

Summer Updates

- **Falls Creek this week!**
- **Sun. Night 5pm Service**
 - *Resumes July 6th (not June 22)
- **Wed. 6pm Groups for Kids/Adults**
 - *Resumes July 9th

John 7:40-8:10

- Increasing Division and Opposition to Jesus, but also examples of faith from officers and from Nicodemus
- Famous story of woman caught in adultery (likely not in original manuscript) and Jesus' response

***Don't Be Conformed to this World**

- **Lack of Courage**
 - Characterized by Fear / Passivity
 - **Lack of Control**
 - Characterized by Anger / Pride
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****But be transformed
by the renewing of your mind***

1. Renewed Identity

Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

- Genesis 2:7

Genesis 2:8-9a

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food.

Genesis 2:9b-10

The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers.

1. Renewed Identity

- **Not God - therefore, humble**
 - Valued and Loved by God
 - Worship and Fear of God

***True of women as well!**

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- Not God - therefore, humble
- Not animal - therefore, disciplined
 - Made in the image of God
 - To represent God to the world

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- Not God - therefore, humble
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- Not boy - therefore, responsible
 - Seasons of Life (Proverbs 20:29)

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1. Renewed Identity

- Not God - therefore, humble
- Not animal - therefore, disciplined
- Not boy - therefore, responsible
- Not woman - therefore, chivalrous
 - Both women and men have strength in Scripture, but male strength is unique

1 Peter 3:7

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, *since they are heirs with you of the grace of life*, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

2. Renewed Purpose

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it [priestly duties]. - Gen. 2:15

Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

2. Renewed Purpose

- **A Holy Purpose**
 - Threatened by many forces
 - Requires work and hope
 - For the Glory of God, the good of others, and my joy

3. Renewed Belonging

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper [azer; support / ally; often used of God] fit for him.”

- Genesis 2:18

Genesis 2:19

Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

Genesis 2:20

The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

Genesis 2:21-22

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:23

Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Genesis 2:24-25

**Therefore a man shall leave his father
and his mother and hold fast to his
wife, and they shall become one flesh.
And the man and his wife were both
naked and were not ashamed.**

3. Renewed Belonging

- **Alongside Women**
 - Marriage; Purity; Value
- **Alongside Other Men**
 - Iron sharpens Iron

***In Homes, Churches, and Communities**

Gospel Hope and Healing

- **Genesis 3** = sin, death, brokenness
- **Genesis 3:16** = *“The Lord said to the serpent... ‘he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.’”*
- **John 8:10** = *“Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on, sin no more.”*