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

19Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

*23The man said,
"This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called 'woman,'
for she was taken out of man."*

24That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

25Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.
(Genesis 2:18-25)

1. The pattern of marriage, as outlined in Genesis chapter 2, is widely rejected today. Why?
2. Discuss how a man and a woman are intended to complement each other in marriage?
3. Discuss the role of a helper in terms of submission, dignity, and equality before God.
4. How is marriage covenantal? Discuss the concept of a covenant.
5. How is the design of the biblical marriage Christ-focused?
6. Why is marriage important? To you? To God?
7. Why is it important to remain faithful in your marriage? What is the difference between a covenant and a commitment?
8. Discuss the statement that earthly marriage is not the final, ultimate reality, but that it is pointing to something greater.
9. **Husbands:** How are you providing godly leadership in your home? How are you taking initiative to take care of the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of your family? How are your wives enabling you to do so?
Wives: How are you encouraging, enabling and helping your husbands to provide godly leadership in your homes and take care of the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of your family?
10. Compare earthly marriage to a wedding day with the Christ