

READY... SET... GO!

RUN WITH IT JOURNAL

"Therefore I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him SHOULDER TO SHOULDER."

Zephaniah 3:9

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**SHOULDER
to
SHOULDER**

Dear Fellow S2S Servants,

Thank you for joining us on this discovering journey through Scripture!

In the beginning God intended for men and women to co-labor together, to fill the earth, and ultimately to complete the Great Commission. When we relate well, there is great fruit. But when we fail in this relationship... you know the results. Obviously, the male/female relationship is a “wrinkle” that still needs to be “ironed out smoothly” in the Body of Christ! After all, Jesus prayed that unity among believers would point the world to Christ (John 17:23)



Years ago, Leslie was approached on the campus of Delhi University. The young woman said:

“I heard that you all teach about marriage. So, I have question – well two. In my culture, both Hinduism and Islam teach that men are “here” (stacked upper hand) and women are “here” (lower hand). What I want to know is this... What does the God of Christianity think about men and women? And what do the followers of your religion practice in regard to men and women?”

Leslie answered both questions, and the young woman answered, *“Thank you for your honesty. Because of what you said about your God, I want to explore Christianity more fully.”* What a powerful message to the world if the Church viewed and valued all people as God does! It would make GOD look good! And what amazing synergy could be released if men and women lived out this holy relationship as God intended at creation... with shared blessings, responsibilities, and mission.

Answers to common questions like this young woman’s MUST be grounded in Scripture, not in our ancient traditions, our modern opinions, or our personal desires for “rights.” Her questions reveal the heart cry of cultures around the world, and they should challenge all of us as Christians to explore the Bible in its entirety to understand God’s desire for the male/female relationship.

Serving Shoulder to Shoulder seeks to do just that – provide a God-honoring response through sound biblical study that displays God’s intent and purpose of creating man and woman – together.

We are thankful you are here! It’s time to dig into God’s Word to understand God’s character, God’s kingdom, and God’s mission. It’s time to multiply God’s laborers! Ready... Set... Go!

Running with you,

Chad + Leslie



HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

The **Ready... Set... Go! Journal** is designed to move you through the *Serving Shoulder to Shoulder* website materials. The web materials present the biblical and cultural content, while this journal helps you reflect upon what you encounter, and gives you space to listen to God, and discover practical steps to obey.

Reflect, Listen, and Obey

Simply thinking about these passages intellectually will not change any relationships. Jesus always wants us to move our thoughts into actions! Otherwise, we simply grow a big brain full of nice information.

Before you begin the journey through the Five Families you may want to watch some of the initial videos that explain the goals, fears, motivations, and the biblical basis.

- *Zephaniah 3:9*
 - *Chiasms*
 - *Who We Are*
 - *Who Is the S2S Audience?*
 - *Why Shoulder to Shoulder?*
- What is S2S?
You Can Trust the Bible!
Get to Know the Teachers.
Is This Topic for You... Or Not? *(we hope so!)*
Learn the Background/Goals of S2S.

Now that you are warmed up... watch the videos, read the papers, reflect deeply and ENJOY THE RUN!



THE S2S SERVANT

What exactly is an S2S Servant?

*S2S Servants are those men and women who passionately **love Jesus** and **honor His Word** by diligently studying and obeying Scripture. They are **committed to God's mission** – the message of repentance, forgiveness, and full life offered through Christ for all nations. They passionately pursue extending God's kingdom to those **nearby** and to the **ends of the earth**. They believe both men and women are created in the image of God and this shared image-bearing responsibility propels them both to love well and to lead well. They seek to live a kingdom ethic of leadership – marked by a **passion to serve** rather than a fight for position or authority. Their **unity serves as a weapon** as they display the scriptural “one another” principles.*

*They esteem, promote, and build up the other and **honor the Holy Spirit** who blesses Jesus' Bride with every spiritual gift to build the Church and reach the world. Even when attacked, S2S servants sacrificially take in their flesh the sufferings of Christ who was accused, insulted, mocked, and condemned. In return, they pray for those who attack them, seeking to **live with “purified lips”** that honor the Lord Jesus and the Church as the Bride of Christ. S2S servants are marked by humility, integrity, teachability, godliness, and urgency for the Gospel. They remove hurdles of sinful tradition so that they and others can run **fast**, run **far**, and run **together** to complete the Great Commission.*

