



THE STORY OF THE WORLD

RISE AND FALL

GENESIS – PART ONE

OCTOBER 4TH / A HOLY LOVE / GENESIS 2:18-25
Marriage is a covenant designed to produce growth in personal holiness.

The focus of Genesis chapter two is the launch of a new kind of community representing God and his ways in the world. The members of this new community would need to learn how to depend on each to fulfill this calling. The destiny of humankind is to live in God's world, with God's other creatures, on God's terms.

READ GENESIS 2:15-25.

1. What things come to mind when you think about the Garden of Eden?
2. What, if anything, surprises you about how Eden is described here?
3. What might be the greater significance of the command (the Bible's first) given here to the people first receiving this text (Genesis 2:16)? (see Leviticus 18:5; Leviticus 26:3-5; John 15:10)
4. In what way was Adam here deficient? In what way specifically did he need help (Genesis 2:20)? (see Genesis 1:28)
5. How have other committed believers (whether your spouse or one of your friends) helped you better know yourself and accomplish God's purposes for your life?
6. What might the plural pronoun used of God here suggest what it means to be made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26)? (see also Hebrews 10:24)

FATHER, HELP ME TO BE A FAITHFUL PARTNER IN MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER BELIEVERS WHO ARE SEEKING TO SERVE YOUR PURPOSE FOR THEIR LIVES IN THE WORLD TODAY.