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# The Whole Counsel of God - Genesis 2

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## Introduction & Overview of the Section

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### Introduction

Tonight we continue to look at the foundational chapters of the book of Genesis and really the foundational chapters of the entire Bible.

### Genesis 1-2

#### #1 – God Forms – Genesis 1:1-13

The first thing God does is form the places His creation will be and live. In the first three days of creation He forms the universe, and on planet earth, He forms our atmosphere, the seas and the dry land.

#### #2 – God Fills – Genesis 1:14-31

Once God has formed the places for His creation, He takes the next three days to fill those spheres with stars and planets in the universe, fish and birds in the sky and seas, and finally man and animals to inhabit the earth.

#### #3 – God Blesses – Genesis Chapter 2

Once God forms places for His creation to be, and then fills them, in chapter 2 we see specifically with Adam, God blesses His creation with rest, a home, and a helpmate.

### Key Issues or Words

“rest” (2:2) “to cease from” – God didn’t rest because He needed a breather. He choose to stop doing one thing in order to focus on another, as our rest should be.

“sanctified” (2:3) “to set apart for a purpose” – God set apart the Sabbath Rest to serve a purpose in the life of mankind. The purpose was to be a blessing!

### By the way.....

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**Genesis 2:1-3** – Most scholars believe the first 3 verses of chapter 2 really belong in chapter one as a description of what God did on Day 7, just like the rest of chapter one had described what God did on Days 1-6. The phrase, “This is the history of...” found in Gen 2:4, is a phrase Moses uses again and again to introduce a new subject. (Gen. 5, 10, 12) We will want to give Robert Stephanus (who originally divided the Bible into chapters) a break however, because church tradition said he did it while riding on horseback. That guy probably would have texted while he drove too. ☺

**Genesis 2:4** – The name for God switches from Elohim to Yahweh-Elohim, which means “the Lord God” as the NKJV says. Yahweh-Elohim is the dominant name for God from here until the end of chapter 4. The reason for this change is that Yahweh is the personal covenant name of God who relates to and redeems His people. Significantly, the only place in chapters 2-4 Yahweh-Elohim is not used is when the serpent and Eve consciously avoid the personal name of God as she is lured toward sin.

## Homework 4 Next week – Genesis 3-5

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Read Genesis 3-5 – Think through why God gave Adam and Eve the opportunity to sin in the first place. Why even have a tree of the knowledge of good and evil?

### **Additional Notes** (unless you want to stay ‘til 10, we won’t get to this)

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**Genesis 2:5 – “No rain?”** – Genesis 2:5 lets us know the world Adam was brought into was much different than that world around us today. One major difference is at that time it did not rain upon the earth. The earth instead was watered by a “mist” or probably more literally “springs” that would come out of the ground and bring water for plants, animals and man. The implications of this could be a better understanding of why it was such an act of faith for Noah to build an ark. I wonder if when God told Noah He was going to flood the earth with rain, Noah thought, “What is that?” ☺

**Genesis 2:7 – “God formed man”** – The word “formed” there in Genesis 2:7 is a very interesting word to me. The same Hebrew word that is translated “formed” in Genesis 2:7 is also translated, “intent” in Genesis 6:5. What this shows us is that when God formed man there was a very intentional purpose that God had. The creation of mankind and not just Adam, but you and me and all of us for that matter was not an accident. God had an intentional plan for Adam, an intentional plan for Eve, and He has an intentional plan for you and me as well. Part of the wonder of Christianity is figuring that out, figuring out how to as Paul the apostle said, “lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.” Philippians 3:12

### **Going Deeper** (think it over yourself or discuss with the family)

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#### **Questions to ask the younger kids....**

#1 – What is your favorite part of God’s creation: the animals, the ocean, the mountains, Mom and Dad? Why don’t we take a moment and thank God for His wonderful creation?

#### **Questions for the rest of us...**

#2 – The world was a wonderful place before sin. What can this teach you about the result of choices you make? Does it make life better or worse? Think about decisions and choices you have before you right now and apply this lesson to those.

#### **Further study....**

Why do you think God rested on the seventh day? How can you apply that to your life? Can you find Bible verses to back up what you believe about your approach to the Sabbath?

