



## LIFE GROUP SERMON NOTES

### “Original King & Queen”

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#### WARM-UP (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. *No right or wrong answers.*

- If you were opening a business and you could choose any business partner, who would that person be? Why?
- Who is the best boss you've ever had? What made him/her a good boss?
- Did you watch the royal wedding of prince William and Kate? Why did/didn't you watch it?

#### WORD (10-15 minutes)

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##### **Genesis 1:26-28**

*Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and 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. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

The original King and Queen was Adam and Eve, because God created them to rule over the whole earth. God positioned them over the entire earth and gave them authority over it. God gave them a four-fold mandate as a couple: 1) Prosper 2) Multiply 3) Fill the earth 4) Rule  
We are going to analyze three things that happened as they tried to fulfill that four-fold mandate.

##### **1. Partnership**

First, we see in order to fulfill the mandate, Adam needed to partner with God. God gave Adam authority over the animals and entrusted their naming to him. The name that Adam gave to each animal became their name. God didn't go in trying to correct what Adam did.

Secondly, Adam needed to partner with his wife. Two of the four commands could be fulfilled by Adam partnering with God alone, but the other two commands required the addition of a male and female partnership. Adam didn't do anything to find or get a woman, God did. God put Adam to sleep, took a bone out of his rib, and then brought Eve to Adam. Adam had to be doing the part that he could do (naming the animals and fulfilling the pieces of the mandate that he could without Eve) until God brought to him his partner for life.

##### **2. Problem**

Adam was supposed to cover Eve. Whenever you don't engage in your assignment, you are inviting problems in. When you reject the truth of God about who you are and what you are suppose to do, you will end up believing the lies of the enemy. Adam and Eve shouldn't have been talking about what God

had already forbidden instead of doing and enjoying what God had already given. Neither should we.

### **3. Promise**

God's solution to their problem was a promise. Within God's punishment of Adam and Eve, he never took away the mandate and purpose he gave to them. God didn't take away from Adam and Eve their position as head of creation; instead, God made a partial covering from the skin of an animal, as a foreshadowing of the ultimate covering for our sin and shame: Jesus Christ.

### **PERSONAL APPLICATION (10-15 minutes)**

**Choose an item below to discuss, or introduce another related topic for discussion.**

- What has God called you to do? Are you obeying him by doing it?
- What are practical ways you can fulfill God's mandate (of prospering, multiplying and ruling) in the place of life you are in right now?
- If you are a female, what and who defines you as a woman? If you are a male, how do you define women? Does your concept of women line up with what the Bible teaches about them?

### **PRAYER (10-15 minutes)**

**Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.**

- For opportunities, boldness, and wisdom to fulfill God's mandate to preach the Gospel to all nations.
- For our nation, that the Lord may show mercy for drifting apart from His definition of marriage.
- For grace that as His church we may stand for, preach, and live by the truth.
- For our own families, that we may enjoy the partnership God has given us, and that we would show the value that God gives to both males and females.