

Connecting with God: The Relational Heart

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Genesis 1:26a, 27-28a, 31

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it..." 29-30... 31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning — the sixth day.

Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-24

7 the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8-17... 18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." 19-20... 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.

The Relational Heart...

1. CONNECTS WITH GOD THROUGH PEOPLE

Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

2 Timothy 1:2-6

2 To Timothy, my dear son:... 3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. 6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

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2. CAN BE SUFFOCATED BY SOLITUDE

Genesis 2:18

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

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3. IS NOT AN EXCUSE TO NEGLECT PRAYER OR READING GOD'S WORD

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

The Relational Heart...

4. CAN BE VULNERABLE TO:

- a) Placing people above God
- b) Blaming God if people hurt us