### **Questions & Clarifications** (from last week)

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There was a great question brought up after service last week. “If God didn’t create the seas until Day 3, what water was the Spirit of God hovering over in Genesis 1:2.” Well, most scholars believe that when God created the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1), He created all the fundamental elements that would make up His creation, i.e. – space, matter, planet earth and water thereupon. The problem was these elements were without order until Gen 1:2, when the Spirit of God began to hover and do what He does, bring order out of chaos. In other words, water was created in verse one, hovered over in verse 2 and then organized and made into “seas” in verse 10 on Day 3 of creation.

## Genesis 2

### “He Forms, He Fills, He Blesses – part two”

#### Introduction

- Tonight we are going to continue our study in the foundational book of the Old Testament and really all of the Bible
  - Remember the content is not hard to remember, because the title says it all

#### The word Genesis means “beginnings”

- And truly so many things in Scripture have their beginning in the book of Genesis
  - The universe
  - Life in general
  - Man, marriage
  - Sin and evil
  - Language, government, nations
  - Specifically we will see the nation of Israel
- In fact understanding that this book means and is about beginnings, really is a good way to divide up our look at this book as you can see in your book intro sheet

#### Outline for the Book of Genesis

##### Chapters 1-11 – The Beginning of all nations

- Chapters 1-2 – The Creation
- Chapter 3 - 5 – The Fall
- Chapter 6-9 – The Flood
- Chapters 10-11 – The Tables of Nations

##### Chapters 12-50 – The Beginning of the Jewish nation

- Chapters 12-23 – Abraham
- Chapters 24-27 – Isaac
- Chapters 28-36 – Jacob
- Chapters 37-50 – Joseph

**Now outline that is there on your study guide and we began to unpack last week...**

#### Outline for Genesis 1-2

- #1 - God Forms – Genesis 1:1-13
- #2 – God Fills – Genesis 1:14-31
- #3 – God Blesses – Genesis 2:1-25

**Last week we looked at chapter one as God formed spheres of activity and then God filled what He had formed**

- Day One – He forms the Universe
- Day Two – He forms the sky and the seas
- Day Three – He forms the earth
- Day Four – Fills the Universe with stars, planets and moons
- Day Five – He fills the sky with birds and the sea with an abundance of life
- Day Six – He fills the dry land with all types of animals and mankind
  - So the first part of creation He is forming
  - The second part of creation He is filling

○ And then here in chapter two we are going to see God blessing His creation  
**Chapter 2 is now going to zoom in on the pinnacle of God's creation – the creation of Man**

- chapter 2 is not a contradiction to chapter one – it is just giving us more detail on what happened on day six when God created man – a very normal Jewish way of teaching
  - they would describe an event and then give detail

**But chapter 2 not only introduces us to Adam and eventually Eve, but it also gives us a look at 3 Things God blessed Adam with for you note takers tonight**

- and I encourage you, it is important for us to study these things, not just as information of 3 things Adam received thousands of years ago, but because they are things, because they are things that God still blesses us with today

**God blessed Adam with...**

**#1 - Rest – Genesis 2:1-3**

- For Six days God creates and then the seventh He sets apart for rest
  - **The word “sanctified” there in verse 3 means to set apart for a purpose**

**You see there was a reason God rested and set apart the seventh day**

- and it wasn't because He was tired, or that He even really stopped working
  - Colossians says that through Him all things consist, and the word means to be held together
  - God is literally holding things together, so I am glad He did not take a day off

**So why did God take a day to rest?**

- why did He set it apart?
  - what was it set apart for?

**Well, Jesus tells us in Mark 2 something that plays into this, He says, “The Sabbath was made for man” – Mark 2:27**

- the context of Mark 2 is Jesus is arguing with the Pharisees over all the rules and regulations that went into the Jewish Sabbath

**The point our Lord is making is Man was not made so the Sabbath could exist**

- it was not made so that you could come up with all these regulations
  - But the Sabbath was made for Man
  - This day of rest every week, was instituted for the blessing of mankind

**Now as you know the Jewish people were given the Law by God at Mount Sinai**

- and in it they were told how they were to live as God's chosen people

**Part of that law included the law to keep and honor this Sabbath Day**

- God wanted to give His people from the very beginning, one day in seven to take it easy, to spend time with family and most importantly to focus on the Lord
  - The Jews were to rest one day in seven
  - They were also given 7 separate holidays throughout the year to focus on the Lord and to rest
  - And they were even supposed to take every seventh year off completely – though we are never told they actually did – come on guys – God gives you a year off, take it!!!