*Together unified, **they are on the move.***

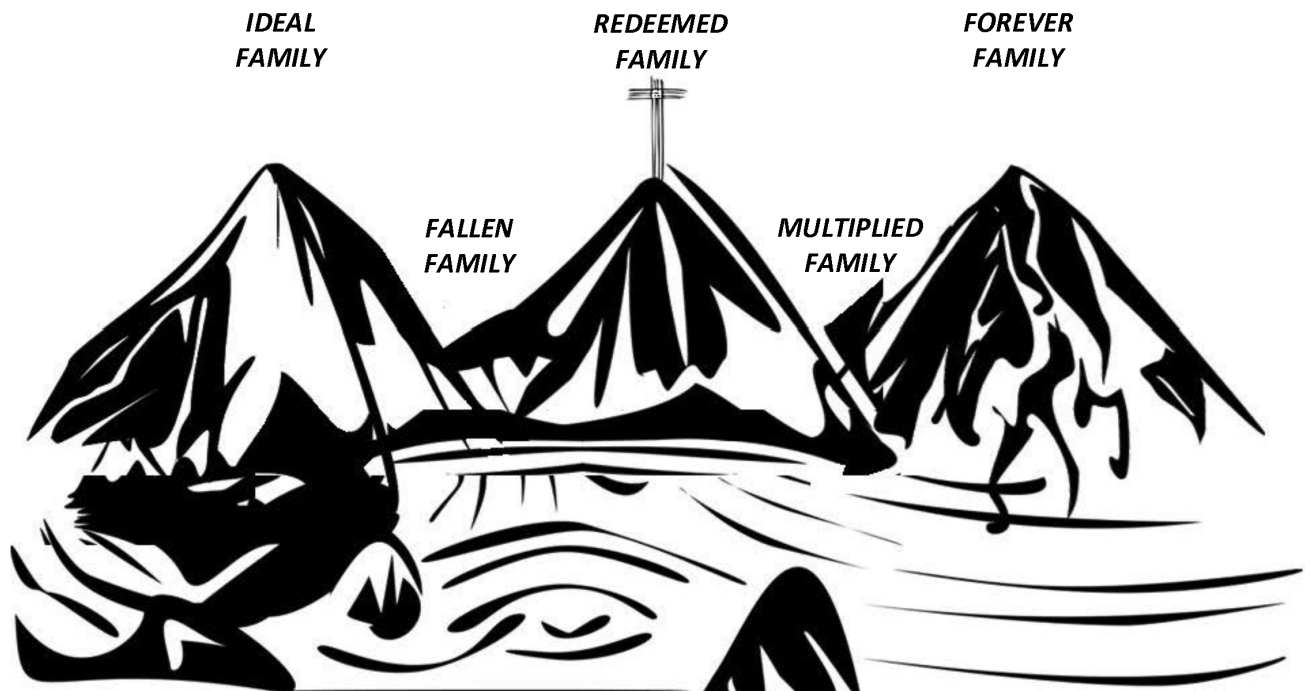
When you read this statement, what is your mental/emotional/spiritual response?

What line(s) do you struggle most with?

Pray and ask God to guide you through this study. Pray Jesus will help you to hold to His heart and teachings related to the male/female relationship, regardless what he shows you.



THE FIVE FAMILIES



Running fast and far together to complete the Great Commission requires relating with other people (not surprising!). Across the timeline of humanity, large general periods indicate how men and women relate with one another (and with God). We call these five general periods “families.”

Understanding the Five Families gives us a clear picture of God’s heart and intent, as well as people’s sin and need. The first family (Ideal) and the last family (Forever) demonstrate the bookends of God’s perfect plan for people at creation and into eternity future. The central (Redeemed) family focuses on the cross of Christ as the pivotal centerpiece of all history. These “up” times are shining pinnacles of God’s design and holiness. These mountaintops serve as the goals, the guides, the standards to keep in mind. The second (Fallen) and fourth (Multiplied) families reveal the struggle with the sin of our cultures and our need to complete Jesus’ commission. These “down” times show the valleys where men and women labor to overcome evil, deceit, and doubt.

