

Together on Purpose

- ✓ Marriage is a divine **partnership** created by God to fulfill His purposes on the earth.

Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; 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. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

Genesis 2:7,15 (NIV) Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

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

- ✓ **Identity** comes before intimacy.

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:20-22 (NIV) 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.

Genesis 2:23-25 (NIV) 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 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

The Four Reasons God Created Marriage:

1. **Companionship** – God created marriage to cure isolation by giving us a covenant companion to do life with, not just someone to live next to.
2. **Partnership** - Marriage is God's design for two people to partner together in purpose, sharing responsibility, calling, and mission.
3. **Sexuality** – God created marriage as the covenant space where love, desire, and intimacy are fully enjoyed without fear or shame.
4. **Family** – Marriage is the foundation God uses to form families, shape faith, and establish generational legacy.