


Genesis



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What Genesis tells us about God and life.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26,27

Chapter 2 Verse 18-The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” ¹⁹ Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. 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.

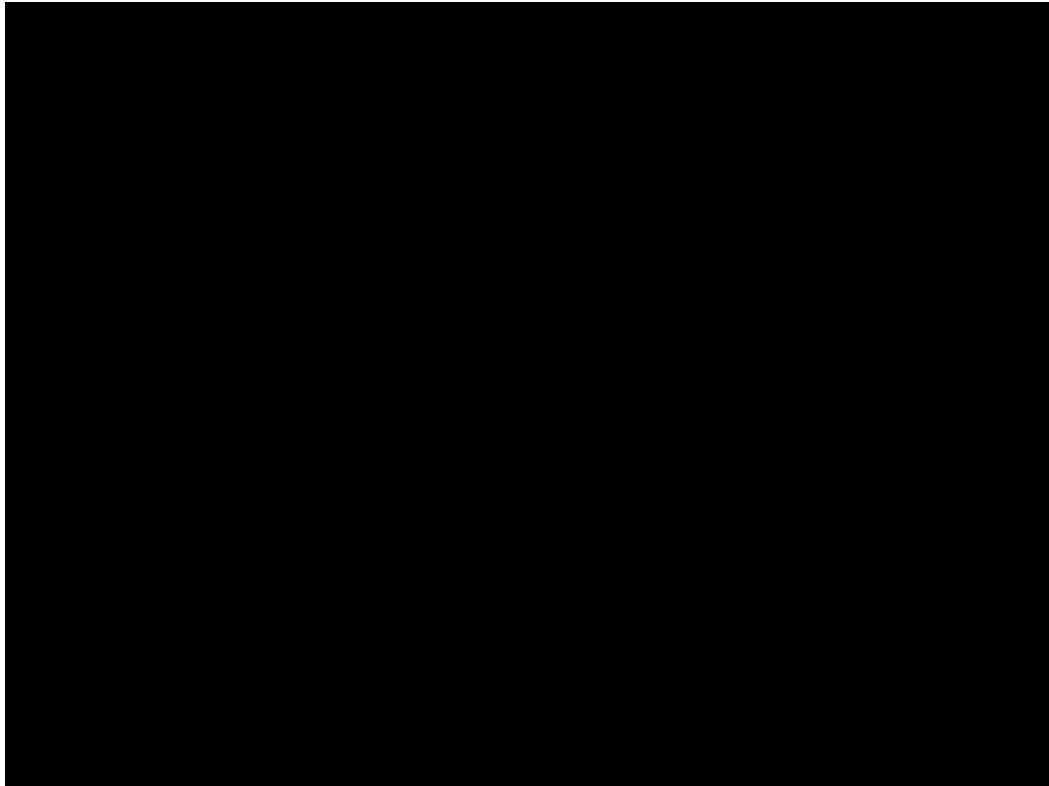
So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh.

²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. vs. 20-22

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I. Why we need relationships.

