

## WALK THE TALK //////////////////////////////////////

This page is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just “to know” but to “act upon what we know.” (His Word, Our Walk!) We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your group.

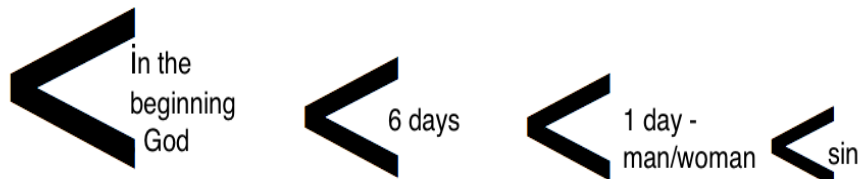


### FOR DISCUSSION:

1. How would you tell the story of chapter 2 in your own words? What part of the story is your favorite?
2. How is man unique from other creatures? How is he like his partner?
3. What do you learn about relationship and marriage from this chapter of Scripture?
4. What is the importance of names in this chapter and how would you apply that?

### Chiasm

1. Man created
2. Woman created
3. Serpent conversation
4. SIN
3. Serpent punished
2. Woman punished
1. Man punished



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### KEY THOUGHTS FOR THIS SERIES:

1. God is the SUBJECT of Genesis 1-11 even though He is often forgotten as we talk about the FOUR incredible events of this section of Scripture.
  2. These four events are given as NARRATIVE, and according to other portions of the Bible, they happened just as they are TOLD. We need to determine HOW to respond.

### THE STORY OF DAY 6

*Gen. 2:4 This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.*

1. In this section we will see God as a POTTER, a GARDENER, and a BUILDER.
2. *Gen. 2:4 This is the account . . .* — “These are the GENERATIONS” . . . (תולדות toledot) — Gen 2:4; 6:9; 10:1; 11:10, 27; 25:12, 19; 36:1, 9; 37:2.
  3. A new NAME for God is introduced, (יהוה Yehovah) JHWH, Jahweh. This is COVENANTAL.
4. The phrase “heavens and the earth” is REVERSED to “earth and the heavens,” possibly indicating a new PERSPECTIVE.

## 1. MAN'S PRODUCTION

*Gen. 2:5 Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, 6 but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. 7 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.*

- a. “No shrub or plant” PROBABLY refers to domesticated plants.
  - b. No rain had APPEARED and would not until the FLOOD account. (Eden is a word that indicates an abundance of water.)
  - c. “Formed a man” — shows God’s intentional ACT of carefully shaping man (אָדָם 'adam) from the GROUND (אֲדָמָה 'adamah).
  - d. “Breathed into his nostrils” — this is the image of giving man LIFE that is UNLIKE any other life.
  - e. “Became a living being” — the Hebrew word נֶפֶשׁ nephesh is usually translated “SOUL.” There is a UNIQUENESS here.
- Gen. 1:26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, . . .*

## 2. MAN'S PLACE

*Gen. 2:8 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. 9 The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. 11 The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 (The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) 13 The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.*

- a. “A garden in the East,” — all DIRECTIONS are from Israel and we have a very CLEAR description of the location; between four rivers. (Eden is the whole AREA.)
- b. Trees — God placed lots of WONDERFUL trees in this garden, but there were two special trees: LIFE and “UNLIFE.”

## 3. MAN'S PERMISSION

*Gen. 2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

- a. The FOCUS of this section is that man was FREE to eat from ANY of the MANY trees, except one. *What is freedom?*

- b. The PENALTY for eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is CLEARLY defined. There is nothing HIDDEN.

## 4. MAN'S PURPOSE

*Gen. 2:15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*

- a. Man’s work must have been quite PLEASANT. He probably only HARVESTED the fruit or grain. (Work is man’s greatest PURPOSE and JOY!)

*Gen. 2:18 The LORD God said, “It is **not good** for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”*

- b. This is the first “NOT GOOD,” in Genesis, and it deals with relationship and PARTNERSHIP.

*Gen. 2:19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. . . .*

- c. Part of man’s work was to NAME the creatures BEFORE the creation of his partner for several reasons . . .

## 5. MAN'S PARTNER

*Gen 2:20 . . . 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. 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 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.*

- a. Naming the animals made it CLEAR to Adam that EVERY creature had a partner but him. He needed a “SUITABLE (נֹגֵף, neged) helper” which means “EQUAL” (to stand opposite).
- b. God did “SURGERY” and the woman was created from Adam’s SIDE.
- c. God “brought her to the man,” like a BRIDE at her wedding.
- d. Adam’s poetry were the only WORDS recorded that were spoken by him BEFORE the fall. He called her אִשָּׁה ‘ishshah and called himself אִישׁ ‘iysh. And they were naked, and because of their INNOCENCE they felt no shame.