

# God's Blueprint for Marriage & Life

Genesis 2:15 – 3:19

## Context

Genesis, the book of beginnings, is the first book of the Pentateuch<sup>1</sup> and focuses on the life of Abraham and the patriarchs Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Judah, who were Abraham's descendants. Genesis covers roughly two thousand years and accounts for about 25% of the content of the Pentateuch. Genesis tells how God created the world as very good, but that it was destroyed in the flood as a result of man's disobedience. The new world after the flood was also spoiled by human sin (ch. 11). The call of Abraham, through whom all the nations would be blessed, gives hope that God's purpose will eventually be realized through his descendants (ch. 49).

## This Week's Memory Verse

Let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. –  
Ephesians 5:33

## Prayer Items this week<sup>2</sup>

1. Ask God to make you into the man or woman he created you to be according to Genesis 2.
2. Ask God for the strength to become that man or woman, husband or wife.
3. If you are single, ask God to send you a husband or wife like the one described in Ephesians 5:22 – 33.

## Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

1. Take a moment to reflect on church last night. What jumped out to you Genesis 2:15 – 3:19?
2. What excites you and scares you about what God calls me and women to be?

## Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

1. Read Genesis 2:18 – 25. What is your first reaction the responsibility that God has given to men to be the leaders of their families?
2. What marriages have you seen that live out the biblical mandate of male headship?
3. What examples have you seen where sin has destroyed this picture in a marriage?

## Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

1. Read Genesis 3:1 – 19. What evidence do you see in nature and culture that reveals truth behind the idea that some is broken?
2. What is sin?
3. How were Adam and Eve tempted to rebel against God?
4. How has sin affected your relationship with God? With others? With your spouse?

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<sup>1</sup> This includes Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy

<sup>2</sup> Each week there will be things to specifically pray about that come out of the passage. These are things to pray for each day of the week.

### Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

1. Read Genesis 3:1 – 19. How does God respond to sin?
2. In what ways are you tempted as Adam and Eve were tempted?
3. How does sin affect your ability to abide in Jesus?
4. Where in your life is God calling you to specific repentance in regard to your view of sin? What specific sins is calling to you to repent of and fight against?

### Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

1. Read Ephesians 5:22 – 33. What does it mean for a husband to be like Christ? What does servant leadership in a man look like? If you are a man, how are you doing in that?
2. What does it mean for a wife to submit as the church does to Christ? What does it look like to be a woman that pushes and helps her husband to fulfill his God given responsibility of being the leader of a family? If you are a woman, how are you doing in that?

### Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

1. Use Friday as a catch up day.

### Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

1. Read Genesis 6 – 8 in preparation for tonight. Spend a moment asking God to speak through tonight's message and to move in a powerful way. Come to Revolution expecting God to move in a powerful way.

### Recommended Resources<sup>3</sup>

- *Recovering Biblical Manhood & Womanhood* by John Piper & Wayne Grudem<sup>4</sup>
- *What He Must Be...If He wants to Marry my Daughter* by Voddie Baucham<sup>5</sup>
- *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney<sup>6</sup>
- *Shopping for Time: How to do it All and NOT be Overwhelmed* by Carolyn Mahaney<sup>7</sup>
- *Sex, Romance and the Glory of God: What Every Christian Husband Needs to Know* by C.J. Mahaney<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> For more recommended resources go to <http://www.tucsonrevolution.com/story-of-god/> and click on tonight's sermon title.

<sup>4</sup> This is the most exhaustive and complete book on biblical manhood and womanhood.

<sup>5</sup> This is great for any father of a daughter and the role you are to play.

<sup>6</sup> A picture of what God calls women to and what you should look for in a wife.

<sup>7</sup> How to balance everything you do as a mom.

<sup>8</sup> A picture of what God calls men to and what you should look for in a husband.