The Creation of Husband and Wife

Session 2 - Homework # 1

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:18-24 Date

<u>PRAY</u> - Slow Down. Pray together. Pray <u>for</u> one another (each one praying for the other). Ask God to reveal to you how He has created each of you.

<u>LISTEN</u>

Read <u>Genesis 2:18</u>. Each one of you read it out loud. Talk about the puzzle and the piece illustration from this session.

<u>THINK</u>

We used the definition *"Fit Just Right"* by combining the ESV and the NLT versions. Remember we said the original means literally *"according to the opposite."*

Discuss these questions together and write your responses.

How do you think you are fitting just right together?

Do you recognize that to fit "just right" together, you must be opposites?

What conflicts has being opposites created in your marriage?

What commitments can you make to one another to better "fit together" as opposites?

LISTEN

Read <u>Genesis 2:21-23</u> together slowly, thinking (and talking) about the puzzle and the piece illustration.

<u>THINK</u>

Make this personal to your marriage. Think back on how God brought you together. Look for His hand orchestrating your marriage. Write about it.

What does this understanding of God "Creating" you as a puzzle and a piece cause you to re-think about your marriage? What different perspective does it give you on your marriage?

<u>PRAY</u>

Make sure you each have shared what you feel about these verses and these concepts. Then pray together about what you've discussed.

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS for the next class

Living Sacrifice

Session 2 - Homework # 2

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-2 ___ Date ____

PRAY - Slow Down. Pray together. Ask God to speak to you through His Word.

LISTEN

Read <u>Romans 12:1-2</u> carefully. Read it out loud, and talk a bit about it. If possible, read it from two different Bible versions.

<u>NOTE</u>: The word "body" in verse 1 is referring to "all your members and faculties (AMP)." The MSG calls it "your everyday, ordinary life." It's more than your physical body, it's the totality of your life.

<u>NOTE</u>: The end of verse 1 can be translated either; *"your spiritual worship"* or, *"your reasonable service."*

<u>THINK</u>

Look at **<u>Romans 12:1</u>** one more time, considering the 2 notes above. Discuss with your spouse what this means, and how you may be able to better accomplish this in your marriage.

In what ways can we better present our lives to God in our marriage?

What is keeping us from doing this?

<u>THINK</u>

Do the same thing with verse 2. Re-read verse 2 considering the following notes;

<u>NOTE</u>: "be transformed" speaks of receiving a <u>totally new nature</u>.

<u>NOTE</u>: The word "renewing" means "*a full renovation*," like a full renovation of your house. First, you tear everything old out, right down to the bare walls. Then, you install everything new. A complete renovation.

NOTE: If you're reading NKJV, the word "prove" means; *"to know, or discern, by testing a thing."*

Discuss with your spouse how this verse could be applied in your marriage.

Are you really allowing God to transform you by the renewing of your mind (using the above explanations)?

What regular steps can you take together, to see God continue to transform you and renew you, together?

<u>PRAY</u>

Take a "Transformation Inventory." Full surrender of your life to God is your only hope for a transformed marriage.

Pray about this together. Write down the highlights of your prayer.