



## GENESIS: HEAD AND HELPER

### I. Introductory Concepts

#### A. About Structure

1. Does structure require \_\_\_\_\_?
2. Did God design relationships with \_\_\_\_\_?

#### B. About Biblical Narrative Literature

1. Narrative literature \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Adam and Eve's experience \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our reality.

### II. God's Design from the Genesis Narrative

#### Genesis 1: Male/Female Commonality

1. Male and female were created with \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 1:26,27)
2. Male and female were given a \_\_\_\_\_: to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 1:28)

#### Genesis 2: Male/Female Distinctives

1. Adam was created \_\_\_\_\_. (Genesis 2:7)
2. Adam is given an \_\_\_\_\_ with responsibility before Eve is created. (Genesis 2:15)
3. Adam is \_\_\_\_\_ by God with the responsibility of leading with His \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:16-17)
4. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ the animals, a sign of his \_\_\_\_\_ over creation. (Genesis 2:19-20)
5. Adam is given a \_\_\_\_\_, a phrase that defines the core social identity for both the man and the woman. (Genesis 2:18, 21-22)
6. Adam \_\_\_\_\_ his helper. (Genesis 2:23)
7. The man is to leave and \_\_\_\_\_ a new household. (Genesis 2:24)
8. The temptation seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ God's original social and spiritual order. (Genesis 3:1-6)
9. God holds \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_ accountable for this transgression. (Genesis 3:8-9)
10. Adam's response to sin has a \_\_\_\_\_ attached to it. (Genesis 3:11-12)
11. Adam and Eve's judgment is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the created order. (Genesis 3:17)

12. Adam's \_\_\_\_\_ falls not only on him (Genesis 3:16-17), but on all those under his leadership. (Romans 5:16-18)
13. Adam renames his wife as an additional sign of his \_\_\_\_\_ after the fall. (Genesis 3:20)

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### **Discussion Questions:**

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week: In what specific ways do you see Depravity (the sinful desires of your own heart) pulling you away from God's Plan for you as a woman? Are there other factors around you that add to this pull? (e.g. Peer pressure, the media, family influences...)
2. What are your thoughts on/reactions to the statement, "All human relationships need structure?"
3. When you hear the terms "Head" and "Helper" do you tend to think one is more valuable or important than the other? Explain.
4. In the list of observations on the Genesis Narrative, which one was most surprising or interesting to you? Why?
5. Genesis describes a reversal of God's intended order—Adam was passive, Eve took over leadership responsibility—and all kinds of heartache that resulted. Describe a more current example from your own experience.
6. What role does **trust** play in our ability to consider and embrace the Head & Helper model for relationships? Who do we have to trust? In what ways is it hard to do?