As you seek to run with Jesus, even as we live in the present valley of sin and death, let us fix our eyes on God’s original intent, his glorious sacrifice, and life in his eternal presence.



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THE
IDEAL
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FIX THE IDEAL FAMILY FIRMLY IN MIND.

God created the first man and women in his image. This first family revealed God's intent and God's heart. This man and woman lived in sinless perfection, with the ability to choose right and wrong, honor and shame. They existed in perfect harmony with God, with each other, within themselves, and with the earth. If you ever wonder how God originally intended family to live...

THIS IS IT!

DAY 1 — TELOS

Pray: *Jesus, please help me to understand your character, kingdom, and mission. Help me to live out the culture of the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven!*

Watch/Read:

Video: *Goal and 4 Families?*

Video: *Better Together kids' video*

One-Pager: 1. *What Is the Ultimate Goal?*

1. What does *telos* mean?
2. What are the “Five Families” in the Bible?
3. What godly categories guide this study?
4. What are NOT the right starting/ending points for this study on men and women?
5. Do these good goals (and wrong endpoints) relieve you or anger you? Why?

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DAY 2 - ABBA

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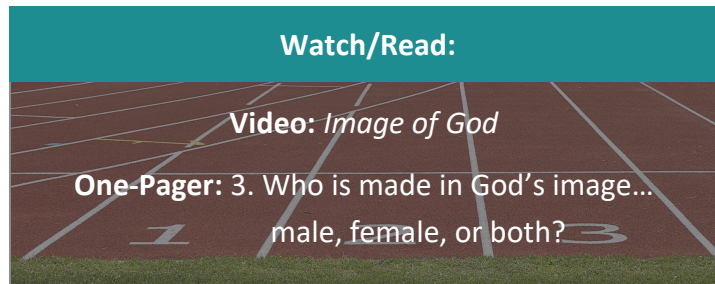
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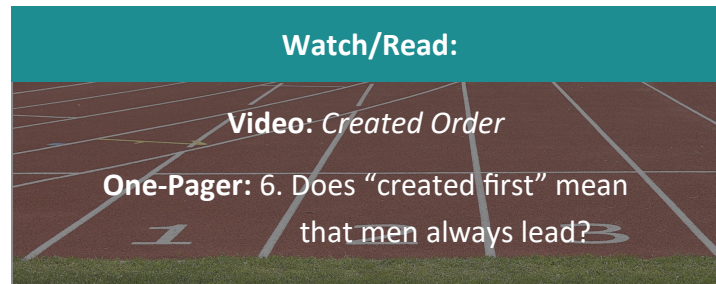
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SADLY, TODAY ALL OF US LIVE IN A BROKEN WORLD, WITHIN THE **FALLEN** FAMILY.

Genesis 3, the most tragic story in the Bible, describes the deceptions, the doubts, the sin, the punishments, the multiple shattered relationships (with God, others, self, and creation), and also God's search for the people. Now in every culture, men and women together share in the Fall, so far from God's perfect ideal. Is there hope to overcome in a world filled with guilt, shame, and fear?

