

***Heirs Together in the Grace of Life***

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*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

You know, as we are looking around and seeing the world situation, we realize that the way people are acting today you would think sex had just been invented! God was the One who created man and woman, and it was God who gave the sex drive. Well, after all, when he brought Eve to Adam, if He hadn't given a sex drive, Adam could have gone out fishing. And you know what? That would have been the end of the story of the creation of man and woman! The sex hunger is perfectly normal, but the passion that is the result of mishandling sex living is sometimes that which can only be dealt with when we understand the accomplishment of Jesus upon the Cross - that by his resurrection life, He might live and handle our lives in and through us. When we read His Word, we know it was the Creator Who meant for us to depend upon Him, as He made us, to sort out all our life problems. It was the Creator Who saw all the people down through history ahead of time. It was the Creator Who wanted us to meet at the right moment the prepared partner, and not to get somebody off track in the preparation He has for that other one. It is the perfect plan of God that we should learn to depend upon Him. We can only do this when we depend on the Lord in the Word of God. In desperate need, every one of us right

now has to say to God, *Lord, forgive me. I have not looked for my answers in the Word. I have not been consistent before You.*

You see, back in **Genesis 2**, we read —

**21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and he closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

**22 And from the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.**

There was a Bible expositor called Matthew Henry. I am going to read what he said —Let the Lord provide when and whom He pleases. IF WE GRACIOUSLY REST IN GOD, GOD WILL GRACIOUSLY WORK FOR US AND WORK ALL FOR GOOD. HE CAUSED A SLEEP TO FALL ON ADAM, AND MADE IT A DEEP SLEEP, SO THE OPENING IN HIS SIDE MIGHT BE NO GRIEVOUSNESS TO HIM. WHILE HE KNOWS NO SIN, GOD WILL TAKE CARE HE SHALL FEEL NO PAIN. WHEN GOD, BY HIS PROVIDENCE, DOES THAT TO HIS PEOPLE WHICH IS GRIEVOUS TO FLESH AND BLOOD, HE NOT ONLY CONSULTS THEIR HAPPINESS IN THE ISSUE, BUT BY HIS GRACE, HE CAN SO QUIET AND COMPOSE THEIR SPIRIT AS TO MAKE THEM EASY UPON THE SHARPEST OPERATIONS.

Perhaps you are in that state right now, dear friend. Matthew Henry goes on —

THE WOMAN WAS MADE OUT OF THE RIB; OUT OF THE SIDE OF ADAM; NOT MADE OUT OF HIS HEAD TO RULE OVER HIM, NOR OUT OF HIS FEET TO TRAMPLE UPON HIM, BUT OUT OF HIS SIDE TO BE EQUAL WITH HIM. UNDER HIS ARM TO BE PROTECTED AND NEAR HIS HEART TO BE BELOVED. ADAM LOST A RIB, BUT WITHOUT ANY DIMINUTION OF HIS STRENGTH IN ANY WAY FOR HE DIDN'T LOSE HIS COMELINESS, FOR DOUBTLESS THE FLESH WAS CLOSED EVEN WITHOUT A SCAR.

BUT IN LIEU THEREOF, GOD GAVE HIM A HELP MEET, WHICH ABUNDANTLY MADE UP FOR HIS LOSS. WHAT GOD TAKES AWAY FROM HIS PEOPLE, HE WILL ONE WAY OR ANOTHER RESTORE WITH ADVANTAGE. IN THIS, AS IN MANY OTHER THINGS, ADAM WAS A FIGURE OF HIM, JESUS, THAT WAS TO COME. FOR OUT OF THE SIDE OF CHRIST, THE SECOND ADAM, HIS SPOUSE, THE CHURCH WAS FORMED WHEN HE SLEPT THE SLEEP, THE DEEP SLEEP OF DEATH, UPON THE CROSS IN ORDER TO WHICH HIS SIDE WAS OPENED AND OUT CAME BLOOD AND WATER – BLOOD TO PURCHASE HIS CHURCH AND WATER, TO PURIFY IT BY HIMSELF. THIS IS GOD'S GLORIOUS TRUTH.

The Lord is more concerned about your life and your life partner than ever you could be. Will you not today say, Lord, I trust You completely. I want Your best for my life, notwithstanding the pressures and *temptations that come up in my life. I want You, Lord, to prepare the one and to let me know. But, in the meantime, I want You at this time to make so clear the beauty of the fact that we will be **heirs together of the grace of life**, according to **1 Peter 3:7**.. I want to pray for the preparation of that person. I want to pray that that person will not, in any way, be pulled out of God's plan because I come across their path. I want to see the work of the Spirit of the Lord in people of the opposite sex of those who know Him, that in every way I would be as a sister to them as an example of purity and life and liberty,. I want to be that person, who shows them what the bride of Jesus Christ is all about, that they might come to that place of seeing their need to be as the Bridegroom, according to Scripture.*

Trust God with your sex life. Know Jesus personally and let Him reign in your life.

*In Jesus' Name. Amen.*