



# REFLECTIONS

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**The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."**

*Genesis 2:18*

## Making Connections

Life found an empty place when our plane arrived late from New York City. The delay of something like six hours caused us to miss the connecting flight to carry us home. Limbo, we sometimes call that uncomfortable state of oblivion we enter when connections are broken. Next step? Find another connection, of course. But even in today's high-tech world connection with another person is required whether directly or indirectly. Isn't life that way?

Try to imagine life without connection to other people. God didn't imagine it either. He quickly recognized, "*It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.*" Connection with other people is as essential to life as air, water, and food. Even when those elements are abundant, life has less meaning or support without connections to people.

I wonder if the fear of death isn't rooted in the fear of losing connection with other people. Separation from people leaves no place to turn for help and less to live for—that is unless we believe.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and he promises to be with us always even to the end of the age. So, the day we missed our connecting flight home, we were not alone. Jesus promised, "*I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.*" (John 14:16-17)

He did. We may have felt in limbo after missing our flight that day; but Jesus was there. He had a plan when we didn't. He had connections when we didn't. The airline provided us a room for the night and passage on the first flight out the next morning. So, why should we allow ourselves to feel so disconnected when He is with us always. Can't you just hear Jesus saying to us that morning, "*You of little faith, why did you doubt?*" (Matthew 14:31) But Jesus gave us more than the connection to him. He commissioned us to make connections. "*Go into all the world and make disciples.*"

Those connections are as essential to the people of the world as air, water, and food.

*You are the light of the world,*

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