**God wanted this time for His people**

- now to the Jews it was a law

- and as you know as believers we are no longer under the law
- You are not earning favor with God by keeping a set of rules
- You are not under the bondage of taking a Sabbath

**But let me say to you, you would be wise to understand that the Sabbath was set apart for mankind as a blessing to him**

- We live in a culture that is so busy and when we hear the concept of a Sabbath from the Bible it brings up a few different reactions

**Some ignore it**

- we know it is in the Bible, we know it was something the Jewish people were required to do – but that is where it ends
  - we live in an age of grace, so just like I don't have to worry about boiling a goat in its mothers milk or all the other dietary laws – so I can just ignore the concept of a Sabbath
  - and we just work away, fill our schedules as full as we possibly can – we need to get ahead in our culture

**Some adore it**

- another response to the concept of a Sabbath is those groups of Christians who want to go back under the Sabbath.
  - The seventh day Adventist – who believe that it is morally wrong to have church on Sunday – the Jews worshipped on Saturday, so must we, their thinking goes
- Another group we see more and more of today is groups of Christians who want to go back to a form of Judaism
  - Usually starts with a fascination with the Jewish feasts and how they are a prophetic picture of Jesus' first coming and second coming – then they start keeping the feasts, then they want to start keeping the laws, and especially the law of the Sabbath
  - So once again worshipping God on Sunday is wrong in their view
- Now we have talked about this before – I refer you to our website, [calvaryvista.com](http://calvaryvista.com), you can click on the pastor Jason archives and look for the twenty questions series – we look at should we keep the Sabbath – so look there for more detail
  - But basically when I run into someone who adores the Sabbath, thinks we must keep it as a law because Saturday is so important – I remind them first of all we can't fall in love with a day, because we don't even know what day was originally Saturday anymore
  - The calendars have been changed so many times over the years – which day was original day seven in Jesus' times, or especially Moses' time or Adam's time is just ridiculous to try and figure out – we go into more documentation on that Sabbath study
- But even more important than that – the Bible makes it really clear that God is not hung up on what day you worship and rest, but just that you do

**“One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it.” - Romans 14:5-6**

## **You see to the Lord what is not important is the day we worship and rest, but that we worship and rest**

- to me if we are going to adore the Sabbath and have to come back under the law in order to please God, well that just isn't really a biblical idea at all
  - but at the same time to ignore the Sabbath and say – it does matter that I ever slow down and take a day to spend with family, to recharge the battery, to focus on God, because we are not under the law is to me equally missing the point

## **Remember the man wasn't made for the Sabbath, the Sabbath was made for man, or in other words – God asks His people to do it, because it will be a blessing for them**

- you see, the way I view God's law and you may agree with this, you may not, but here me out
  - you have in Exodus 20 – The Law of God – that is the title the Bible gives it – it's the big 10, the 10 commandments
  - then in Exodus 21 – most of Leviticus you have what the Bible calls the Law of Moses
- and here is how I see the difference
  - the Law of God – the 10 commandments were for all people at all times
  - that doesn't mean we are saved by keeping the law, the Jews weren't saved by keeping the law, its always been about righteousness by faith
  - but the 10 commandments are for all people at all times

## **Now the Law of Moses which talks about how the Jews were to eat, bathe, worship**

- I believe those set of laws were for those people at that time
  - And there is nothing wrong with those laws, I just think for the most part they were for the Jewish people

## **But the 10 commandments are meant to be a blessing to everyone at all times**

- it is a blessing for us to have no other gods before the Lord
- It is blessing to honor Mom and Dad
- It is a blessing not to kill
- Your spouse doesn't want you to just explore the idea of not committing adultery, they want you to keep that law, it is a blessing to your family
  - Again – keeping the 10 commandments doesn't save us, it has never saved anyone, but they are to be a blessing to us

## **As I John 5:3 says “This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome”**

- The New Testament says, His commandments don't save us, but they show us His love. They are not burdensome, they are to be a blessing
  - They will be a blessing
- And friends, obviously we know that is true about having no other gods before the Lord, about honoring mom and dad, about not murdering or committing adultery
  - But I think that also applies by keeping the Sabbath
- Again not to save us, not to make God love us more
  - But it will be a blessing to you – God is blessing Adam with rest, it will be a blessing to you to take one day in seven and not try to get ahead with work, but to recharge, focus on God and rest!

