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## *Study 2 – Male and Female*

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Genesis 2 describes life as God originally intended it. This narrative is different in style and angle comparing to the first. Rather than focus on the world, the focus has zoomed to the narrower stage of the Garden of Eden, and on the relationship between God, nature, man and woman. In Genesis 2 the author supplements the brief account of the creation of man in Genesis 1:26-30 with more detailed descriptions.

### **Read Genesis 2:4-2:25**

1. Compare and contrast Genesis 2:4-6 with Genesis 1:2. What have you noticed? From what perspective does the author describe creation in the second account?
2. Compare and contrast Genesis 2:7 with Genesis 1:27? What is added? How is this creation unique from the rest of creation?
3. Describe the design of the Garden of Eden, what is its function (Genesis 2:8-14)?
4. What responsibility, limit and freedom does God give to man (Genesis 2:15-17)? How does each of these reveal God's plan for our life?
5. What does Genesis 2:18 tell us about the life that is intended by God for mankind?
6. Compare and contrast the naming of the living creatures by Adam (Genesis 2:19-20) and the naming of the creation by God (Genesis 1:5, 8, 10), what does it tell you about God's relationship with creation and Adam's relationship with the living creatures?
7. Explain in your own words the purpose of the creation of woman and the teaching about marriage in Genesis 2:20b-25
8. What can we learn about the way God provides for man a garden, a mighty river, trees for food and a suitable helper?
9. How does this passage help you understand your relationship with God, the nature and other people?