

⁸ “Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.”

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4:8 NLT

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YOU WERE **CREATED**
BY GOD FOR LOVING
RELATIONSHIPS. ←←

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." ¹⁹ So the Lord God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see

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what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. ²⁰ He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

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²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

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²³ “At last!” the man exclaimed.
“This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called ‘woman,’
because she was taken from ‘man.’”

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²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

²⁵ Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

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THE ENEMY INTENSELY
HATES LOVING RELATIONSHIPS
IN EVERY FORM.





YOU ARE DESIGNED BY GOD
TO WIN IN THE AREA
OF LOVING RELATIONSHIPS.



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I BELIEVE GOD IS
CALLING US BACK TO
HIS ORIGINAL DIVINE
DESIGN OF LOVING
RELATIONSHIPS.

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THREE MILE MARKERS ON THE
COURSE TO HEALTHY LOVING
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND
ONE ANOTHER.

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OUR DESIRE FOR LOVING
RELATIONSHIPS.

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OUR DESIRE FOR LOVING RELATIONSHIPS.

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RELATIONAL LOVE IS A
PRODUCT OF CREATION
NOT AN INVENTION OF CULTURE.



**IF I WAS CREATED BY GOD FOR
LOVING RELATIONSHIPS, THEN
WHY DO I STRUGGLE SO MUCH?**



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MOST OF US ARE PUTTING
DIVINE DEMANDS ON OUR
HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS.





OUR DEALINGS WITH
ABANDONMENT AND
INSECURITY.

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OUR DEALINGS WITH ABANDONMENT AND INSECURITY.

¹² The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it."

²³ So the Lord God banished them from the Garden of Eden, and he sent Adam out to cultivate the ground from which he had been made.

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2:25 NIV

OUR DEALINGS WITH ABANDONMENT AND INSECURITY.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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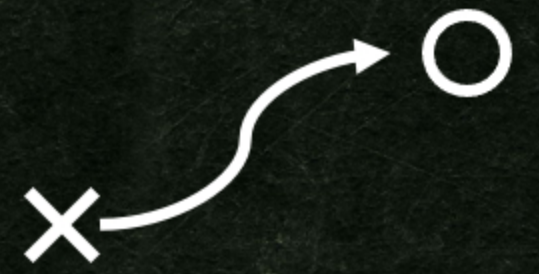
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OUR DEALINGS WITH ABANDONMENT AND INSECURITY.

⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.



WE ARE READING ABOUT WHEN SHAME,
ABANDONMENT, INSECURITY AND FEAR
ENTER THE WORLD AND THEY COME IN
THE FORM OF RELATIONAL DESTRUCTION.





OUR ONLY HOPE.

**SO, WHAT IS THE ANSWER
WHEN, AT OUR CORE, WE ARE
BAD AT RELATIONSHIPS?**



SO, WHAT IS THE ANSWER
WHEN, AT OUR CORE, WE ARE
BAD AT RELATIONSHIPS?



WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE
FULLNESS OF OUR REDEMPTION.

¹⁵ “And I will make enemies
Of you and the woman,
And of your offspring and her Descendant;
He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

GENESIS
3:15 NASB

²⁰ Then the man—Adam—named his wife Eve, because she would be the mother of all who live. ²¹ And the Lord God made clothing from animal skins for Adam and his wife.

GENESIS

3:20-21 NLT



THERE ARE ONLY TWO RELIGIONS;
THERE IS THE RELIGION

OF FIG LEAVES

AND THERE IS THE RELIGION OF
GOD'S PERFECT PROVISION

THROUGH JESUS.



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IF WE HAVE FAILED IN OUR LOVING
RELATIONSHIPS, GOD DESIRES TO
GIVE US FORGIVENESS AND
RESTORATION.



¹² He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.

PSALMS

103:12 NLT

⁷ Instead of shame and dishonor,
you will enjoy a double share of honor.
You will possess a double portion of
prosperity in your land,
and everlasting joy will be yours.

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61:7 NLT

¹⁰ I am overwhelmed with joy in the Lord my
God!

For he has dressed me with the clothing
of salvation

and draped me in a robe of righteousness.

I am like a bridegroom dressed for his
wedding

or a bride with her jewels.

ISAIAH

61:10 NLT