## **People say, well, I'm not tired!!!**

- do you think God was tired – oh this creation stuff has Me bushed – I need a day off
  - no

## **But I have so much to do, so many things to accomplish**

- do you think God was out of ideas and things to accomplish
  - you know He creates the platypus and says, okay, now this is just getting ridiculous, this half duck, beaver thing, I am out of ideas – I am going to rest

## **No – again it was to bless Adam, it was to bless man**

- God, I am going to honor that you know how I am designed, and what will be best for me
  - I am going to trust you, that just like with the tithe, I could certainly use 100 percent of my paycheck, but I am going to take 10 percent and trust you to provide
  - God, I could really use 7 work days in a week, 10 would be even better – but I am going to work for 6, and trust You know best and that You will bless
- This has been a huge lesson in my walk with God, and I certainly am not perfect, but I find when I ignore the Sabbath principal, instead of having more time and getting more things done – I just don't
  - My body breaks down, I get overwhelmed – but when I take one day in seven, doesn't matter which day – Sunday is never a Sabbath for me, but one day to rest and recharge, things just work better
  - Because God blessed Adam with a Sabbath and I think He wants to bless us as well.

## **God blessed Adam with...**

### **#1 - Rest – Genesis 2:1-3**

### **#2 - A Home – Genesis 2:4-17**

- God not only blesses Adam and us with rest
  - But He also gives to him a home, a place that was entrusted to Adam to care for and oversee

## **For Adam he was given the garden of Eden**

- even though we are given the names of the rivers in which it was located – we don't really know where the Garden of Eden was

## **The garden of Eden we are told was east – this is from the perspective of Moses writing from Egypt**

- it was probably located in **Mesopotamia, which means “the land of two rivers”** modern day Iraq, however much more lush then
  - the flood changed things quite a bit in the world
  - so we know it was in the middle East, – but it was a very different place back then – so it does no good to speculate as to exactly where

## **We do know however, God gave Eden to Adam as a blessing**

- it was a place of no-doubt wonderful beauty and blessings
  - The garden watered itself (verse 6) the word means mist or springs, but either way, the garden watered itself – good to be Adam
  - Fruit grew in Abundance – good to be Adam

- And as we will learn later, everyday God walked through the garden – good to be Adam

➤ It was a wonderful place

### **But it was a home that also came with a choice**

- in verse 16 we are told that God placed a tree in the midst of the garden
  - and He told Adam and eventually Eve, that they were not to eat of that tree
  - now we will deal with this in detail next week, as we see the fall of Adam and Eve, and there is much to learn about our sin, why we do it, consequences, - important study next week

### **But for now we need to understand this**

- With all the blessings came responsibility

### **With being the pinnacle of God's creation came a choice**

- God gave to you and me a free will, to either choose to follow Him, or choose to go in the opposite direction

### **Adam was given the wonderful place to oversee, to be responsible for**

- and he was also given the choice of whether or not he was going to obey and honor the One who had given him the choice

### **And of course this is true for you and me today**

- we have not only been given rest, but we have been given a home
  - and place of responsibility and leadership
  - Even if that is simply for your own life

### **We have been given so much, but with that blessing comes responsibility**

- We are either to honor the Lord in our lives and in our homes, or we are going to choose to do things our own way, with disastrous consequences

### **We have been blessed with so much, but we must honor our lives, our families by choosing to honor the Lord – more on that next week**

- God gives Adam rest, a home (with that a choice to honor the Lord in that home with that blessing and..

### **God blessed Adam with...**

**#1 - Rest – Genesis 2:1-3**

**#2 - A Home – Genesis 2:4-17**

**#3 - A Helpmate – Genesis 2:18-25**

### **It has been said that God first created man but then realized He could do better – so He created Eve**

- now you women are laughing so...
  - it has also been said that God created Adam before Eve, why, because God didn't want any advice on how to do it
  - I am an equal opportunity offender
  - In all seriousness...

