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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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WELCOME TO PRACTICAL THEOLOGY | Lesson 3 · Genesis 2:4–25



God's Design for Human Life

Genesis 2:4–25 · The Garden, the Vocation, the Command, and the First Marriage

01 Genesis 2 and the Toledot

Gen 2:4 · The focused human history that flows from Genesis 1; “Yahweh God” is Creator and personal covenant Lord.

02 The Formation of the Man

Gen 2:7 · Formed from the ground, made alive by God’s breath — embodied dignity, creaturely dependence.

03 The Garden and the Two Trees

Gen 2:8–9 · Abundant provision; the tree of knowledge marks the boundary against moral autonomy.

04 One Garden, Four Rivers

Gen 2:10–14 · A bountiful, well-watered habitat. The theology is clear even where the map is not.

05 Work, Worship, and the Command

Gen 2:15–17 · Work is a created good. Generous permission, one prohibition, accountable freedom.

06 A Corresponding Helper

Gen 2:18–20 · The first “not good.” “Helper” means strength, not inferiority; community is created good.

07 The Creation of the Woman

Gen 2:21–23 · God builds her from the man’s side: “bone of my bones” — equal dignity, true correspondence.

08 Marriage and Unashamed Communion

Gen 2:24–25 · Leave, cling, one flesh: covenant loyalty, solidarity, and innocence before the fall.

CENTRAL TRUTH

Flourishing is not found in independence from God, but in receiving life, place, work, boundaries, and marriage under His wise authority.