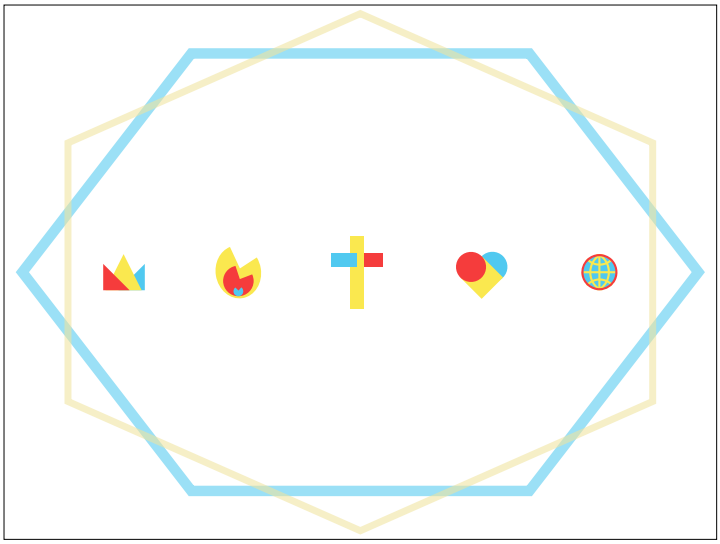




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My eyesight was really bad.
So it was probably around 8.25 and 8.75 in an eye.
For half of my life, i couldn't see things very clearly.
And i think for a lot of us spiritually it's the same way. We have a distorted picture of the world, and of ourselves.

Kingdom Vision is asking God to help fix our optics. The way we see the world. To have that perspective fixed and shifted. So it's not longer distorted. It starts with



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Having a Hope of God's kingdom. As we face the cynicism and doubt in this world, it's helping us to have a better picture of God's eternal kingdom and his sovereignty.



And the second part is then seeing how God's sovereignty, and us as citizens of heaven, affect how we see this world around us.

This year is about really challenging your spiritual development. It's about saying how can you be a disciple — with that kingdom vision. That kingdom mindset. The sovereignty of God.



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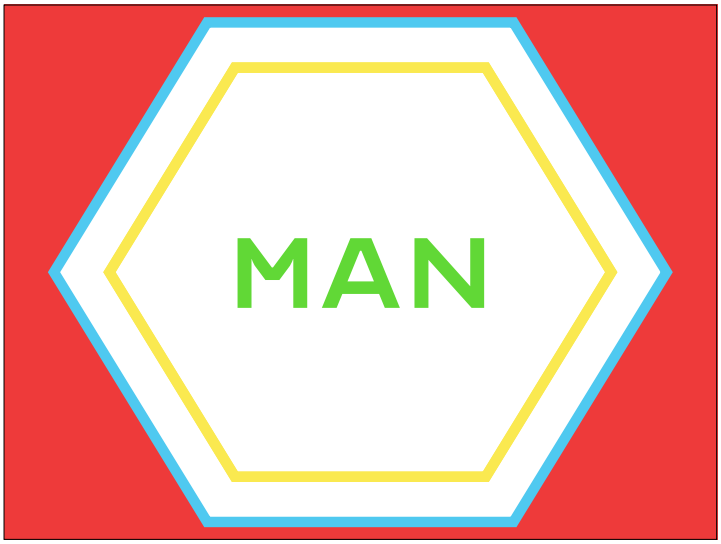

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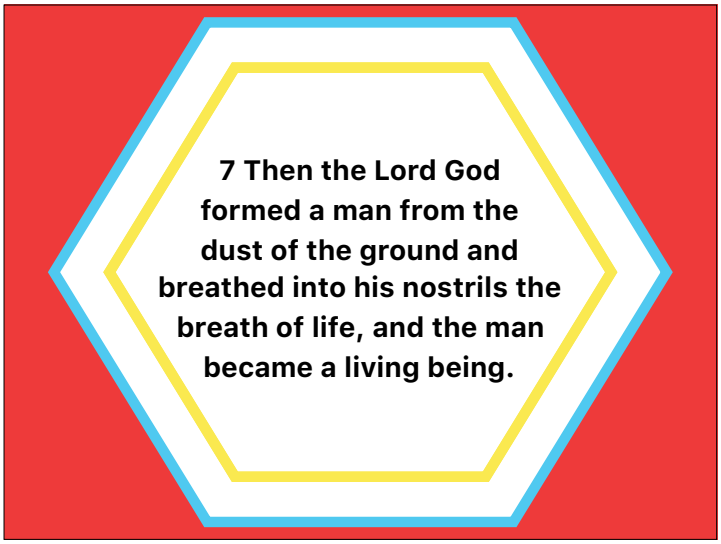
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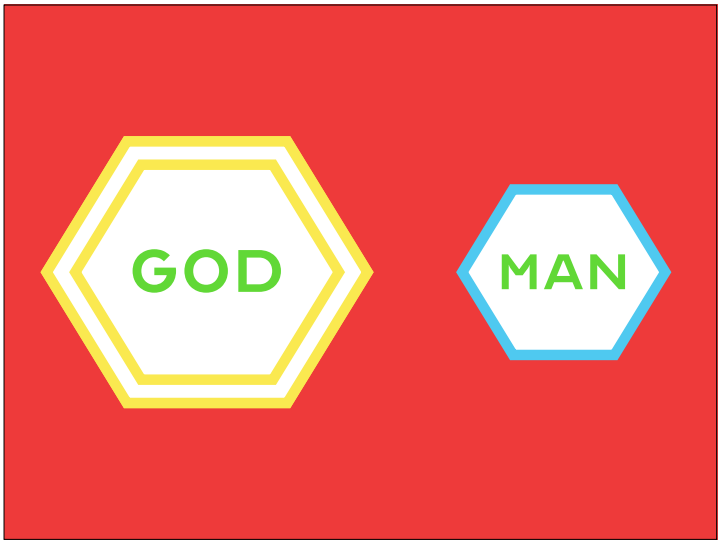
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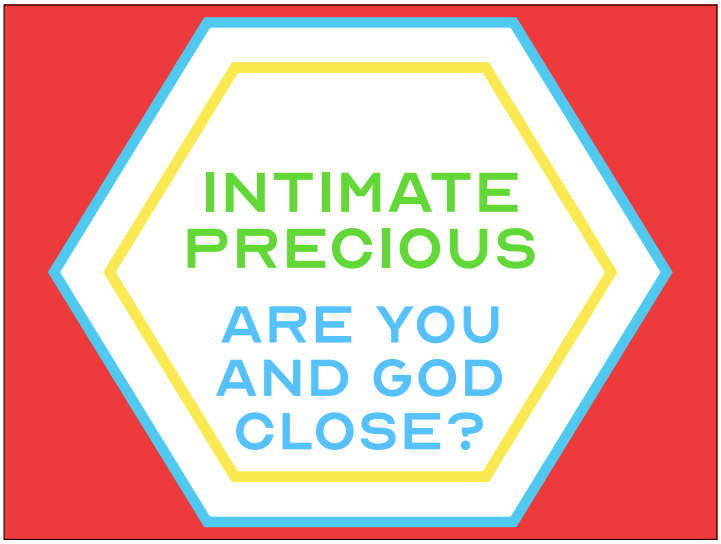
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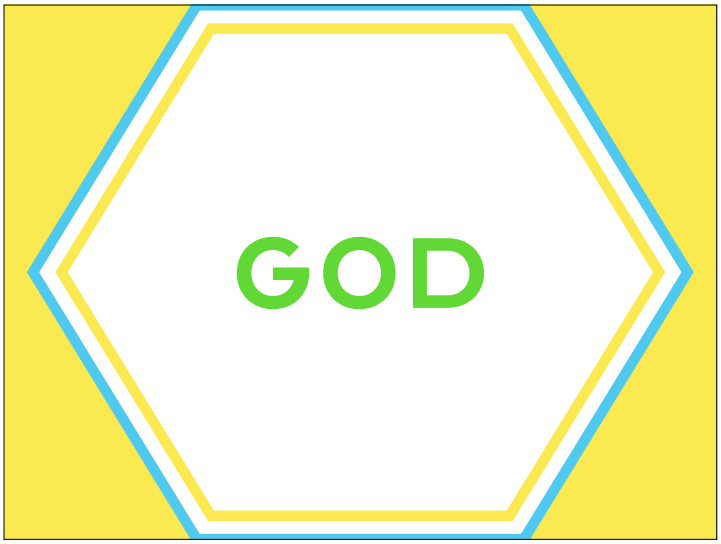
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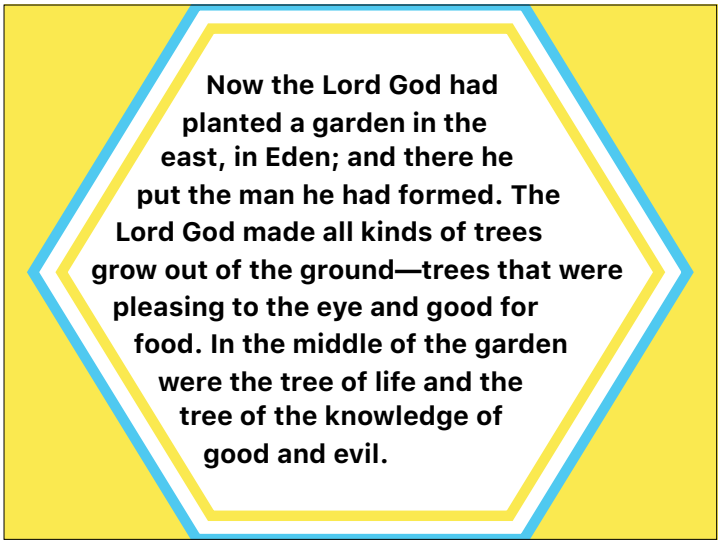
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And when we are looking at Paradise. This divine breath of life of God into us, makes us spiritual beings. not just



