



Made to Relate
Genesis 2:15-25

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 - ❖ With God
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One story:

- ❖ Paradise (Genesis 1-2)
- ❖ Paradise Lost (Genesis 3 – Revelation 20)
- ❖ Paradise Regained (Revelation 21-22)

Bible outline:

- ❖ Ancient history (Genesis – Esther)
- ❖ Ancient wisdom (Job – Ecclesiastes)
- ❖ Prophets (Isaiah – Malachi)
- ❖ Jesus (Matthew – John)
- ❖ Church (Acts – Revelation)

Genesis =

- ❖ Origin
- ❖ Source
- ❖ Generation
- ❖ Beginning

Genesis series 2016-2018

- ❖ Origins (1-11) – Spring, 2016
- ❖ Abraham (11-25) – Fall, 2016
- ❖ Isaac (24-28) – Spring, 2017
- ❖ Jacob (27-38) – Fall, 2017
- ❖ Joseph (37-50) – Spring, 2018

Genesis 1-11

- ❖ Creation (1)
- ❖ Creation (2)
- ❖ Fall (3)
- ❖ Cain and Abel (4)
- ❖ Genealogy (5)
- ❖ Flood (6-9)
- ❖ Genealogy (10)
- ❖ Tower of Babel (11)

Genesis 1 application:

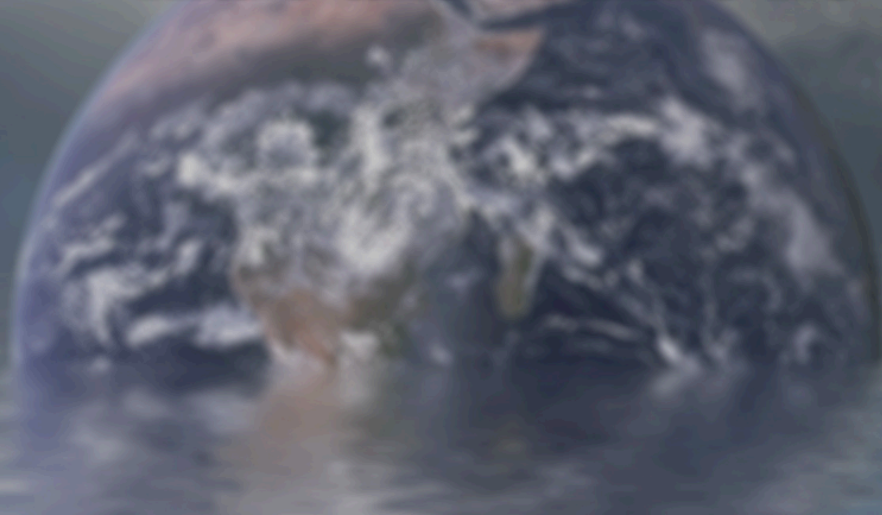
- ❖ God created.
- ❖ His creation is good.
- ❖ His creation reflects his glory.
- ❖ Jesus reconciles us to God.
- ❖ We are to worship God and reflect his glory.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.



