

This Is Us: Commitment to Relationship

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Every human being wants to be known, seen, and heard and to have purpose.

Genesis 2:15-25

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.

Genesis 2:16-17

¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

God has given us a generous mission of creating, stewarding, developing and refining abundant life here on Earth.

God has given us a generous gift of deciding for us what is good from evil.

1 Kings 3:9-10

⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.

God loves it when we decide that whatever He thinks is good, we think is good as well.

Genesis 2:18-23

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

God has given us a generous gift of needing relationship.

Genesis 2:19-23

¹⁹ Now 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. ²⁰ So 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. 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 then 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."

God has given us a generous gift of relationship that is meant to compliment.

Genesis 2:25

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

God gave us a generous gift of vulnerability, relationship & innocence.

Genesis Partnership Recap:

Mission of creating, stewarding and abundant life

God has decided for us what is good/evil

God has made us for relationship

God gives away authority to man over creation

God has given us relationship that is meant to compliment

God gave us a generous gift of vulnerability, relationship and innocence

Genesis 3:6-13

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:7

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

When we sin we must live with the consequences of evil & realize vulnerability apart from God is never good.

Genesis 3:8

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

A byproduct of brokenness in mankind is living in a perpetual state of fear.

Genesis 3:11-12

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

A byproduct of brokenness in mankind is destruction of relationship with God and others.

Genesis 3:13

¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:21

²¹ The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

God comes to redeem and restore relationship with himself and with others.

Genesis Tragedy Recap:

Man decides it will define for itself what is good/evil.

Man realizes vulnerability apart from God and loses innocence.

Man doesn't respond with vulnerable obedience, but instead a perpetual state of fear.

Man destroys relationship with God and others.

Bible Recap:

God is generous in relationship with his kids and creation.

Man brings destruction to relationship and creation.

God comes to redeem & restore relationship and creation.

God invites us to help redeem and restore relationship and creation.