

Beloved Couple's Guide – Session 2: Entering the Story of Marriage

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’ So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, 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. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. 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; and the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 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.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.”

—Genesis 2:18-25

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God,

*We love you and are grateful that we can come before you,
knowing that you accept us as your children whom you love.*

*Take ownership of us, guide us, prompt us, teach us,
and instruct us, dear God, in the way we should go.*

May your great plan for our lives be fulfilled so that we may be closer to you.

Amen.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. In Genesis 1:26 we read: “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...’”
What does it mean to be created in the image and likeness of “us”?
2. When God creates Eve from Adam’s side, he declares it “very good.” Why is the creation of Eve “very good”?
3. The Bible’s love story hits a major snag when Adam and Eve choose sin over love. How does this impact their marriage?

4. How does this love story have a happy ending?

5. According to the video, how does the love between a husband and wife image the inner life of God?

GO DEEPER QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think God gave the command to not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

2. Why do you think Satan was successful in tempting Adam and Eve into disobedience?

3. A priest was asked if he is tempted to think less of people when they confess their sins. His response was: "I actually think more of them!" Why does Father think more of people when they confess their sins in the Sacrament of Penance?

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty God,

We thank you, O God, for the love you have implanted in our hearts.

*May it always inspire us to be kind in our words, considerate of feeling,
and concerned for each other's needs and wishes.*

Help us to be understanding and forgiving of human weaknesses and failings.

Increase our faith and trust in you,

and may your prudence guide our life and love.

Bless our relationship, O God, with peace and happiness,

and make our love fruitful for your glory and our joy both here and in eternity.

Amen.