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Genesis 2:18

II. What kind of relationships do we need?

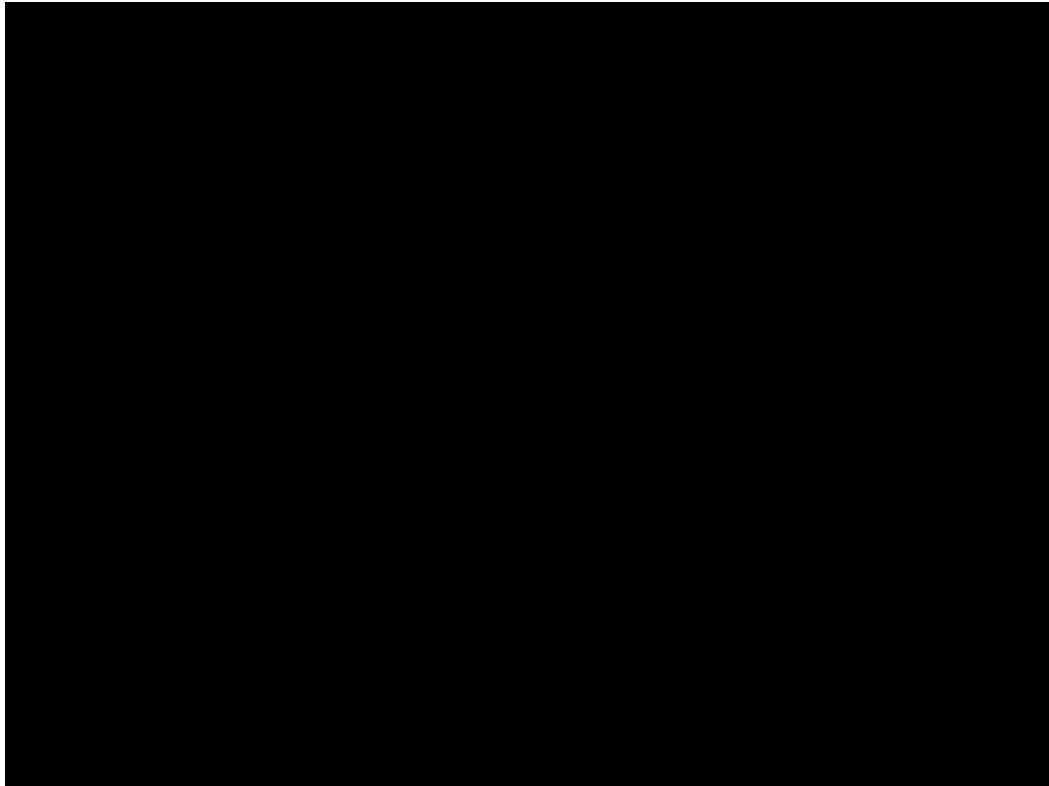
1. *We're built to experience a deep, personal relationship with God.*

“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.” 3 “Through
him all things were made; without
him nothing was made that has
been made. John 1:1-3

18 No one has ever seen God, but
God the One and Only, who is at
the Father's side, has made him
known." John 1:18

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, ...John 1:14

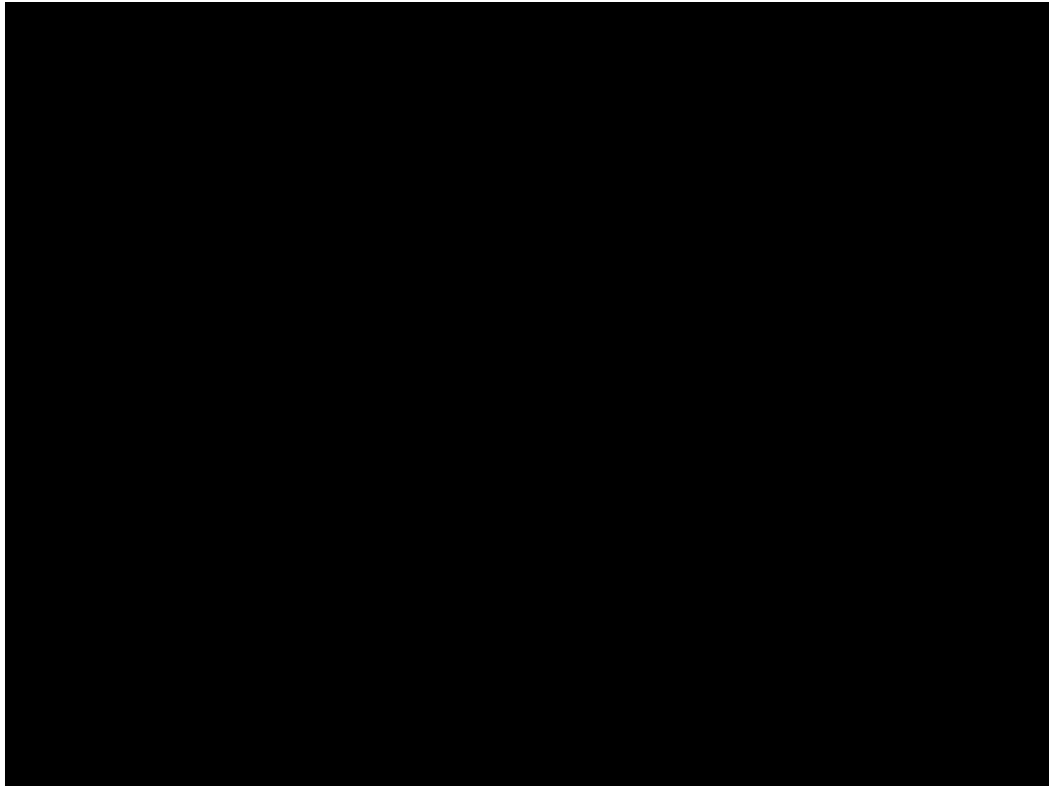
I was there when he set the heavens in place, when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep
28 when he established the clouds above and fixed securely the fountains of the deep, 29 when he gave the sea its boundary so the waters would not overstep his command, and when he marked out the foundations of the earth. 30 Then I was constantly at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, 31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind. Proverbs 8:27-31