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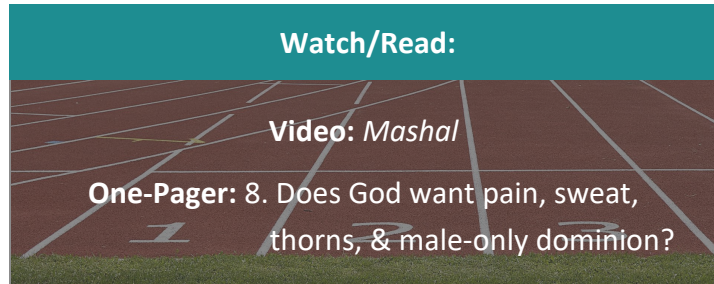
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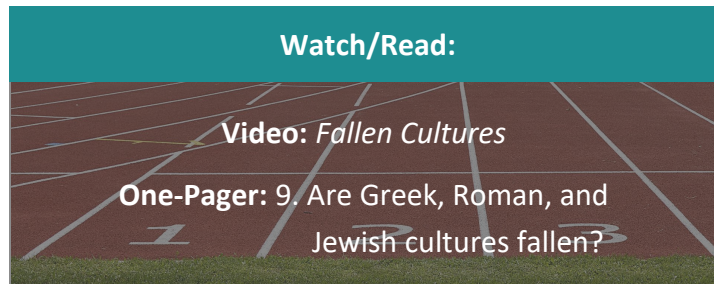
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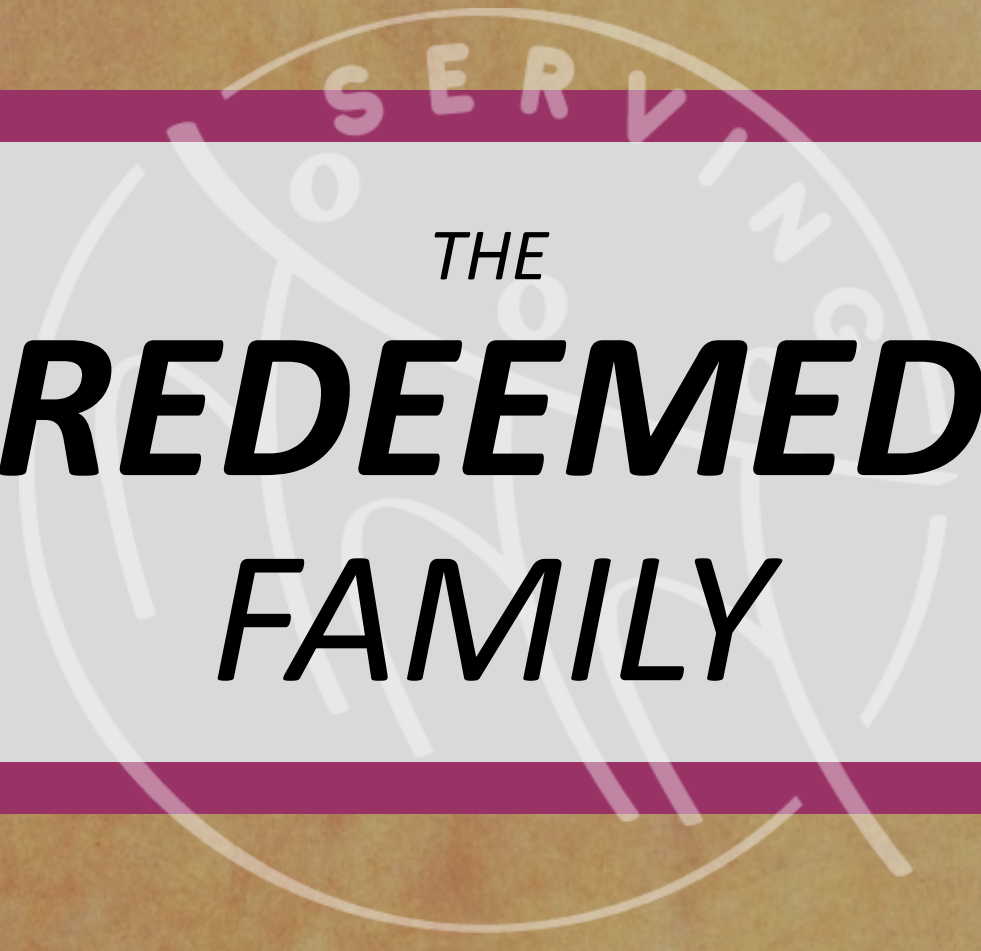
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THE
REDEEMED
FAMILY

Thank you, Jesus!

God saw humanity in our fallen state, separated from Him and far from His ideal plan for people. So God acted to bring us back to himself. Jesus' miraculous birth, sinless life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection prove God's love for people.

