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The
Genesis
Power of a Vulnerable Connection



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Terms | *Vulnerable Connection*

- Connection  Being seen, heard and valued
- Knowledge (*da'ath*)
- *Encounter (yada)*
- *Vulnerable*
- *Intimacy*

Genesis 2:7–9 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[7] then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. [8] And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. [9] And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:10–14 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[10] A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. [11] The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. [12] And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. [13] The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. [14] And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Genesis 2:15–17 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[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.”

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[30] Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; [31] and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with **knowledge**, and with all craftsmanship, [32] to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, [33] in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. ***Exodus 35:30–33***

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[1] Now Adam **knew** Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” **Genesis 4:1**

[4] But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. [5] For God **knows** that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **Genesis 3:5**

Genesis 2:18–20 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[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

Helper | *Vulnerable Connection*

עֵזֶר (ĒZER) - HELPER

- There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty. **Deut. 33:26**
- May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion! **Psalm 20:2**
- I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 115:9-11

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עֵזֶר (ĒZER) - HELPER

- Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the **shield of your help**, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs.”

Deut. 33:29

- Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our **help and our shield**.

Psalm 33:20

- O Israel, trust in the LORD! He is their **help and their shield**. O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD! He is their **help and their shield**. You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD. He is their **help and their shield**.

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- This help is often offered as a shield and protection against the enemy assaults.

Genesis 2:21–23 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[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. [23] Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man.”

Genesis 2:24–25 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[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**.

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You have **ravished** my heart, My sister, my spouse; You have ravished my heart With one look of your eyes, With one link of your necklace. **Song of Solomon 4:9**

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John 15:5–7 | *Vulnerable Connection*

[5] I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not **abide** in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. [7] If you **abide** in me, and my words **abide** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

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