

## If I Ain't Got You

### WHY A RELATIONSHIP SERIES?

Relationships aren't working...before marriage or after. Relationships are failing because we are allowing the culture to shape our thoughts on relationships and marriage. If you look to a broken system, you get broken results.

**Proverbs 14:12** - *There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.*

### Hallmark & Disney everything is happily ever after when you find The One...

The Right One Mentality - The myth that if you find "the one," everything else in our world will be right. - Happily Ever After = no problems ever

**1 Corinthians 7:7 MSG** - *7 Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me—a simpler life in many ways! But celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others.*

In the beginning...when God created the world...even in the way he created humans he was establishing an order of priority. **Before Adam had Eve He had God.**

### GOD MUST BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY

**Genesis 2:15-20** - *15 The Lord God took the man and **put him** in the garden of Eden **to work it and keep it.** 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." 18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a **helper** fit for him." 19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. 20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.*

**God PUT Adam in the garden.** He placed him somewhere...he was settled somewhere.

- Get settled. Be comfortable where God has placed you. Until you're settled you can't handle a relationship.

**God gave Adam PURPOSE** when he gave him a job. To work and keep the garden. He wasn't sitting around waiting for a woman to come. - Wasn't complaining about being alone.

### GOD GIVES YOU PURPOSE BEFORE A PERSON

- Your purpose isn't found in your spouse, God has a purpose for you before your spouse.

**God made eve to be a HELPER not a COMPLETER.**

- The real problem is you're lonely...and you're looking for something to solve that.
- Getting married won't solve your loneliness problem. You can feel alone in singleness or marriage

**Your identity is not found in your spouse or any person. It's found in God.**

## **BECOME THE RIGHT ONE INSTEAD OF LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT ONE**

**Genesis 2:21-22** - 21 So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman **and brought her to the man.**

### **GOD BROUGHT EVE TO ADAM**

*When you know your purpose, your place and priorities you attract the right kind of person .*

- **3 levels of attraction - Spiritual, Emotional, Physical**
- Should be in that order - We start backward.
- **Whatever you catch them with you will have to keep them with**
  
- **Proverbs 31:30** - *Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be praised.*
  
- If they don't have a real healthy relationship with God, it's going to be hard to have a real healthy relationship with you.

**God gave Adam provision with boundaries.**

### **GOD GIVES BOUNDARIES TO PROTECT YOU**

How far can we go? - 3 types of relationships in the bible. Brothers, sisters and married.

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING or SYMBIS- because every human is a little crazy.

**Genesis 2:24-25** - 24 Therefore a man shall **leave** his father and his mother and **hold fast to his wife**, and they shall **become one flesh**. 25 And the man and his wife **were both naked and were not ashamed.**

### **YOUR SPOUSE MUST BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY ON THIS EARTH**

*When our priorities are out of order our spouse gets jealous and God gets jealous. Not jealous OF you...jealous FOR you.*

When you join to your spouse you must LEAVE several things. Or change several things.

1. **Your lifestyle changes**
2. **Your friendships change**
3. **Your familial priorities change**

When your priorities are right...God is your first priority. Your spouse is your second.

**Healthy love for a spouse comes from a healthy relationship with God.**

**Your marriage has a 100% chance of success if you do it God's way.**