As men and women bought with the blood of Jesus, we have the *possibility* to live restored relationships (with God, others, self, and creation). In Christ, sin... overcome; death... defeated. We/You are so blessed. Joining God's **REDEEMED** Family is possible! What more could there be?

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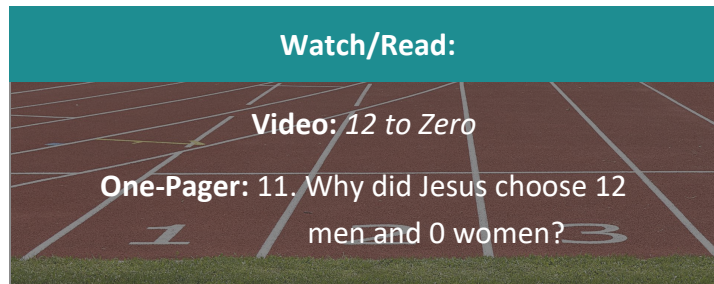
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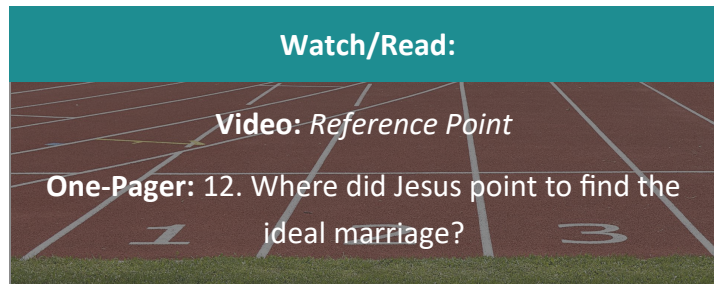
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DAY 12 — REFERENCE POINT

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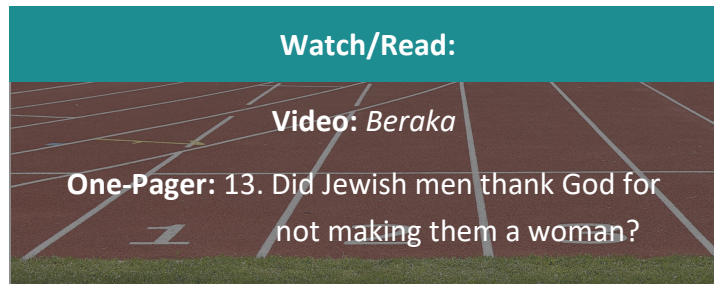
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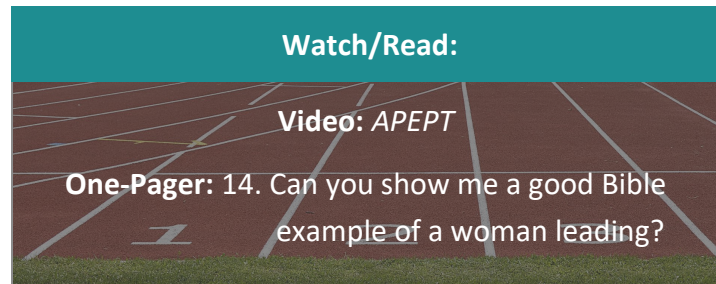
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DAY 14 — FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

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Watch/Read:

Video: APEPT

One-Pager: 14. Can you show me a good Bible example of a woman leading?