Genesis 1:28

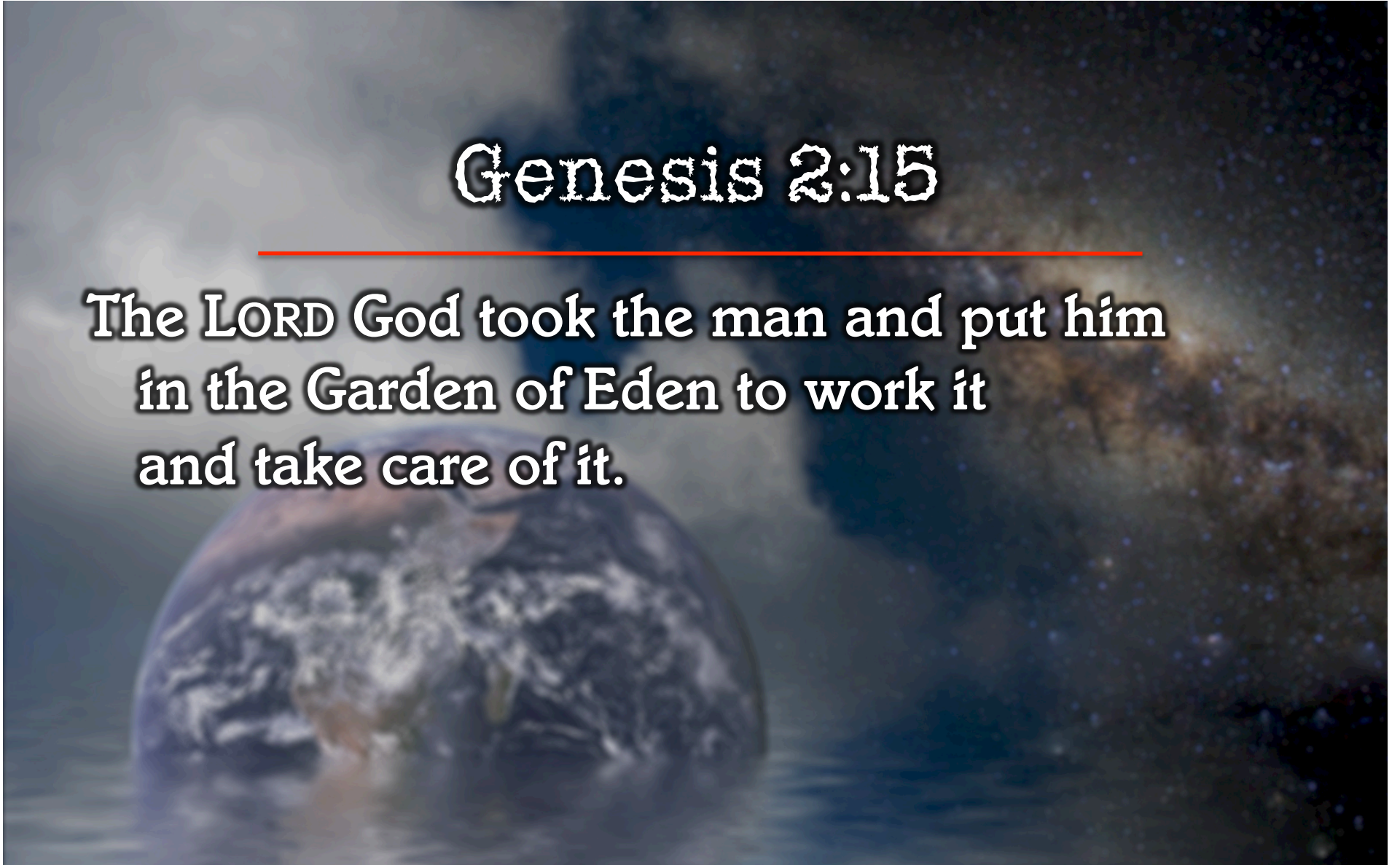
God blessed them and said to them,
“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

God's Instructions to humanity:

