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LIFE with Women

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"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
John 10:10

In the Beginning

"So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."
Genesis 1:27

"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

עֶזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ Helper: Ezer Suitable/Needed: Kenegdo

Ezer is also used 16 times for God as Israel's Helper, Protector, Defender, Rescuer

Interdependence is part of God's Design. Interdependence demands responsibility.
Sin...Focus on Self - What do I want? What do I deserve? What is being withheld?

Christ-Like... What does love require of me? What am I responsible for?

In a Christian Marriage... Ephesians 5:21-33

*"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... each one of you also must **love his wife** as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect her husband**."*

Men are Responsible to: Love & Serve their wives sacrificially – To Be Christ-Like

Pathways to Connection

Physical Closeness

Openness

Listen to understand

Pursuit

Loyalty

Reassurance

*"You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because He no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, "Why?" It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though **she is your partner**, the wife of your marriage covenant." So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. "The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the LORD, the God of Israel, "**does violence** to the one he **should protect**," says the LORD Almighty."*
Malachi 2:13-16

Men & Women are designed to be needed, appreciated, & valued.

Who are you responsible for? How do you ensure they feel loved/respected?

(Children's expectations of their future relationships are set by watching ours)

In light of how God designed men and women to mutually appreciate and need each other... how does this impact how we raise our children to see the opposite sex?