

## All Things New #4 – It is not good to be alone.

### Genesis 2:15-22

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 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.” 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.

Why did God give Adam the commandment?

It wasn't to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ him.

It was to give Adam an \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

### God's big observation:

It is \_\_\_\_\_ for the man to be \_\_\_\_\_.

When God brought Eve to Adam He established \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ AND the very first \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Never will you have an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ with another human like the opportunity that you have with your \_\_\_\_\_.

Never will you have an opportunity to shape the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of another individual like the opportunity that you have with your \_\_\_\_\_.





Never will you have an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ to its fullest potential like the opportunity you have if you \_\_\_\_\_ with your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

## All Things New #4 – Connect Group Study

### Getting Started:

Out of the following six reasons not to “go it alone” in life, which stands out to you the most? 1. Collective Wisdom 2. Pushing Our Limits 3. Support 4. New Ideas 5. Accountability 6. Forgiveness

### Digging In: Read Genesis 2:15-22

-  Adam and Eve’s original form of worship was very simple. By obeying God’s command, they could show their love, thanks, praise, and obedience to God. What components make up our worship today? What purpose do they serve?
  
-  God established marriage and the family as divine institutions even before the fall into sin. In a world that continually assaults and redefines marriage and family, what can Christians do to uphold these establishments?
  
-  Luther states that one of the blessings of marriage in our fallen world is that it provides an “antidote to sin.” In what ways do marriage, family, and congregation help a Christian to set aside sinful selfishness and live the full life that God intends for us?
  
-  Pastor mentioned several of the blessings enjoyed in a Christian congregation: devotion to others, encouragement, mutual prayer, shared meals and fellowship, joint worship and study of the Word, as well as support, forgiveness, love, and help in any number of situations. Which would you personally like to grow in? What change(s) would your personal growth bring to Mount Lebanon?

### Taking It Home and to Heart:

Determine one (or more) step(s) that you can take this week to more fully enjoy the gifts of marriage, family, and congregation that the Lord has blessed us with.