

III. The Key to Getting The Relationships

The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:25

They were transparent. They weren't in control of what the other person saw. They didn't need to hide. They weren't afraid of exposure. They didn't need to control what the other person knew.

Why? Because they were unashamed.

Deep down in our hearts we know there's something wrong with us.

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

Sierra Community Church February 1st, 2015- Dan Wilvers



What Genesis tells us about God and life.

How Personal Relationships Fulfill God's Design For Us

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.

²⁰ 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.

²³ The 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."

²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. ²⁵ The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The Three Relational Keys We Learn From This Passage

I. Why we need relationships.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, 1:26

The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. 2:18

Another way to understand this is:

- *Personal relationships are what we were built for.*
- *Personal relationship, therefore, is the meaning of life.*

II. What kind of relationships do we need?

There are **three kinds** of relationships we need that we can draw from this passage.

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

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

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

What is the picture of creation? It is a communal event.

2. *You’re also made for deep unity with other human beings.*

“The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone.’ ”

Genesis 2:18

What are the implications of that?

Paradise wasn’t paradise without mutual human love.

- You can’t build a Godly life without placing personal relationships as a high priority.
- You can’t know this God or grow into the image of God without community.

Hebrews 3:13, “But exhort one another daily ... lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

There are three premises in that verse.

1. Have some people in your life who see who you really are
2. Authorized these people to tell you what’s wrong with you.
3. Outside of that type of community, you don’t know who you are.

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.*”

Author/Pastor Tim Keller

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

- God doesn’t bring Adam somebody just like him.