

**The God of New Beginnings 2**  
**Genesis 2:25 "...they felt no shame."**  
**Title: "Brave Nude World"**

Have you wondered at the mess our world is in, specifically with the inability of people to get along with each other? Why is it so hard to like some people? Can God help me in my relationships?

As I consider the book of Genesis I am struck by the idea of what it was supposed to be like. The Garden of Eden is portrayed as a Paradise and we read, "And God saw that it was very good." So what was it intended to be like and did it all get messed up so that we live in a messed up world? And I suppose the big question is, "Can it be repaired?"

Tune in this Sunday for #2 in our series The God Of New Beginnings where we will look at what it was supposed to be like in the "Brave Nude World."

## Small Group Questions

*"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 Gen 2:18 (NIV)*

1. **Read Genesis 2:4-25**
2. In what ways have we failed to be good stewards of God's earth?
3. What method of watering does God employ in the pre-flood earth?
4. What differences do you see between the way God gave life to the creatures of the water, air and earth and the way God gave life to Adam and Eve? There were three ways of creating them. What were they?
5. The Hebrew word for man is 'adam' which sounds like the word for 'ground' (adamah). Why was he given this name?
6. Where was the Garden of Eden (Hebrew -- 'delight') that God created for Adam?
7. What would be the pleasures and responsibilities for Adam in 2:15-17?
8. What do they reveal about the life God originally intended for us?
9. What does verse 18 indicate about the depth of God's concern for his human creation?
10. How is man's relationship to the beasts and the birds demonstrated? (2:19-20)
11. Why did God show Adam the animals first as he looked for a mate?
12. What was unique about Eve's creation? Is she still created in the "image of God"?
13. In what ways was the woman more suitable for Adam?
14. What was the woman's relationship intended to be towards man? (2:18) (the word "help - meet" means one who is a counterpart.)

15. What does 2:24 teach about marriage?

16. God provided all that Adam and Eve needed. How has God provided for your needs?

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