



# of PARTNERSHIP

## WEEK 1

### OPENING QUESTION:

Describe a good, bad, or ugly memory you have from dating in the past.

### VIDEO SESSION 1

———— GUIDING PRINCIPLE Relationships thrive through better or worse when both people ————  
fully complement each other.

**Genesis 2:18-24** - <sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, "It is **not good for the man to be alone**. I will make a **helper as his complement**." <sup>19</sup>So the Lord God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal; but for the man **no helper was found as his complement**. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to come over the man, and he slept. **God took one of his ribs** and closed the flesh at that place. <sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God **made the rib** He had taken from the man **into a woman** and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>And the man said: This one, at last, is **bone of my bone** and **flesh of my flesh**; this one will be called "woman," for she was taken from man. <sup>24</sup>This is why a man **leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh**.

- >> What does it mean to be a "complement" to something?
- >> Why is it valuable to be a complement to each other in a relationship?
- >> Describe a time in a relationship when your weakness and your partner's strength complemented each other.

## VIDEO SESSION 2

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**Genesis 3:16-19, 22-23** - <sup>16</sup>He said to the woman: I will **intensify your labor pains**; you will **bear children in anguish**. Your desire will be for your **husband**, yet he **will rule over you**. <sup>17</sup>And He said to Adam, "Because you listened to your wife's voice and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it': The **ground is cursed** because of you. You will eat from it by means of **painful labor all the days of your life**. <sup>18</sup>It will **produce thorns and thistles** for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>You will **eat bread by the sweat of your brow** until you return to the ground, since you were taken from it. For you are dust, and **you will return to dust**." <sup>22</sup>The Lord God said, "Since man has become like one of Us, **knowing good and evil**, he must not reach out, take from the tree of life, eat, and live forever." <sup>23</sup>So the **Lord God sent him away** from the garden of Eden **to work the ground** from which he was taken.

**Ephesians 5:22, 25** - <sup>22</sup>Wives, **submit** to your own husbands as to the Lord.  
<sup>25</sup>Husbands, **love your wives**, just **as Christ loved the church** and gave Himself for her.

- >> Why are emotions alone not the tie that binds people together in a relationship?
- >> Describe a time a couple you know went through a "for worse" time and either thrived or grew bitter.
- >> What personal challenge do you have to get over to lead or submit in your relationship or in a future relationship? Explain.

### CLOSING CHALLENGE:

\*This week, when you face a FOR WORSE time, choose to work your way through it as something done for the Lord.

\*Have a conversation with your partner about how you complement each other and pray together thanking God for your partnership.