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## God's Purpose in Marriage (10)

- God created a *helper fit for Adam* (**Gen. 2:24**) in his role to work and keep the garden (**v. 15**).
  
- God declared the two to be *one flesh* (**v. 24**). As one flesh, Adam and Eve will be able to accurately *image* God as they live together in cooperative union, each fulfilling his/her role in love.
  
- In this way, they would be a living portrait of how the three Divine Persons of God relate to one another through distinctive roles in love.
  - God created the man to lead to image the Father's leadership.
  
  - God created the wife as his helper to image the Son's submission to the Father's leadership.
  
  - God constituted them differently so that they would be able to fulfill their distinct roles.

### Psalm 139:13-14

- God created David with a particular personality, disposition, and temperament.

- God created him with the necessary mental and emotional abilities to be *a man after God's own heart* (**1 Sam. 13:14**).
- David praises God for the way that God has created him. He was not dissatisfied with God's work.
- God has designed the husband and wife differently. But rather than embracing these differences and thanking God for them, the husband and wife often collide over them.
- Each becomes dissatisfied with the other—the fellowship breaks down and relational walls begin to be built.
- Both have forgotten *the primary purpose for their marriage*.
- These responses reveal the absence of God's kind of love (**1 John 4:8**).
- *God is Love*. This means that the three Persons of the one Being of God fellowship and work as one in an atmosphere of mutual love, care, and respect.

- In **1 Cor. 13:4-8 & Gal. 5:22-23**, the Apostle Paul gives us a brief definition of God's kind of love.
  - Ask: "Is my love...."