- ❖ Be fruitful
- ❖ Increase
- ❖ Fill the earth
- ❖ Subdue it
- ❖ Rule

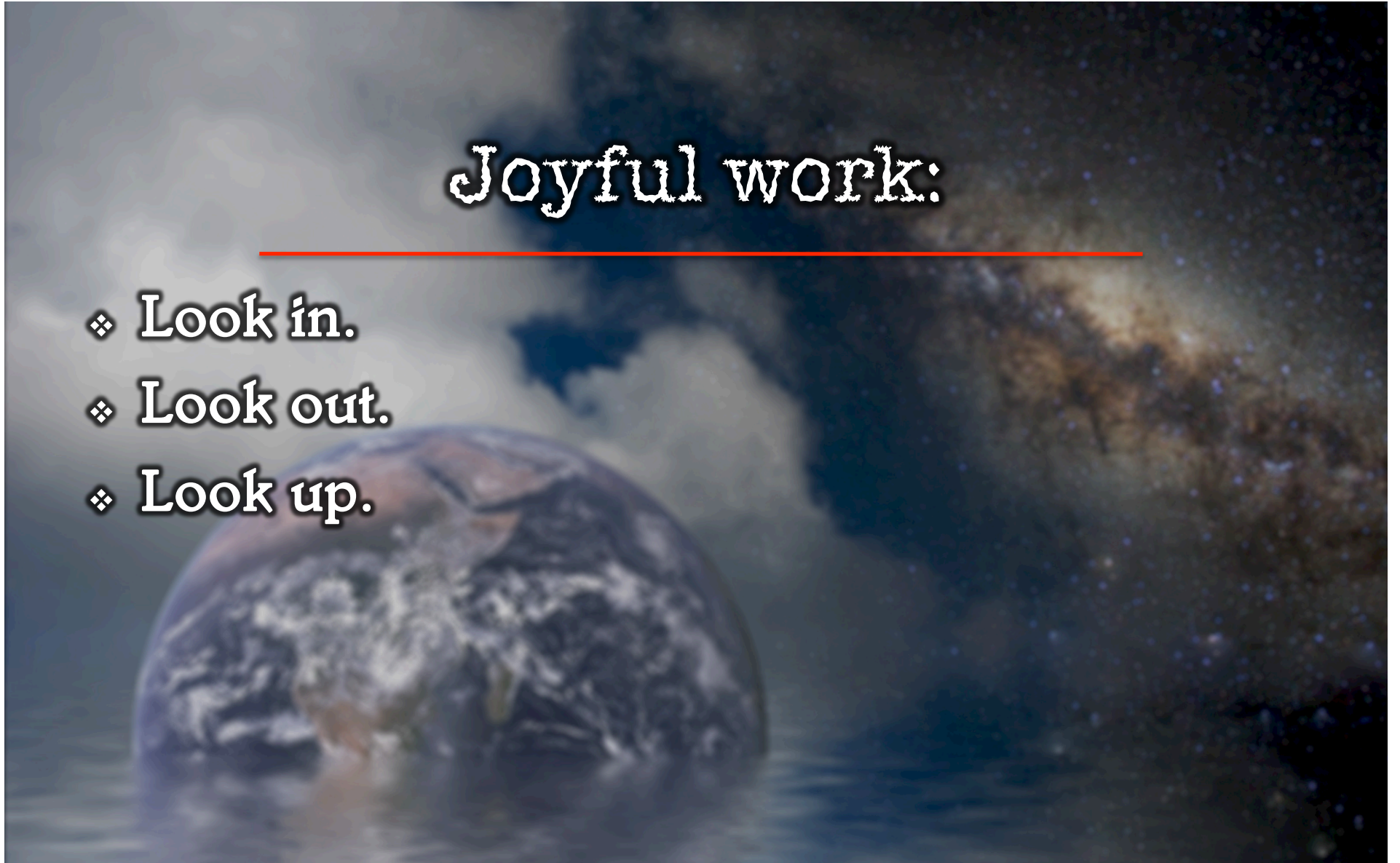
Genesis 2:15

The LORD God took the man and put him
in the Garden of Eden to work it
and take care of it.



Joyful work:

- ❖ Look in.
- ❖ Look out.
- ❖ Look up.



Genesis 2:1-15 application:

- ❖ Work is not bad.
- ❖ Work is not everything.
- ❖ Work is a gift from God.
- ❖ Work is an opportunity to worship God.
- ❖ We need rest.
- ❖ Jesus gives us ultimate rest.

