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Could be called disciples as we all are.

The same passage —from a slightly different perspective. We will arrive at a Biblical foundation for marriage.

Essence - chapter 2 creation explanation

1. Day 7 Sabbath rest
2. Expansion of Day 6, with focus on the crown of creation, mankind
3. Pre-fall world (still the 'very good' creation). We see more in today's lesson.
4. Creation of man - responsibility of ruling
5. Creation mandate
6. Command: to care for the garden along with a choice to obey or not.
7. Creation of woman— We focused on the equality of nature and essence with man. The different roles they have do not imply being 'less', nor inferiority. There is still an equality.

Briefly, a survey of encounters Jesus had with women. He was innovative or radical teaching on women with stories and events. The Bible has a very high view of women. Jesus went contrary to many of their traditions.

Jesus and Women

1. Samaritan - in John. Someone disdained by culture.
2. Sinner - washes his feet...he defends her in that context
3. Peter's mother-in-law...touched her, taboo at that time
4. Hemorrhaging - stops His plan and takes care of her
5. Mary and Martha - Luke 10
6. Mary and Martha and death of Lazarus - Luke 11
7. Raised from the dead 12 yr old girl
8. Syrophenician - ministering to a gentile women, casting out demon from daughter. Again a taboo: a gentile
9. Widow of Nain - His compassion emphasized; raised son from dead
10. Woman bent over - 'daughter of Abraham' interrupting his teaching
11. Adulteress - the accusers have to leave...again showing concern
12. Travelers - companions: several women, some named, plus many others
13. Appears to women after resurrection. Galatians 3.28: neither Jew nor gentile before God, 'one' = equality in Christ Jesus
14. Yet none of 12 - probably because of the distinction of man already in Genesis.

We add to the **Essence**:

8. Foundation for Marriage

I. The Primeval (ancient, original beginning) History

1:1-11:26

A. The History of the Creation 1:1-2:3

B. The Early History of Mankind 2:4-3:24

1. The Creation of Mankind -in innocence 2:4-25

- a. The Creation of the Man 2:4-7
- b. The Environment for Man 2:8-14
- c. The Responsibilities of Mankind 2:15-17
- d. The Provision for Man - suitable helper

2:18-25

- 1) The Deficiency of Creation 2:18-20

Remember:

2.18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

So far everything was 'good'. But in the sense of incompleteness there was a need not yet met. God created us to have relationships, including the very close one of marriage.

All foundations begin with God. We can look at the text and find a foundation for ourselves.

Biblical Foundation for Marriage

1] God Designed 1:27 In God's image, both male and female. A union of the two to complete the man; it will include the

2] Highest Relationship - asar 2.18,20
Marriage is for the highest relationship.

2.20 The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

The animals all had their counterpart, but not Adam.

d. The Provision for Man - suitable helper 2:18-25

- 1) The Deficiency of Creation 2:18-20
- 2) The Creation of Woman 2:21-23
 - a) The Course of Lord God 2:21

2.21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place.

God is the cause, the creator...causing a deep sleep.

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- 3/ God Instituted 2.21-24

Man's Purpose

1. Glory of God: the overall purpose of man
2. Institution of family: creation mandate, one was the filling of the earth and the other of :
3. Subduing earth - God has supplied what man needed to survive. Harnessing the resources to provide for the family
4. Institution of Marriage

Divine institutions - all being attacked, called 'social conventions' which are arbitrary and you can change them.

> Social Conventions
arbitrary
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> Divine Institutions: family, marriage, government, nations, some include labor. All these are under attack by the secular world. They call them social conventions which can be changed.

There are consequences—when violating, having a ripple effect on the culture.

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 - b) The Careful Fashioning of the Woman 2:22

2.22 The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

Terms - 2.18-22

1. *ezer* - helper
2. *keneged* - counterpart
3. *yatsar* - to form, like a potter
4. *banah* - to fashion, building an important structure

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- 4/ God Ordered 2.22

Actively involved, orchestrating. He is the one that can bring a partner, order our work and path. He is actively ordering the marriage. For all humanity.

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 - c) The Celebration of the Man 2:23

2.23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; she [this] shall be called Woman, Because she [this] was taken out of Man."

The word 'this' (feminine) is used three times. The man acknowledges his close relationship. This is the first poem in

Scripture: bone of my bones,
flesh of my flesh

The good has come!

Equal nature

1. Symmetry (counterpart)
2. Superior to Animals
3. Specially Built *banah*
4. Same Material
5. Same Essence

Her Role

1. Meets deep need
2. Adequate Helper
3. Created for man
4. After man (1Timoteo 2.11-13), a distinction in function, role
5. From Man (1Corinthians 11.8-12), a similar distinction

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The word here for woman is *ishshah* (*eeshshah*) and man is *eesh*. This is a different word for man; it is not *Adáhm*. They say that the words are not related even though they sound similar. So this is an example where sounding alike does not make them related. Remember *Adáhm* (man) was taken out of the ground, *ahdahmah*, which is a play on words. Here there could be something of that with these words for man and woman.

Naming

1. Omniscience & ultimate authority - light/darkness (1.5), heaven (1.8), earth/seas (1.10). Here identifying character and authority, following the naming motif. God began by naming.
2. Biologist & ruling - animals
Categories to distinguish animals. Adam was the first biologist. He had the insight and understanding to do it.
3. Observation & headship - woman. Here he makes the distinction of woman: similar but each a different role.

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6. Similar Name

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- 4/ God Ordered 2.22
 5/ Roles Distinct 2.18-23
 Remember that this is the original creation; woman is not under man because of sin. Later the roles were distorted and abused. Women are superior in some areas, eg, having babies.

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 3) The Foundation for **Marriage** 2:24-25
 a) The Departure from Parents **2:24**

2.24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

For this reason, his role, he needs a helper. Jesus quotes this also. Before the fall. Now some men have too close a tie with his parents, but we need to make the break so as to not affect his being joined to his wife. He is giving principles for the succeeding generations. Multiple wives is a distortion of the relationship.

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 6/ Heterosexual 2.23-24

Verse 24 hints at heterosexual, with one woman and one man.

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The 'one flesh' is from God's perspective. God created all the body parts and differences...things to point out to children, age appropriate. It is the fall, sin, that distorts all of it.

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 c) The Unity of One Flesh 2.24

Reproduction - Foundation

1. God created mankind
2. Creation of male & female
3. God's creation is very good
4. Procreation is major purpose
5. Sex is God's idea
6. God gave boundaries
7. Violations of boundaries have consequences
8. Other purposes for sex: the 'one flesh' is physical, intimacy for the greatest act that has been created. Also, another purpose is for pleasure: a gift, something enjoyable.

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8/ Permanence	2.24
9/ Unity -	2.24

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 - c) The Unity of One Flesh 2.24
 - d) The Innocence of Each 2:25

2.25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Not ashamed because there was no sin. Equality in nakedness, in terms of morality. This is transparency. There are NT verses indicating pleasure.

Equal nature

1. Symmetry (counterpart)
2. Superior to Animals
3. Specially Built
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7. Sinless

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9/ Unity	2.24
10/ Transparency	2.25

God designed marriage to fulfill His purposes!!!

2. The Fall of Mankind - into sin 3:1-24