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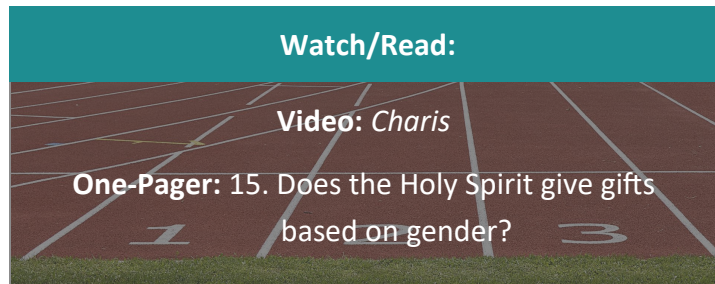
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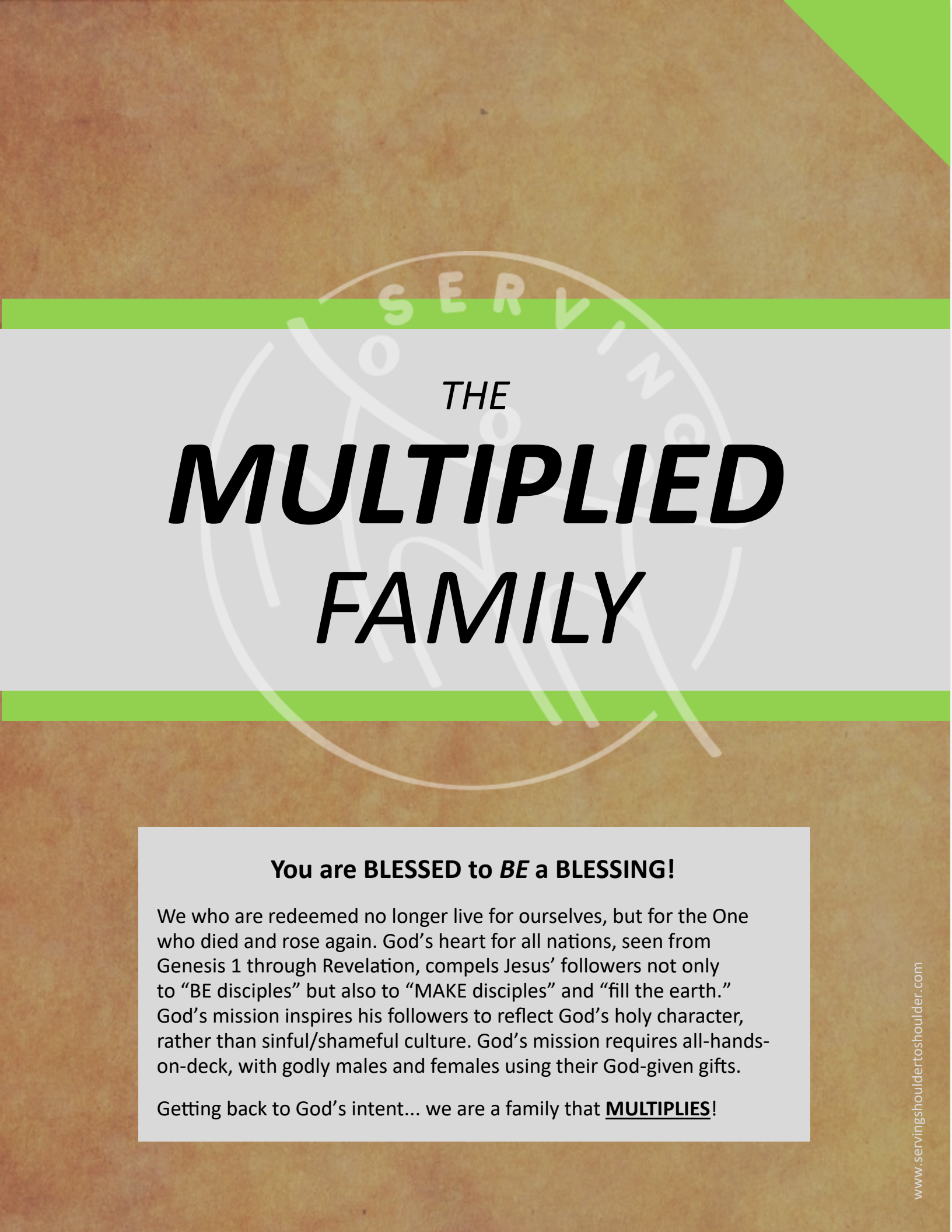
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You are BLESSED to *BE* a BLESSING!

