



GENESIS: THE BEGINNING

“The Couple & Their Calling”

Genesis 2:4-25

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Read [Genesis 2:4-25](#)

The Lord God gave man life [Vs 4-7](#)

- The position of the earth
- The Lord produces (creates) man
[Psalm 8:3-6; Genesis 3:19; Psalm 103:13-16; 139:14-15; Job 33:4](#)

What are you doing with the life God has given to you?

The Lord God gave man a purpose [Vs 8-14](#)

- The Lord planted & placed him in the garden [Revelation 2:7](#)
- The Lord gave Him a purpose - to work & watch the garden

How are you fulfilling the purpose/calling God created you for on a daily basis?

The Lord God gave man a clear command & a choice [Vs 15-17](#)

- The Lord gave provision & permission
“Most people assume the commands of God are either necessary evils to curtail the effects of sin or unnecessary inconveniences that rob us of the good life. But Genesis 2 shows us that faithfulness to God’s command is the key to good life. Even before the fall, God’s commands included both freedom and fences, liberty and limits, rights and restrictions, guidelines and guardrails – all for our good and His glory. God creates human in His image with the responsibility for their choices.” **Quote: Phillip Bethencourt**
- The Lord gave a prohibition
“The temptation to eat from "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil" was to seek wisdom without reference to the word of God. It was an act of moral autonomy - deciding what is right without reference to God's

revealed will... Adam and Eve desired wisdom, but they sought it outside of the word and will of God. They usurped God's role in determining what is right and wrong. So here we get to the very heart of original sin. It was to sidestep God and his word and will in order to become wise. Moral autonomy brings death. (I did it my way" is an autonomous dirge of death. Adam decided to be autonomous, to willfully disregard God's revealed will and seek wisdom on his own. And Adam did obtain "the knowledge of good and evil, but it killed him —because he got his wisdom his way.”
Quote: **Kent Hughes**

“If Scripture hands down an ethical imperative, even if it seems at first blush to strike us a counterintuitive or impossible or difficult, we must confess this: The shape of Scripture’s moral commands – issuing from a good God – are always there to bless us and not curse us. The cross is indeed heavy, but it is never less than always good.” **Quote: Andrew Walker**

How are you choosing to daily follow God’s Word & His Lordship over your life?

The Lord God gave man a partner & a helper Vs 18-25

- **The Lord prepares & provides a woman 1 Corinthians 11:11-12**
“The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam; not made out of 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, and near his heart to be beloved.” **Matthew Henry**
- **The Lord’s priority & precepts of marriage**
Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:22-31

How are you growing in your marriage to display the glory of God?

Our Response:

1. Why is it significant that God “breathed” life into man? How does understanding that your life comes directly from God shape your identity?
2. How does this text shape our understanding of work as part of God’s design? How can viewing your work as God-given purpose change your attitude this week?
3. What does God’s command in verses 16–17 teach us about freedom and boundaries? In what ways do people today misunderstand God’s boundaries as restrictions instead of gifts?
4. Why does God say, “It is not good for man to be alone” (v.18), after repeatedly saying creation was good in chapter 1?
5. How does the creation of woman show both equality and distinction in roles? How can we reflect God’s design for relationships in a culture that often rejects it?
6. How are you currently stewarding the “garden” God has placed you in (work, family, responsibilities)?