Matthew 11:28-30

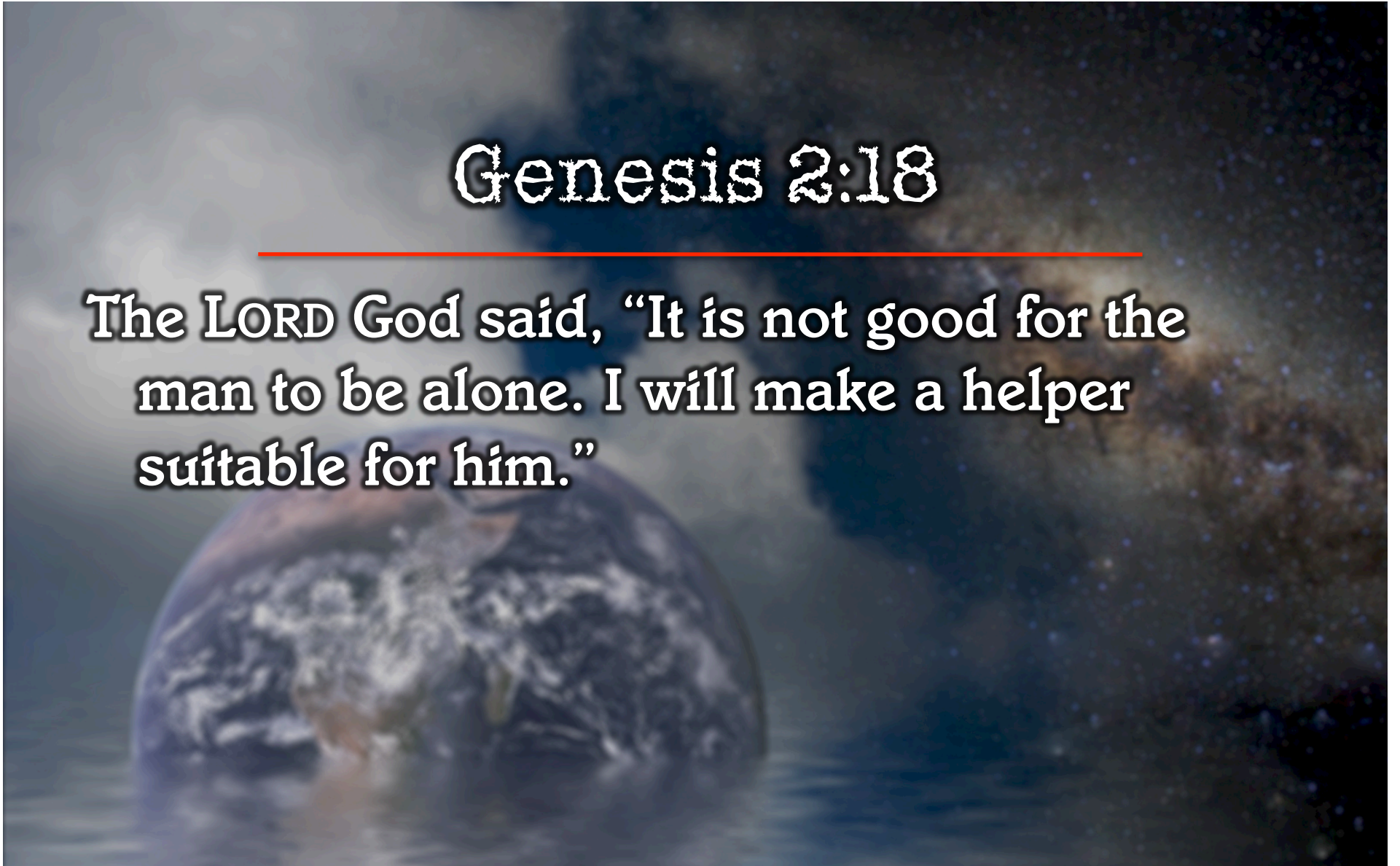
[Jesus]: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Genesis 2:16-17

And the LORD God commanded the man,
“You are free to eat from any tree in the
garden; but you must not eat from the tree
of the knowledge of good and evil, for when
you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 2:18

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



GOOD or not?

GOOD:

- ❖ Light (1:4)
- ❖ Land and seas (1:10)
- ❖ Plants and trees (1:12)
- ❖ Day and night (1:18)
- ❖ Fish and birds (1:21)
- ❖ Land animals (1:25)
- ❖ Humanity! (1:31)

Good or NOT?

NOT:

- ❖ For man to be alone (2:18)



Paradise:

- ❖ Great food
- ❖ Power
- ❖ Fellowship with God
- ❖ But also loneliness

Psalm 33:20

We wait in hope for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.



Psalm 70:5

But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
LORD, do not delay.

Psalm 115:9

**All you Israelites, trust in the LORD —
he is their help and shield.**



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Proverbs 8:27-28

“I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon
on the face of the deep,
when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

Proverbs 8:27-29

“when he gave the sea its boundary
so the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations
of the earth.

Proverbs 8:30-31

**“Then I was constantly at his side.
I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,
rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in mankind.”**

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 3:12-13

See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Genesis 2:19

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:20

So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Genesis 2:21-22

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Who said it?

“Eve was not taken out of Adam’s head to top him, neither out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected by him, and near his heart to be loved by him.”

Matthew Henry (1662-1714)

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Genesis 2:23

The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

Genesis 2:24-25

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Our culture vs. Biblical values:

- ❖ Goals are primary; relationships secondary.
- ❖ We value privacy over accountability.
- ❖ We don't like to join or commit.
- ❖ Singleness is an affliction.

Isaiah 57:17-19

“I was enraged by their sinful greed;
I punished them, and hid my face in anger,
yet they kept on in their willful ways.
I have seen their ways, but I will heal them;
I will guide them and restore comfort
to Israel’s mourners,
creating praise on their lips.”

What have we learned?

- ❖ We need relationships.
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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper