

RETHINK HOW YOU THINK
PART 4: FROM LONELINESS TO CONNECTION
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“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.” Romans 12:2 (NLT)

CREATED TO CONNECT

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it ...The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’” Genesis 2:15,18 (NIV)

“Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.” Genesis 2:19-20 (NIV)

“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. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. 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.’ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” Genesis 2:21-25 (NIV)

“Then He said to the woman, ‘I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.’” Genesis 3:16 (NLT)

- **It is not good for _____ to be _____**
_____ **human beings.**

“Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. God places the lonely in families ...” Psalms 68:5-6 (NLT)

- **God created me for _____ at a _____**
_____.

A – B – C MODEL

A _____ **B** _____ **C** _____

D _____

MOVING FROM LONELINESS TO CONNECTION

STEP 1: _____ **ON** _____.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."
1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

"... if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from His love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."
Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV)

STEP 2: _____ **MY** _____
_____.

"Now this is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Give careful thought to your ways.'" Haggai 1:5 (NIV)

STEP 3: **ENGAGE IN** _____ **OF KINDNESS.**

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV)

"God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."
1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

STEP 4: _____ **WITH** _____.

"... let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

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