaningful relationships (and/or marriage) in an edifying and responsible way?***

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Family Weekly Memory Verse: *“For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.”-Genesis 2:24*