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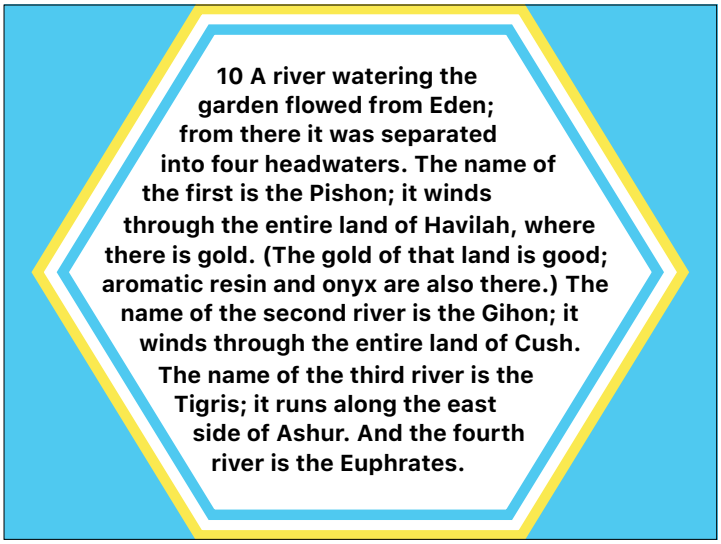
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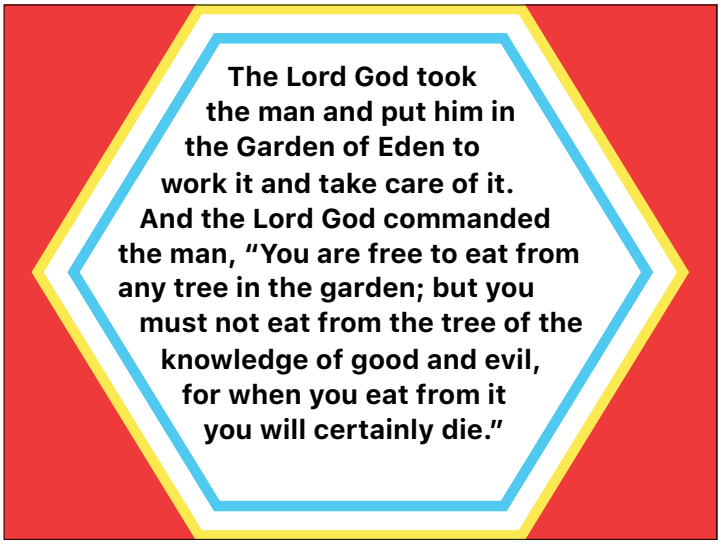
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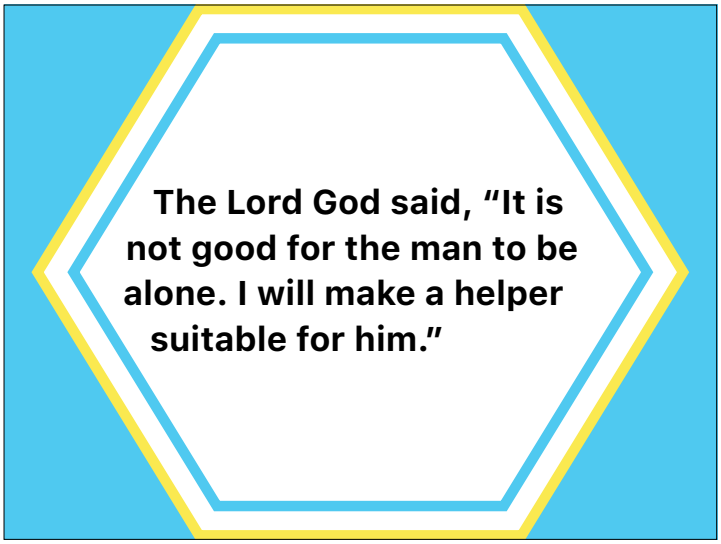
In our kingdom, there is still this responsibility we have, this willingness to obey and to follow.

