"The Creation of Marriage"

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Genesis 2:18-25

Mark 10:45 (NIV)
⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

I. God _____ Adam's Loneliness (v. 18-20).

"...helper suitable..." – A _____ that compliments another.

II. God _____ Adam's Loneliness (v. 21-25).

"This is now..." – At _____! Finally!

"...woman..." – A feminine word for man. "_____-man..._____-man"

"...leaves..." – To _____ or abandon.

"...united..." – To _____, cleave, or _____.

1 John 4:18 (NIV)
¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Matthew 19:4–6 (NIV)
*⁴ "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will **leave** his father and mother and be **united** to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what **God has joined** together, let no one separate."*

Ephesians 5:25-32 (NIV)
²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—... ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Big Idea:
God created one man allowing him to feel his _____,
so that he would better recognize the _____ of the woman
and the _____ of their union.

Deep Dive:
Read through **SONG OF SOLOMON 1-8**, taking one chapter per day. This book reveals the joys and intimacies of the marriage union God wants us to experience. Notice how consistent it is with Genesis 2:25 and 1 John 4:18!