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“Partnership Preferred”

“Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’” (Genesis 2:18)

Moses: Lone Wolf to Partnership

Exodus 2:11-12 – (11) “One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens, and he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his people. (12) He looked this way and that, and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

Exodus 4:13-16 – (13) “But he said, ‘Oh, my Lord, please send someone else.’ (14) Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, ‘Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. (15) You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do. (16) He shall speak for you to the people, and he shall be your mouth, and you shall be as God to him.’”

Exodus 17:12 – “But Moses’ hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.”

Samson’s Stifling Circle

Judges 16:20 – “And she said, ‘The Philistines are upon you, Samson!’ And he awoke from his sleep and said, ‘I will go out as at other times and shake myself free.’ But he did not know that the LORD had left him.”

Proverbs 18:1 – “Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.”

Abundant Life Together

Matthew 4:18-20 – (18) “While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. (19) And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ (20) Immediately they left their nets and followed him.”

Acts 2:42, 46 – (42) “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. (46) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,”

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Ecclesiastes 4:7-12 – (7) “Again, I saw vanity under the sun: (8) one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, ‘For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?’ This also is vanity and an unhappy business. (9) Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. (10) For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! (11) Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? (12) And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Loner’s Lament

Proverbs 5:11-14 – (11) “...at the end of your life you groan, when your flesh and body are consumed, (12) and you say, ‘How I hated discipline, and my heart despised reproof! (13) I did not listen to the voice of my teachers or incline my ear to my instructors. (14) I am at the brink of utter ruin in the assembled congregation.’”

Reformed Loner?

Ecclesiastes 12:8-10 – (8) “Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; all is vanity. (9) Besides being wise, the Preacher also taught the people knowledge, weighing and studying and arranging many proverbs with great care. (10) The Preacher sought to find words of delight, and uprightly he wrote words of truth.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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