

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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- 'why won't we read the manual?'

### **PURPOSE of marriage**

- to help us serve God
  - o help with the task
  - o equal but different
- to help us know God
  - o love story

### **ESSENTIALS of marriage**

- leave
  - o human model
  - o divine reality
- hold fast
  - o human model
  - o divine reality
- become one flesh
  - o human model
  - o divine reality

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### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Anything you want to talk about from what you've heard? Which of the three essentials of marriage do you find most challenging or encouraging?