

“Another Day in Paradise”

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“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let **them** have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created **them**. Then God blessed **them**, and God said to **them**, ‘Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

Genesis 1:26 – 28

1.First Great Co-mission- “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it.”

We cannot do alone what needs to be done together.



Singles- There are purposes for His Kingdom that can only be done alone or in strategic partnerships.

2. Co-mission vs. Self-mission

Nowhere in the Bible does it tell us to be independent.

Declarations are powerful (i.e. The Declaration of Independence).

“Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us.”

-John Hancock (1st signer of the Declaration of Independence)

Independence is not the same as freedom.

True freedom is found when we value the commission within loving boundaries of the Father.

Because the co-mission is a foundational aspect of marriage it needs to be a priority.

Priority- Consider *prior* to other life-decisions

3. Common vs. Normal

'Common' culture does not always mean 'normal' culture.

*“The Pharisees also came to Him, testing Him, and saying to Him, ‘Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?’ And He answered and said to them, ‘Have you not read that He who made them **at the beginning** ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what **God has joined together, let not man separate.**’ They said to Him, ‘Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?’ He said to them, ‘Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but **from the beginning** it was not so.’”*

Matthew 19:3-8

Jesus established value, priority, and purpose for marriage that should not be altered by man.

The culture of Eden is back in play!

Jesus ushered in a restorational culture shift.

Culture Shift

From _____ To _____

From _____ To _____

From _____ To _____

From _____ To _____

Personal Questions

Why are you married? Take a walk down memory lane and remember when you met. What are the things you used to dream over?

Singles- Why do you want to be married? What are you called to as a single?

Discussion Questions

How has this teaching transformed your thoughts about marriage? Your thoughts about your own marriage?

Discuss the phrase, “‘Common’ culture does not always mean ‘normal’ culture.” How does the truth of this statement apply to dating and marriage? What have you previously declared to be ‘normal’ and now you are thinking about it differently?

Being co-missioned is not unique to marriage. What other relationships/ministries do you feel the Lord is calling you to be co-missioned with?

How does it look to walk out your co-missioning in your home with your parents, siblings, and/or spouse.

Declarations for Couples

This is a primary relationship.

This relationship is a priority.

You are my prior thought, not my after thought.

I set down any self-mission and embrace our co-mission.

We serve a purpose in the kingdom that can only be done together!

This is a boundary (squeeze arms). I will defend it. I will honor it. I will protect it. I will fight for it.

Declarations for Singles

My relationships are flourishing, and I easily prioritize my responsibilities between work, family, play, and friendships.

My co-mission is not on hold. My days are saturated by purpose, and His vision for my life is filled with clarity and joy!

I delight to walk each day within the boundaries my Heavenly Father has given me!

I am my Father’s prior-thought and never His after-thought!

Notes