### **God says of all that He created, "This is good"**

- But what I want us to consider tonight is that there was one thing about God's creation He did not consider good
  - Look again with me at verse 18

### **God looks at Adam, all alone in the Garden of Eden and He says, "This is not good"**

- The language of “not good” is strong, it indicates not only the absence of something good but a substantial deficiency
  - There was something terrible about Adam being alone!
- Now realize Adam was not alone
  - He has God who fellowshiped with Him everyday – that would be awesome
  - And he had all the animals to play with, chase around, ride on – all day long
- But God sees and realizes that this is not all Adam needs

### **God knew Adam needed some ‘comparable’ or made for him**

- Now we can learn something through this tonight whether you are single or married

### **A Word to the Singles**

#### **#1 – God knows your need, even before you do**

- We can be frustrated at times with life, because people don’t understand you
  - Your parents don’t seem to understand
  - I don’t seem to understand – your friends
- Hey, God understands – and He knows the very needs of your heart.
  - And what I love about this, is then God shows Adam his need!!!!
  - If you look at verse 19-20 you will notice

### **God tells Adam to name the animals**

- now this seems like a long and laborious job – but what God was doing was teaching Adam something very important

### **And so with Adam, he come to a place where he is saying, “That’s Mr. and Mrs. Monkey, Mr. and Mrs. Hippo, Mr. and Mrs. ...**

- Hey – what about my Mrs.

### **God makes him aware of his need.**

- And God does the same thing with you and me
  - When we are in elementary school girls if you were a guy, guys if you were a girl – they were gross, they had coodies – you didn’t want to be around them
  - Now I realize some of you were studs and had girlfriends in Kindergarten – but what I’m trying to get you to see is back then it wasn’t a need
- And then all of a sudden you grew up – the world looked different – you were nervous when a girl or a boy came around, not sickened to your stomach

### **And you would watch others walk hand in hand, and God made you aware of your need**

- And God made Adam aware of his
  - Now notice, very important what happens next...

### **A Word to the Singles**

#### **#1 – God knows your need, even before you do**

#### **#2 – Adam goes to sleep**

- when he was made aware of his need, he did not start going to singles clubs
  - he didn’t start beating the bushes, hey you in there – He did not try to figure out himself

### **Can you imagine if Adam did**

- He would have ended up with a monkey – I guess this is close, she a little furry but its close

- He would have ended up with a beast!!!!

## **Hey, the same thing happens with you and me**

- God makes us aware of our need
  - Now if we don't trust Him to meet that need and let Him work – we try to figure it out
  - And we end up with a beast – with someone who isn't quite right!!! – close but a little furry – ever been in a relationship like that??? – I have – she wasn't furry, but definitely not right, not right for me

## **A Word to the Singles**

### **#1 – God knows your need, even before you do**

### **#2 – Adam goes to sleep**

### **#3 – God brings Eve to Adam**

## **God brings Eve to Adam and notice what Adam says in verse 23**

- **“This is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh” – Genesis 2:23**
  - That's a Hebrew phrase that means simply this, Woman!!! No it doesn't mean that – it means “This is right, she is perfect, she is made just for me...”

## **Guys, Girls we need to learn this**

- God knows your need, He knows it before you do
  - But if you try to meet that need, if you try to figure it out, you will end up with a beast of a situation
- You, like Adam – listen to me – you need to rest!!!!
  - You need to hear what Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 6,

## **“Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”- Matthew 6:32-33**

- You rest, you seek the Lord, you be the man or woman God is calling you to be
  - And trust Him to bring the one!!!!
- Because when He does, you will be able to say with Adam – that's it!!!! – That's awesome, that's the one!!!
  - You want to be unashamed someday – this is the way

## **Now a word to you who are married – notice the way God created the first marriage, and the rules He gave to them**

### **Lessons for the Married**

### **#1 – God created Eve from Man's rib**

- and I think His choice of body part is very important for us to notice - I want you to listen to a quote from Matthew Henry, that great Bible teacher of old...