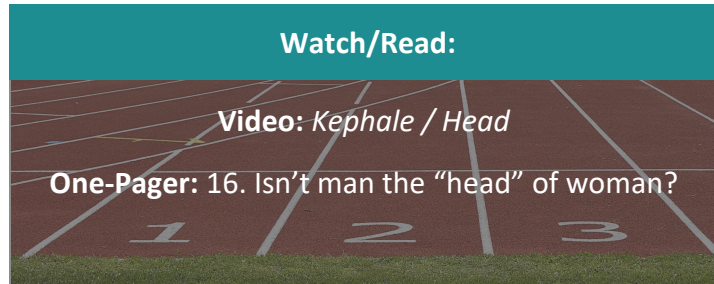
We who are redeemed no longer live for ourselves, but for the One who died and rose again. God's heart for all nations, seen from Genesis 1 through Revelation, compels Jesus' followers not only to "BE disciples" but also to "MAKE disciples" and "fill the earth." God's mission inspires his followers to reflect God's holy character, rather than sinful/shameful culture. God's mission requires all-hands-on-deck, with godly males and females using their God-given gifts.

Getting back to God's intent... we are a family that **MULTIPLIES!**

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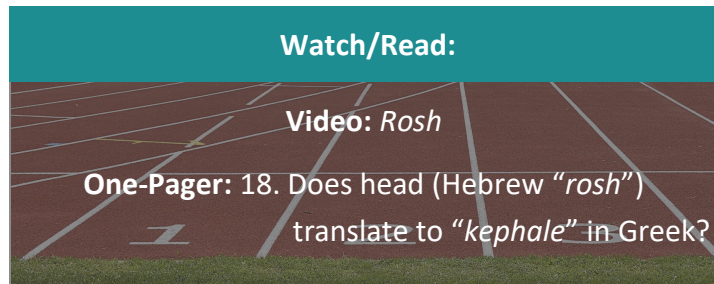
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DAY 18 — SEPTUAGINT (LXX)

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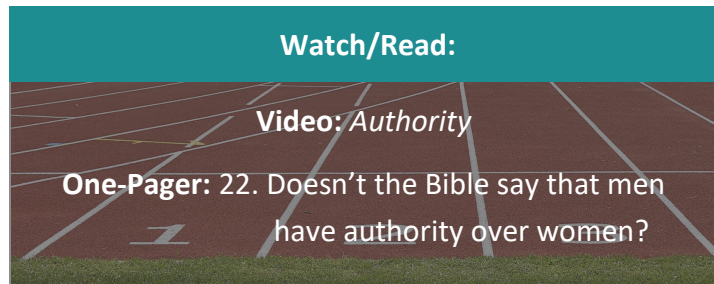
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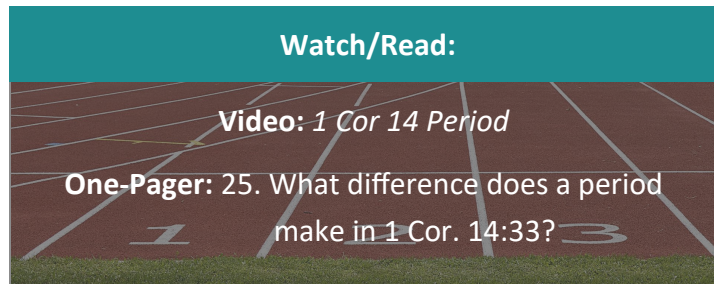
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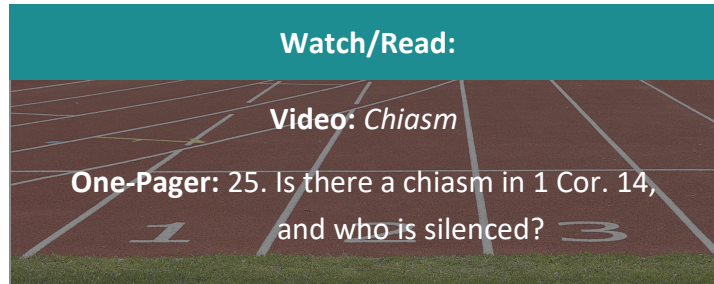
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DAY 25 — CHIASM

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DAY 26 – CORINTHIANS SLOGANS

