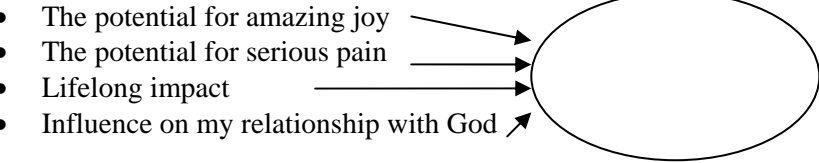




**“The Most Important”**  
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 COMMUNITY CHURCH



**Genesis 2:18, 22-23, 25 3:6-8, 10-13(NLT)**

And the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him." 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam. 23 "At last!" Adam exclaimed. "She is part of my own flesh and bone! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of a man." 25 Now, although Adam and his wife were both naked, neither of them felt any shame. 3:6 The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! So she ate some of the fruit. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her. Then he ate it, too. 7 At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves. 8 Toward evening they heard the LORD God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees. 10 He replied, "I heard you, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." 11 "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten the fruit I commanded you not to eat?" 12 "Yes," Adam admitted, "but it was the woman you gave me who brought me the fruit, and I ate it." 13 Then the LORD God asked the woman, "How could you do such a thing?" "The serpent tricked me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

**Good Question: How do you go from amazing unity, intimacy, and fulfillment...to... shame, fear, and blaming others?**

**Great Question = \_\_\_\_\_ important ... How do we get back to God's \_\_\_\_\_ in our most important relationships?**

**\* 2 Goals:**

- To \_\_\_\_\_ you that you can have great relationships.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ you to do whatever it takes!

**A Really Big Problem!**

**1. We all suffer from the sin of \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Philippians 2:2-5 (NLT)**

*Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose. 3 Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. 4 Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. 5 Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had.*

**Quote from Willard Harley, Jr., Marriage Counselor:** "Those of us in the business of trying to save marriages struggle daily with cultural beliefs and practices that make our job difficult. More to the point, it has to do with a major shift towards self-centeredness. Beliefs that encourage self-centeredness destroy marriage."

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**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**

*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. 6 It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*

**\* “Yes God, I am willing . . .”**

**Personal Action Steps**

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