When we’re thinking about Kingdom Vision, and what it means for us to be part of God’s kingdom, we need to see — there is a purpose to our place. We are not there for no reason. There is enjoyment in the work. There is meaining.

YOu need to ask God — what is HIs purpose for you. What is your responsibility. And in particular, when we talk about sin, and we talk about obedience — what does that mean.



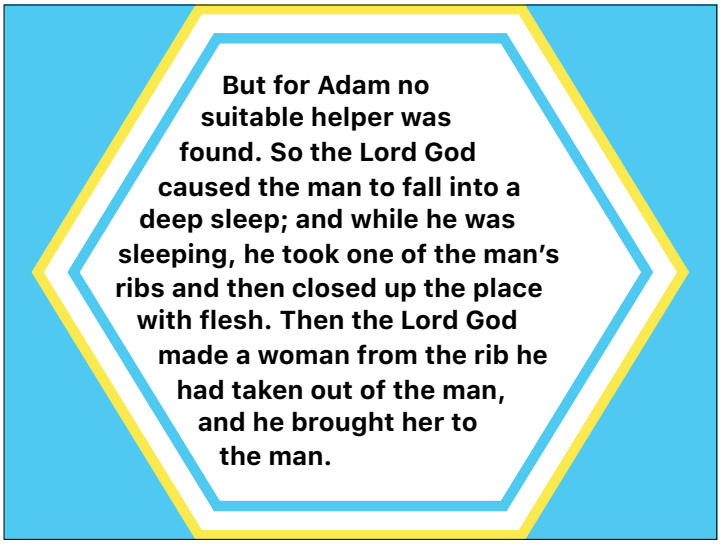
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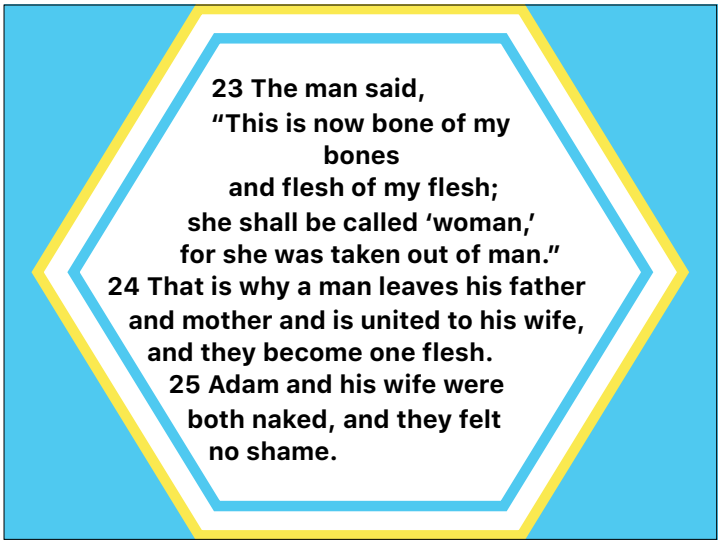
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Helper — Ezer — but same word used to talk about God, he is our helper, and the Holy Spirit, who is our helper — there’s this strength in it.

Additionally, this verse comes right after God gives him a command of purpose and responsibility. And there’s this sense of accountability. One of the purposes of the helper is accountability. To make sure that purpose and responsibility is seen out. It becomes both of their purpose and responsibility.



But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.



23 The man said,
“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”
24 That is why a man leaves his father
and mother and is united to his wife,
and they become one flesh.
25 Adam and his wife were both
naked, and they felt no shame.



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COMMUNITY
CONNECTION

God wants us to understand community. That we are not alone as people. And the of that passage is that it's not shameful.

Man and woman. There's this distinct nature between man and women that God wants us to know and understand. On top of that, the verse fo moving forward, there's this sense of creating a forward unit, of life … this thing that God was explaining was that paradise is this moving forward, and going forward. There is a new unit.



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