

A Suitable Companion

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Genesis 2:16-25

Albert Schweitzer is reported to have said, "We are all so much together, but we are all dying of loneliness." The first thing that God declared not good in creation was loneliness. Adam had named all the creatures that surrounded him and yet he was alone. God noticed and said, "It is not good for the man to be alone." So He created a helper for Adam, a suitable companion.

What a wonderful part of the creation story. We use these verses in our wedding ceremonies; for more than 40 years, my wife and I have been as one. We do everything (well, almost) together. Even now, when she is away from me, I am lost. I feel that a part of me is missing and I cannot function normally. She is my suitable companion.

God planned for His children to live in community. Without each other, we are like unfinished portraits or half-written symphonies—missing the beauty of the whole. Even when we are alone, God's plan is not thwarted. We are never truly alone because He is our most suitable companion.

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