Made For Relationships

The Book of Genesis - Part 3 Gen. 2:7; 2:18-25

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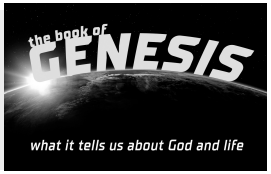

1. The opening chapters of the Bible are a celebration of God's created order, and marriage is a central part of it!

In the opening week of the Genesis series, Corbett pointed out that Genesis one is about God bringing order to the world. He orders; fish for the sea, birds for the sky, plants for the ground. Each of first five days creation is capped with the phrase, "God saw that it was good". On the sixth and final day with the creation of humans, there is a sense of completion and the concluding words change to, "God saw that it was ***very*** good" (Gen. 1:31). We learn in chapter two that the first humans are, Adam and his ***wife*** (Genesis 2:25)

2. In Genesis 2 marriage is established as an integral part of God's order for the world.

The Bible is consistent from Genesis on that God intended marriage to be a unique relationship between one man and one woman. For example, all other forms of relationships that involve any kind of physical intimacy are condemned or the consequences make it clear that it is a violation of God's relational order. (Gen. 16; 1 Kings 11:1-13; Rom. 1:26-27) The Bible has ample opportunity to modify these teachings, but rather than soften them it consistently reinforces them.

Because marriage is established as a unique relationship, using ***covenant commitment*** language rather than a relationship based on personal fulfillment, it's often used to signify God's commitment to his people

Although marriage is ***esteemed*** in the Bible, it is not ***essential***. Jesus was not married, Paul was not married! In 1 Cor. 7:32-34 Paul extols the unique opportunity that singles have to give their undivided attention to ministry that married people simply do not have.

3. From the beginning it's clear that we were made for relationships! Experiencing all that life was made to be requires a rich relationship with God and others.

Adam had a great job, a great place to live and and the opportunity to walk and talk with God in the garden of Eden! Despite all this, God said something was missing... A human companion to share life with. We were not created to go it alone! Eve was created as an indispensable partner.

Even though sin has corrupted our relationships, God insists that we need a family (1 Cor. 12). In His spirit driven family we all have a part to play. We can't flourish without it.

Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?

2. From your observations, what qualities make marriages/ relationship thrive? What contributes to sabotaging marriages/ relationships?

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