

2/24/19 | Marriage Matters to Him



"The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'" —Genesis 2:18 | NIV

1. Have you ever tried to play a team game by yourself? How did it go?
2. Have you ever taken over a team project and tried to do it all by yourself? How did it go?
3. Consider this proverb. What does it mean? Is it always true? How does it relate to marriage?

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, take someone with you." —Kenyan Proverb
4. What did you think about the top 5 needs of men? What would you add or subtract to that list? How have you seen that to be true in your relationship?
 - a. Admiration
 - b. Shared Household Responsibilities
 - c. An Attractive Spouse
 - d. Recreational Companionship
 - e. Sexual Fulfillment
5. What stuck out to you from Song of Solomon this week? Explain.

Companionship

6. Read Genesis 2:15-25.

The Hebrew words for *"helper"* and *"suitable"* in verse 18 are *"ezer"* and *"neged."*

Verses that use *"ezer"* (helper, help): Psalm 33:20, Psalm 121:1, Psalm 121:2. What can you learn about being a helpful companion from the context of these verses?

Verses that use *"neged"* (the front, the side next to the spectator, presence): 1 Samuel 16:6, Psalm 16:8, Psalm 49:16. What can you

learn about being a suitable and near companion from these verses?

What do all of these verses tell us about suitable helpers? What does this tell us about the role of a wife since a wife is called to be her husband's "*ezer neged*"?

What can we learn from these verses about being companions to all God's people?

7. Read Philippians 2:1-4. What do these verses say about being companions to each other?
8. Read Ecclesiastes 4:8-12. What do these verses say about being companions?
9. Read Proverbs 27:17. What does this verse have to do with companionship?
10. Why do you think recreational companionship is one of a husband's top needs?
11. How can this study help you be better companions this week?

TAKEAWAY:

With marriage, God is concerned with direction more than perfection. What are some active things you and your spouse are doing to improve the direction of your relationship?