

# **SERIES: URGENT WORDS FOR URGENT TIMES**

**DATE:** Saturday - Sunday, August 19-20, 2023

**SERMON:** Urgent Words About Relationships

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 2:4-9, 18-25 NIV

[4] This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

[5] Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground,

[6] but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground.

[7] Then the LORD God formed a man<sup>[a]</sup> from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

[8] Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

[9] The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground - trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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

[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.

[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.

[21] 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.

[22] Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

[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."

[24] That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

[25] Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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*We are created for relationships.*

## 1. Our relationship to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- Our God is both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- We bear the image of God as we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ God.

## 2. Our relationship to our \_\_\_\_\_.

- Human beings are rulers \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of creation. We are responsible agents.
- Notice that not even a \_\_\_\_\_ situation or environment will save you.

## 3. Our relationship to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ union.
  - \_\_\_\_\_
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  - \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus used this passage to talk about the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. *Mark 10:2-9*
  - They wanted to know about \_\_\_\_\_; He talked about \_\_\_\_\_.
- A right relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ helps our relationships with \_\_\_\_\_; a right relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ helps our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.

# Lagniappe

On Thursday of this week, I had the opportunity to walk over the entire complex of First Baptist Church. While I have an office in the administrative section, I don't often get to just walk the hallways and rooms of all of the buildings. It was a great opportunity, and I left with three important assessments.

**First**, the buildings are well used by a lot of people. I saw several groups and several individuals as I made my rounds. I saw both attenders and volunteers.

I am thankful that the buildings are available for so many people (on Thursday, by the way, many of the people who were meeting were not members of our church). I am thankful that we have a complex that is open to the community and is used for the needs of other people. Please remember that your kind spirit and faithful giving help make that possible. Did you know that for most of our ministries - about half of those who attend are not members of this congregation?

**Second**, I saw how our *facilities crew* lovingly and carefully takes care of our buildings & grounds. They look clean - and they smell clean. I am thankful for these individuals and for their hard work that they do "unto the Lord."

**Third**, I am thankful for all of you who care for the buildings and make it possible to use for the glory of our God. May God bless you, as you serve Him.

A final thing you need to know is that our next **congregational meeting is Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm in Central Hall**. While at the moment we don't have anything major to bring before the congregation, it's always good to hear what is happening around us and how God is working through His people. I hope that you will be a part of that meeting.

# Waylon