





“Marriage  
is what  
brings us  
together  
today...”



# Original Foundation

## **Design: Genesis 2.8-21**

- Setting:
  - Garden East of Eden (i.e. from where Adam was created; 2.8)
  - Two notable trees (2.9)
  - A presumable spring from Eden made four rivers to water the garden (2.10-14)

# Original Foundation

## Design: Genesis 2.8-21

- Setting (cont'd):
  - Work: Man was put there to tend it [care for attentively]—work was made a part of the His order (2.15)
  - Restriction: One boundary given; one testing point established (2.17a)
  - Consequence: Death (2.17b)—spiritually, physically, emotionally



# Original Foundation

## **Design: Genesis 1.8-21**

- Good: Each day's creation; good food; good gold (1.1-25; 2.9, 12)
- Not Good: "alone"=separation, by one's self; isolation (2.18)
- "Helper"=one who assists/rescues/helps; this implies the one helped is lacking
- "Comparable"=of equivalent quality; spirit-ually, emotionally & physically

# Original Foundation

## Design: Genesis 1.8-21

- Divine Surgery:
  - ✓ Adam was from the ground—just like the animals he was naming—i.e. belonging to the earth (2.19-20)
  - ✓ Eve was the only creature taken, not from the ground, but the flesh of another—the very side (2.21)

# Original Foundation

## **Design: Genesis 1.8-21**

- Divine Surgery: (cont'd)
  - ✓ Unique association—belonging to Adam (2.22-23)
  - ✓ Unique bond—the only two like this in the creation
  - ✓ Unique loyalty and intimacy is the result
  - ✓ Unique marriage—God officiated (2.24-25)



# Original Foundation

## **Design: Genesis 2:24-25**

- “Leave” =To forsake, depart from, let alone, leave behind or *relinquish*
- “Cleave”=cling to; stick to—the adherence is so tight that to separate would be destructive (2 Sam. 23.10)
- Perceive=there is a new union; new life unit; new life cycle; fresh, innocent & virgin

# Original Foundation

## **Design: Genesis 1.8-21**

- Divine Surgery:
  - Unique Picture
    - Adam slept
    - Adam's side pierced
    - Adam was delighted
    - Christ "slept"
    - Christ's side was opened
    - Christ is & will be delighted (Eph. 5.25-27)

# Original Foundation Destroyed: Genesis 3:1-19

- **The Temptation (vv. 3-5)**

- ✓ God is Questioned: "...has God indeed said, 'you shall not eat of every'"
- ✓ God's Truth Contradicted: "...you shall not surely die..."
- ✓ God's Character Impugned: "...God knows...you will be like..."
- ✓ Summary: Character is questioned; evil intent is implied; word challenged



# Original Foundation

## Destroyed: Genesis 3:1-19

- **The Lust (v. 6)**

- ✓ Definition: Inordinate desire; deep and strong desire
- ✓ Sensation: "...good for food..." (body)
- ✓ Sight: "...pleasant to the eyes..." (soul)
- ✓ Self: "...make one wise..." (spirit)
- ✓ All three seek to dominate in the flesh (Cf. 1 Jn. 2.15-17)



# Original Foundation Destroyed: Genesis 3:1-19

- **The Response (vv. 3-5)**

- ✓ Adding: "...nor shall you touch it..."  
(more demanding/restrictive)
- ✓ Omitting: cf. 2.16; "freely eat"—i.e.  
Minimized God's generous person
- ✓ Weakening: "...lest [beware] you  
die..." (God said you "surely would")
- ✓ Sum: Distortion—it surfaces



# Original Foundation Destroyed: Genesis 3:1-19

- **The Shame (v. 7)**

- ✓ Discovery: "...eyes...were opened ..."  
Seeing good & evil from sin's perspective—Satan's partial truth
- ✓ "In-"Dignity: "...knew they were naked..."  
Innocence was gone
- ✓ Disgraced/Ashamed: "...they sewed fig leaves..."  
Attempt to cover up