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Genesis 1:27

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

- God is a triune being that operates in the realm of the spirit as the Godhead.
- Like God, man is a triune being, a spirit with a soul that lives in a body in order to be complete and effective in the earth realm.

Genesis 2:18-24

18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Genesis 2:18-24

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

- From the very beginning of time God set forth his intention that man should develop through active participation and interaction with others.
- God puts value on partnerships, the expansion of one's capacity, by partnering with others.
- Adam never asked God for a partner but God prescribes a partner for the benefit of having the capacity to procreate and therefore expand and increase.
- That means partnerships are purposeful for the requirement of serving God's purpose or a greater purpose than the one alone.

- There is no purpose for God to create Eve for Adam for the purpose of pulling him down, taking from him, or depleting him in any way.
- Likewise, Eve was not partnering with Adam in order to have him to enslave or abuse her for his own selfish reasoning.
- God said that he made for him an help meet, not a hindrance to the purpose for which God placed him in the Garden.
- In community we must always partner with purpose or those for a purpose.

- Purpose moves us from selfish agendas to something that requires us to grow through challenges and opposition.
- Strong communities are strong because they compliment each other and draw from the source of power.
- In kingdom community, we draw our strength from Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.
- Jesus shows us the purpose of community. He shows us partnership in the kingdom. He shows us protocol of community.
- Jesus partners with disciples. He sends them out as partners to expose the gospel. They establish the early church through partnership.

- This model of three speaks to three dimensions of a relationship. In this model there are different focuses of strength, some are physically strong, some are mentally strong, and others are spiritually strong. They all partner to complement each other, not compete.
- The spirit of competition is destructive to any community. It is the unhealthy desire to promote your strengths over others due to insecurities in your own life.
- When you know your strengths, you operate in them. When you operate in them, there is no reason to compete.

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- When you know your weaknesses, you embrace others who complement you in the area of your blind spots.
 - Many communities are weakened by the immaturity and insecurity of those within who see themselves in competition with others to whom they should be partnering.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?

12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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- The Bible discourages those who would seek to do anything alone. While we may find ourselves alone in certain stages of our life, it is not God's will for us to try to function in isolation and segregation from others.
 - Even demons understand the need to have partners and cooperation in order to be effective in moving for a greater good.

Judges 6:14-16

14 And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.

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- Our enemies are not stronger than our God. Our God dwells within the midst of his people.
 - God is in the midst of those who will set themselves in agreement with each other and work together, that our enemies shall be defeated.
 - There is no enemy we face that we cannot defeat when we hook up and partner with purpose and a plan.