***2. You're also made for deep
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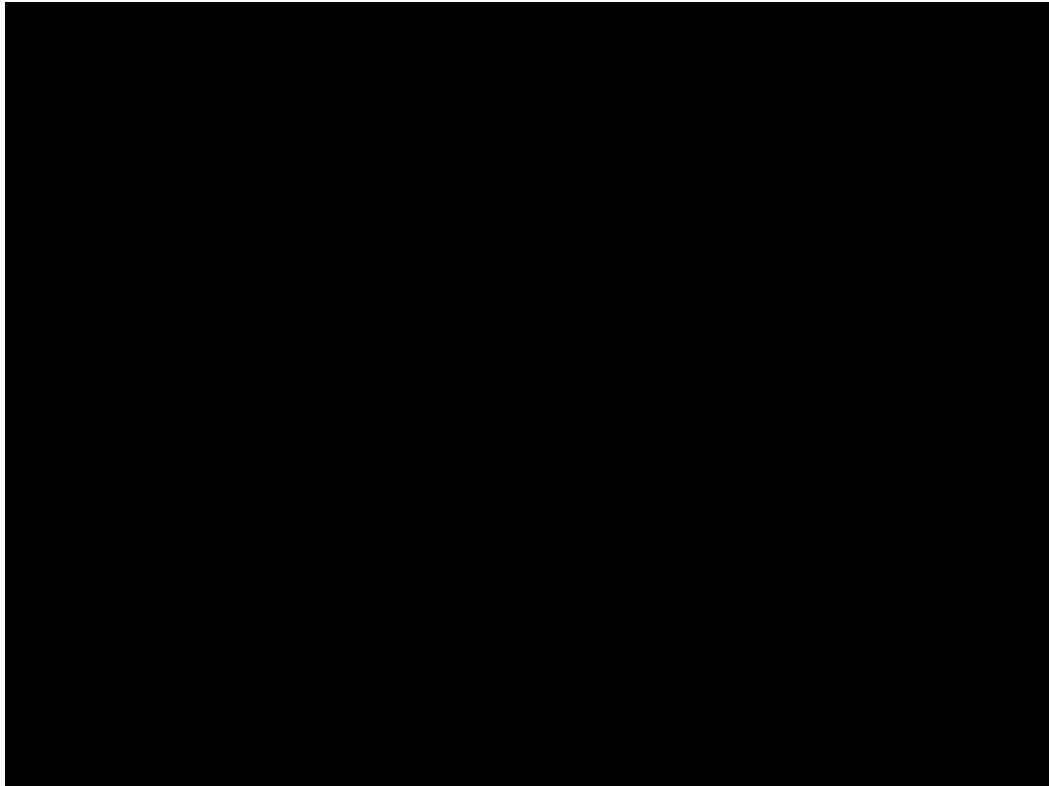
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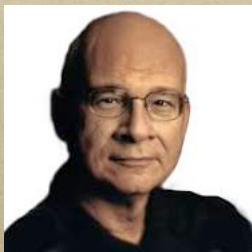
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Hebrews 3:13,

“But exhort one another daily ...
lest any of you be hardened
through the deceitfulness of sin.”