## **“Woman was not made from his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and close to his heart to be his beloved” – Matthew Henry**

- guys I think Matthew Henry hits the nail on the head

## **When you are in a relationship, you need to remember**

- woman was not taken from the head

- women, you not to domineer the relationship, guys she is not to be your spiritual teacher – you need your own relationship w God and be a blessing to her

### **Woman was not taken from the feet**

- girls, you are not to be his doormat, that he abuses or mistreats – guys you are to care for the girl God gives you, love her, honor her, value her

### **Woman was taken from the side, the place closest to a man's heart**

- And when God brings that one, that is how he should treat you girls, and guys this should be your aim.
  - You guys together is what completes you...

### **Now when the Bible says “the rib”**

- doesn't mean necessarily literally rib
- it literally means “chunk”
  - what this means is huge, every man is missing something, something was taken from Him, that guy you are sitting next to is not all there –
  - you need each other to be complete, it is the way God designed it

### **Helpmate literally means completer, not a mate who helps, a helpmate**

- lest some of you ladies don't like the term “helper” – understand the meaning is **“Helpmate” one who provides that which is deficient**
  - God calls himself the “helper of Israel” in Ex 18:4, and Deut 33:7
  - God sees Israel and says you are deficient, I will fill in the gaps
- And God looks at man on his own and says, buddy you are deficient, I need to do something to fill in the gaps
  - Remember when God created man – He took a rib or literally a chunk out of him and ever since that man has been missing something
  - I love how Ken Graves describes what that must've been when Adam woke up and said, “Wow, I feel, I feel, I don't actually feel anything at all – I suddenly have no feelings” – that chunk was given to woman

### **Physiologist say that Men and women are different**

- no dugh
  - of course we are
  - Because we were meant to compliment each other as you walk together in marriage
- there is a completion that comes about as..
  - a man loves his wife as Christ Loves the church
  - a wife loves her husband and honors him

### **Now that is how marriage was created to be – a partnership that compliments each other, now notice the rules - leave, and cleave**

#### **Lessons for the Married**

#### **#1 – God created Eve from Man's rib**

#### **#2 – We are to leave and cleave**

- We are to leave father and mother –
  - Now this does not necessarily speak of geography

### **Many times in the Old Testament days sons and their new brides would live in their fathers' house, an addition of course, but it wasn't speaking of geography but of an issue of the heart**

- your new family is your focus and priority

- no marriage will work out well – when the new husband is running back to mommy for comfort or the new bride is constantly going back to daddy
- there needs to be a conscious break in your mind – I am leaving that relationship as my primary focus and I am cleaving to this new relationship
- this leaving and cleaving speaks of family

### **But also any other of the opposite sex**

- There is not to be a connection, there can not be with a member of the opposite sex
  - Why?? – we are just friends, I have always been best friends with this guy from college, this girl I used to work with
  - Oh precious ones – you now have a new best friend
- The Why??? – again there is something spiritual that happens when I connect with another person, and I am not just talking physically – obviously there is that
  - But if I am sharing my heart with another gal, other than my wife, if I am pouring treasure into someone else then what does Matthew 6 say?,

### **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21**

- Your heart follows where you put your treasure
  - So don’t pour into another girl, another guy
  - You leave, you leave

### **Then you are to cleave**

#### **What does it mean to cleave???**

- **“Hold Fast” – English Translation**
- **“Be united” – NIV**
- **“Join together” – New Living Translation**

### **Give yourself to one another**

- yes physically, but emotionally, practically
  - find things to do that bless one another and lead you closer together

### **I don’t feel like it**

- the Bible teaches us the feelings follow obedience
  - we live in this culture today that if I don’t want to do it, then I won’t – if I’m not happy, I’m out
  - it seems we are the first generation of Americans that doesn’t understand there are some things you just do, not because you feel like it, but because it is right
- you do it, and here is the secret gang, again...

### **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21**

- I don’t feel like it – leave and cleave and you will
  - I don’t want to – leave and cleave and you will
  - Your marriage can be the closest thing to heaven on earth, but there are a few things that must be taking place
- Leave and Cleave – Men love her like Jesus does
- Leave and Cleave – Women honor him as unto the Lord
  - Then you will be unashamed and desperately in love
  - Just go about it God’s way

**Well – that is enough for tonight – next week we will get into Genesis chapter 3 and find it is one of the most important chapters in the Bible**