

A person stands on the peak of a dark mountain, silhouetted against a bright, glowing horizon. The sky above is a deep blue and black, filled with stars and the visible band of the Milky Way galaxy. The title 'The FIRST Family' is written in white, with 'The' and 'Family' in a cursive script and 'FIRST' in a bold, sans-serif font.

The FIRST Family

Gen. 2:18

It wasn't *good* because He wasn't *finished*.

And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help, meet for him.



Male and female He created them

God was teaching principles.

1. In making Adam first:

it taught headship, roles and responsibility.

2. In allowing Adam to exist for a time without her:

it allowed *Adam* to realize his deficiency without her.

3. In creating the woman *from* the man:

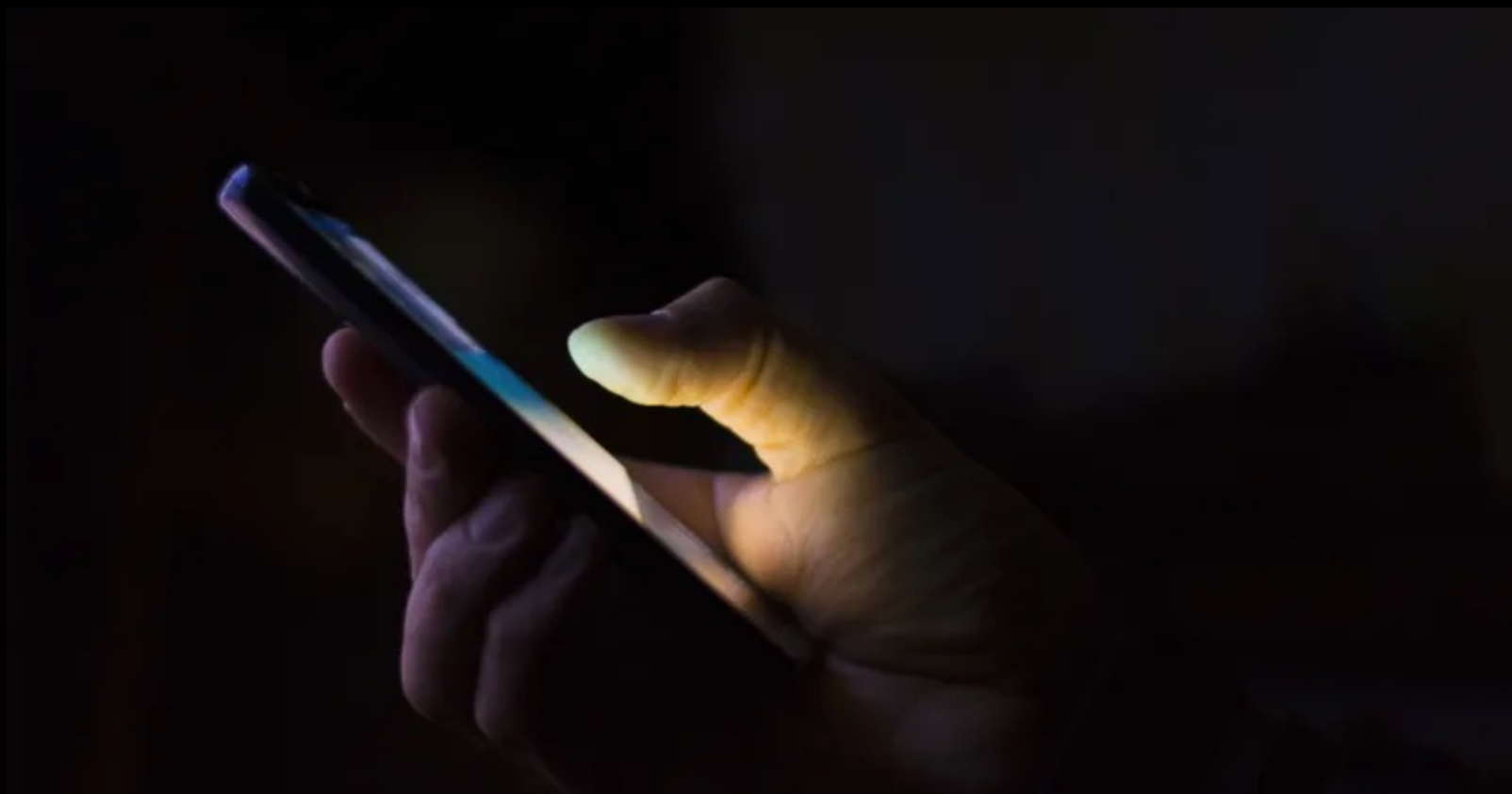
it created an inseparable connection between them.