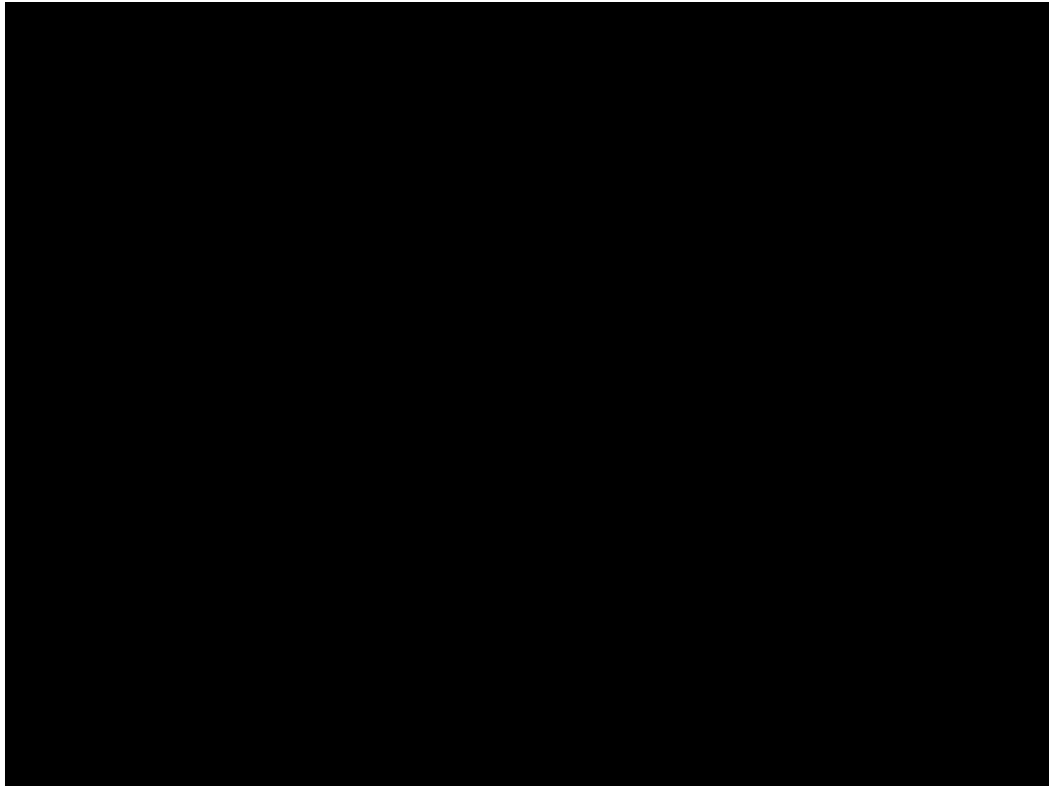




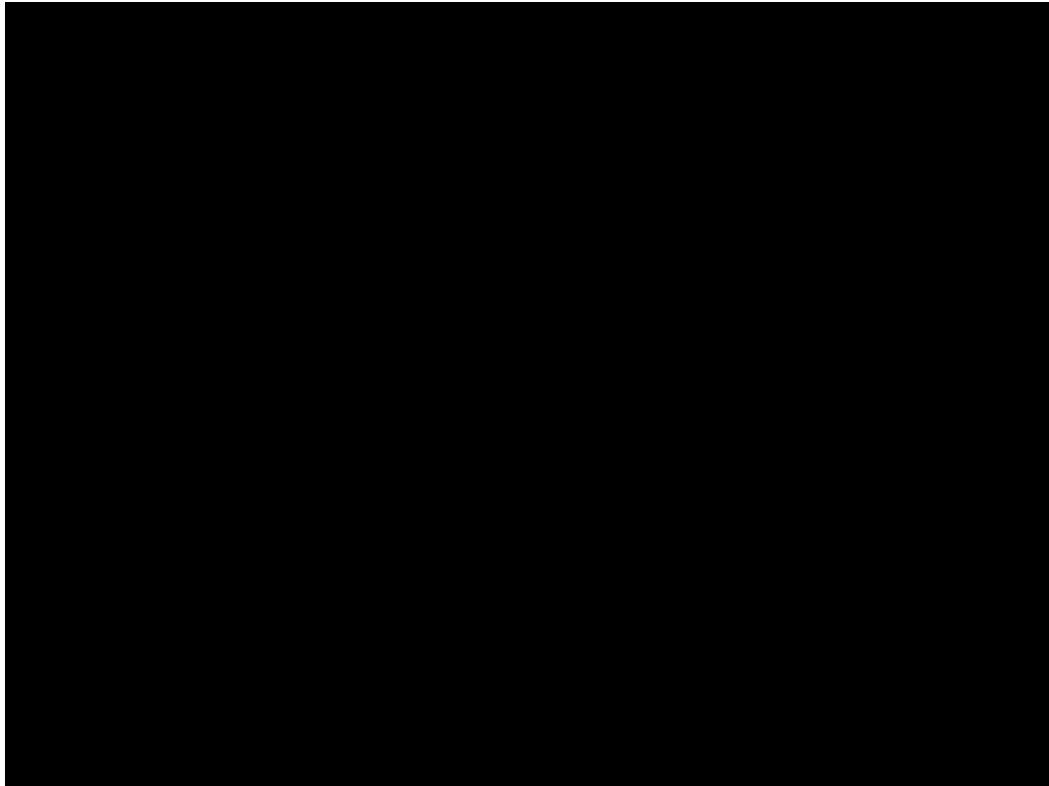
The Christian experience of community requires us to say on some level *“This is not my private life; my life is your business; I am accountable to you; therefore I am talking to you.”*

