

THE SECRET TO HAPPILY EVER AFTER

GENESIS 1-2 | ERIC SIMPSON | FEBRUARY 2, 2020

"Marriage is like taking Cinderella and Huck Finn, tossing them in a submarine, and closing the hatch. What did you think would happen?" – John & Stasi Eldredge

Genesis 1:1-2

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

good = **towb** = beautiful, bountiful, excellent

➤ From "formless & empty" to "shaped & filled"

God brings the shape to the shapeless and fills the empty.

Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."...

➤ From "it is not good to be alone" to sacred companionship

"When you have a source of life, you are a source of life...if you are disconnected from a source of life, your 'oxygen tank', then you will attempt to suck life out of someone else. You will be tempted to use people to try to get your sense of self validated." – Ben Stuart

Genesis 2:24-25

24 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. 25 The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

➤ From "leaving" to "uniting"

This week...

1. Have a conversation with your spouse/significant other about this message.
2. Commit to pray each day this week for your spouse/significant other.
3. Come back next week—message from Genesis 3 "Love & War"

Recommended resources:

Single. Dating. Engaged. Married. by Ben Stuart
What Did You Expect? by Paul David Tripp