Discussion

What are the causes for becoming
disconnected
in our families?

Disconnection

- Devices
- Entertainment
- Busyness
- Conflicting schedules
- Relationships outside the immediate family
- School work
- Not eating meals together
- Lack of communication
- Extracurricular activities
- Too much freedom / not enough structure
- Individual interests / hobbies
- Personal / private challenges you don't feel like you can share with family



Reconnecting

- Headphones off
- Family trips
- Proactively plan time together in the week
- Eat meals together
- Read the Bible together and have time for “chat time”
- Build each other up with words
- Joint hobbies & interests

Discussion

What can we do to
build
connections as a family?

Adam was formed first, then Eve

- Principles of **headship** are based on this fact

1 Tim. 2:11-14 – Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. **For Adam was first formed, then Eve.** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

- Principles of **headcoverings** are based on this fact

1 Cor. 11:8-9 – For **the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.** Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.



They shall be one flesh Gen. 1:24

Matt. 19:3-6

The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that **he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,** And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh.



What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

From the rib... created He a woman

- 1) Why did God make a woman/wife, not something else?
- 2) Why did God make only 1?

God's design:

1. Man and wife – not 2 men or 2 women
2. Wife by covenant – not a “partner”
3. One spouse – not multiple

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Hosea 2:19-20

And I will betroth thee unto me **for ever**; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me **in faithfulness**: and thou shalt know the LORD.



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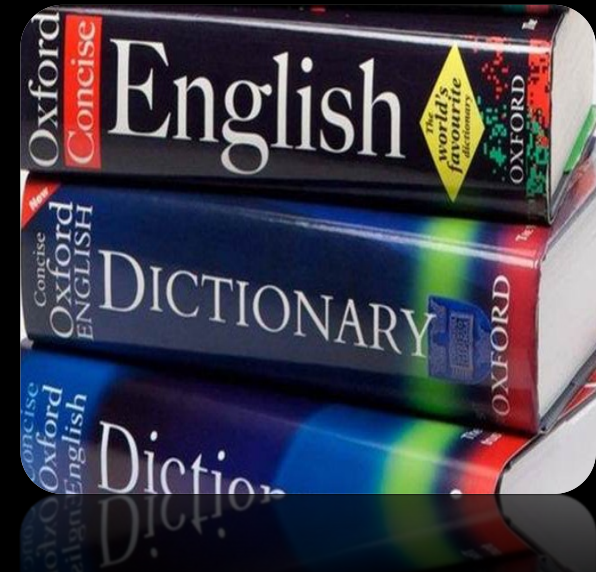
Spotlight on today's issues:

Marriage – “the union of two consenting individuals as partners in a contractual relationship.”
- Oxford Dictionary

Marriage

Marriage is between one man and one woman.
- God

Without that, all the principles God was teaching in the garden – faithfulness, headship, roles, etc. – fall apart.



Adam & Eve → Christ & the ecclesia

2:7

Adam the 1st man.
Christ the last Adam.

1 Cor. 15:45

2:21

Adam slept, the woman created.
Christ died, the bride saved.

Rom. 5:8

2:21

Adam's side opened in sleep.
Christ's side opened in death.

John 19:34

2:21

Woman built from the man.
We are members of Christ's body.

Eph. 5:30

2:22

Eve presented to Adam.
The bride presented to Christ.

Eph. 5:27

2:24

Adam and Eve were made one.
Christ and the ecclesia to be made one.

John 17:21

Take Away Points

Resist isolation.

God uses relationships that challenge us to make us more like Himself.