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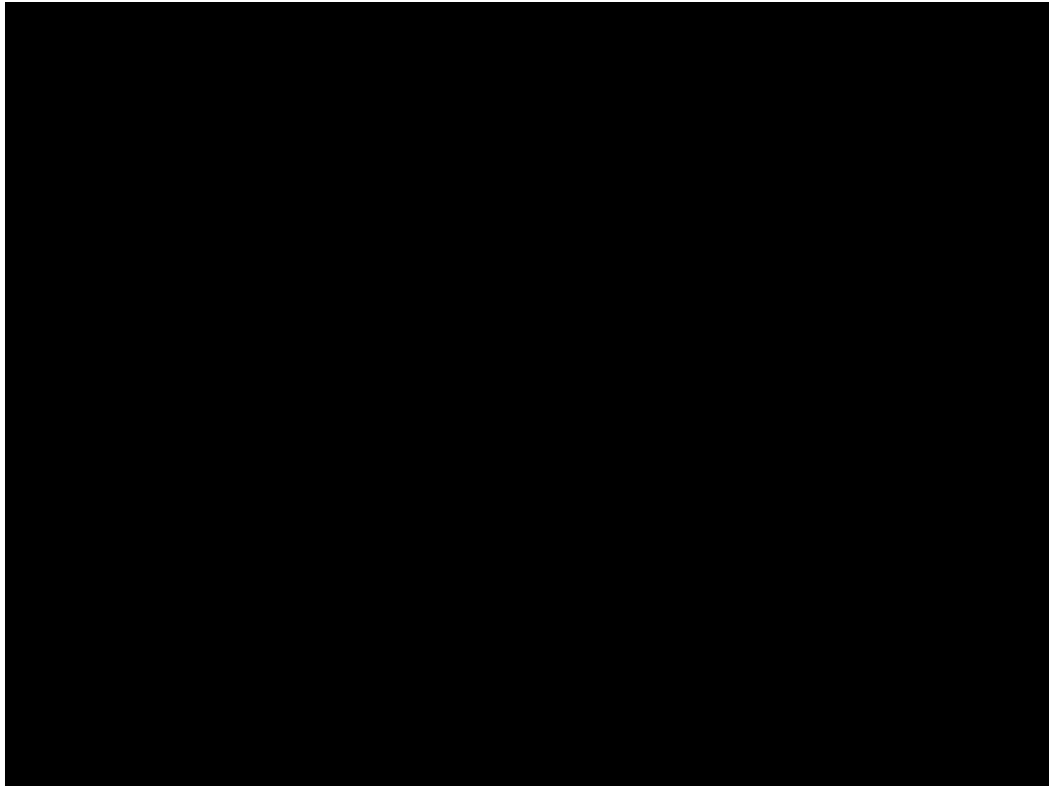
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**3. *You need relationships
with people that are
different from you.***



I wish that all of you could live as I do, *unmarried*. ...8 To those who are unmarried or widowed, here's my advice: it is a good thing to stay *single* as I do.



**III. The key to
getting
relationships.**

they were naked and unashamed
Chapter 2 vs. 25

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ... 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make (God) out to be a liar and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8,10

