



**GENESIS 2:4-3**

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# Relationship Status

1. In God's love: We are uniquely created in His image.
2. In God's presence: We have an opportunity for growth, responsibility, and obedience.
3. In God's design: We have clear roles and responsibilities.



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4. In sin: We misalign ourselves with God's plan for our good.

5. With Jesus: We are redeemed and restored.

## Discussion Questions

1. What big idea/understanding will you take with you after reading Genesis 2:4-Genesis 3 and listening to today's message? What reflections do you have? What connections did you make?
2. How does understanding we are made in accordance to God's image change how we view ourselves? How does your mindset have to change today to fully embrace who God says you are? How do your relationships and interactions change when you see people as being made in accordance to God's image?
3. Much of Genesis 2:4-Genesis 3 is watching God create and do things in His own unique timing and according to His plan. What has this chapter shown you about God's timing and His plan? How can you live in a way that honors His timing and His plan?
4. What is the value in understanding and living out the roles that God has for us in His divine plan? Why are we often reluctant to live in accordance to these roles?
5. What have you learned about the nature of sin and its effects from Genesis 3? How does having this information strengthen your relationship with God?



# Supplemental Materials

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**Romans 8:29** (NIV) *For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.*

**John 14:26** (ESV) *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

**Ephesians 5:28-29** (NIV) *In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—*

**Romans 5:15** (NIV) *But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

**Romans 8:29-30** (MSG) *God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun.*

### WITH JESUS:

#### GOD TAKES WHAT WAS RUINED BY SIN AND MAKES IT FAR BETTER WITH HIS SON

Credit: D. Guzik

- Sin brought pain to childbirth, and no one knew more pain than Jesus did when He, through His suffering, brought many sons to glory. (*Hebrews 2:10*)
- Sin brought conflict, and Jesus endured great conflict to bring our salvation. (*Hebrews 12:3*)
- Thorns came with sin and the fall, and Jesus endured a crown of thorns to bring our salvation. (*John 19:2*)
- Sin brought sweat, and Jesus' sweat, as it were, great drops of blood to win our salvation. (*Luke 22:44*)
- Sin brought sorrow, and Jesus became a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, to save us. (*Isaiah 53:3*)
- Sin brought death, and Jesus tasted death for everyone that we might be saved. (*Hebrews 2:9*)