

START HERE #6: GENESIS 2:15-25 MADE TO LOVE

Charles Dickens said T2C IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES IT WAS THE WORST OF TIMES.
LONDON/PARIS wisdom/foolishness – belief incredulity – light darkness – hope
despair - A TALE OF 2 EXPERIENCES

Trust/betrayal – joy/sorrow – pleasure/pain - love and strangle – **JUST IN THE ROOM**

**MINIS: Laugh cry learn repent encouraged challenged set free healed – JESUS
LIVE TRUTH – have your bible– Know Truth vs. Live Truth (ppl with most dysf)**

The way you live bears the fruit of what you actually believe.

**MP: You have been made by God to receive His love, to love Him and to give His
love freely to others.**

Rel: Not adaptation – survival of fittest - social evol – LOVE IS MORE THAN CHEMICALS

THE TRINITY IS THE BEGINNING AND BASIS FOR ALL RELATIONSHIPS

GOD IS LOVE – how do we know? 1 GOD 3 Persons - FATHER – SON – HOLY SPIRIT

The Trinity is in an eternal relationship that is founded on love.

IMAGO DEI: Made for community, made roles, unity and we are made for love

John 14:31 But that the world may know that I love the Father. (SON'S SUBMISSION TO CROSS/PIC)

Having been made in God's image we are engineered, made, for loving relationships

- **JESUS DEFINED ALL REVELATION BY LOVE RELATIONSHIP**

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to him, "You shall **love** the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: 'You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

LOVE: The unconditional self-givingness of God that springs naturally from His being and is eternally displayed within the Trinity and to all His creation through Christ.

- ALL FEELING: Full of feeling but further than feeling – unconditional self giving

Love is the language and purpose of relationships.

- I love: phone, car, choco, espresso, money. **not a TeslaBot. God didn't create**

TREE IN THE GARDEN: how do I know it's self-giving love unless there's a choice?

HUMANS ARE DESIGNED FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL NOT TRANSACTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

Transactional relationships are economic and functional. They're based on exchange of money, goods, services, and expectations ... And when that point no longer makes sense or has been fulfilled, the relationship ends.

toxic behavior: revenge, ignoring people, passive aggressive, blaming shifting, manipulation – cancelling relationships/divorce

Transformational relationships are self-giving relationships, emulated on and empowered by God's love. They are characterized by mutual trust, mercy, grace, love.

- Marketplace/Consumer mindset into relationships – **EVEN CHRISTIANS**

TRANSACTIONAL	TRANSFORMATIONAL
About you and what you get	About others and what you give
Human patterned and human powered	God patterned and God powered
Maintained if there's a personal benefit	Willing to sacrifice
Built on fear and lack of trust	Built on faith and mutual trust
Unwilling to change	Embrace and experience change
Like a business partnership	About love
Reinforces toxic cycles	Breaks unhealthy patterns begins healthy ones

For your relationships to be transformed you have to live transformationally.

TRANSFORMATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS START WITH GOD

We know loving relationships is the heart of God for humanity.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us. For God so loved the world. God is love. Perfect love casts out all fear. God demonstrates His own love. Greater love has no man than this. They will know you are my disciples by your love. He loved them to the end. Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us. The lord didn't choose you because you were more in number but because he loves you. As many as I love I chasten

CLEAR IN COVENANTS: God reestablishing His love relationship with humans through His promises and according to His conditions.

- Eden, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David Jesus New Covenant

The biblical covenants form the unifying thread of God's saving action through Scripture.

God moves towards you in LOVE (CROSS) – you responded by moving to Him in love

- **MADE COMPLETE IN HIS LOVE – MOVE TOWARDS OTHERS IN LOVE**

*****KEYNOTE PICS**

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love Him because He first loved us.

LIVETRUTH -

1. RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE AND LIVE IN IT DAILY – **1 John 4:18-19**

To have transformational relationships you have to first be being transformed by God's love.

Don't expect from others what only God is able to give to you.

2. CHOOSE TRANSFORMATIONAL OVER TRANSACTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Others aren't responsible for your happiness – you're not resp for theirs

Relationships aren't about keeping people happy they're about receiving God's love and giving it freely.

3. RELATIONSHIPS LEAVE A MARK. **IS LOVE THE MARK YOU LEAVE?**