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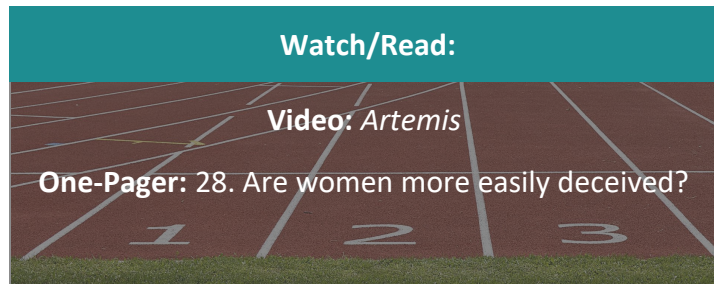
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DAY 27 – ARTEMIS

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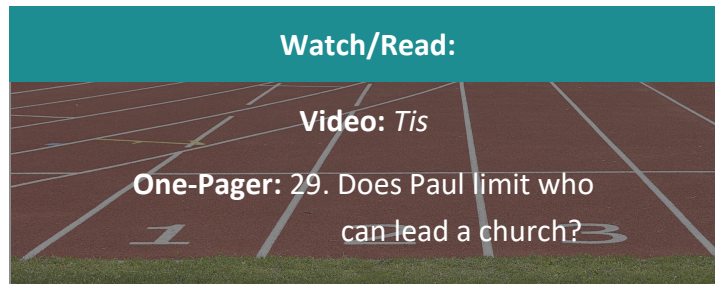
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DAY 31 — ROLE

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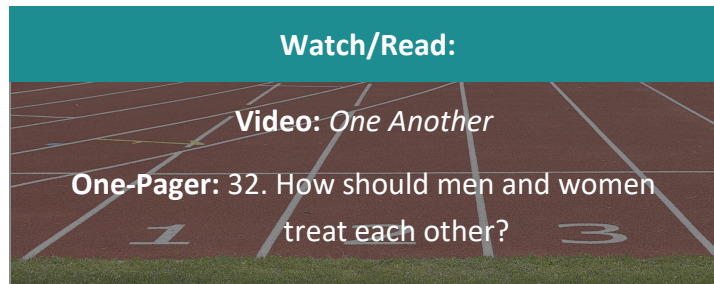
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KEEP THE **FOREVER** FAMILY IN SIGHT.

Finally, the Bride of Christ can join our Groom in saying, “It is finished.” We have completed the task set before us and Jesus has returned for his Bride. God’s heart and intention is now realized. Finally, God’s name is hallowed, God’s kingdom has fully come, God’s will is being done... completely and forever. All nations have bowed down. All spiritual powers have confessed that Jesus is Lord. All remnants of opposition to God’s rule have been removed. All people forgiven by Christ and adopted into God’s family now reside in God’s presence...

FOR ETERNITY!

DAY 34 — ECHAD / EIS

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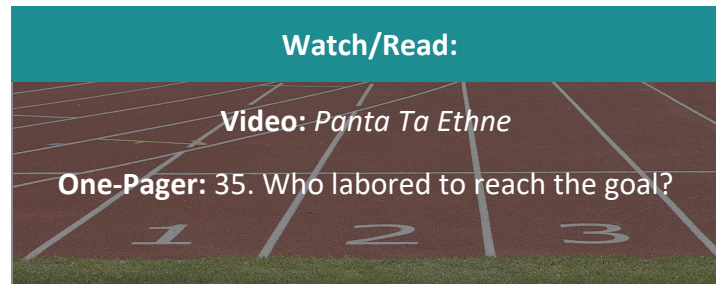
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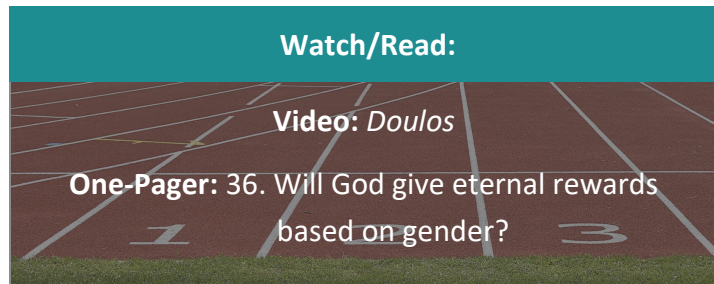
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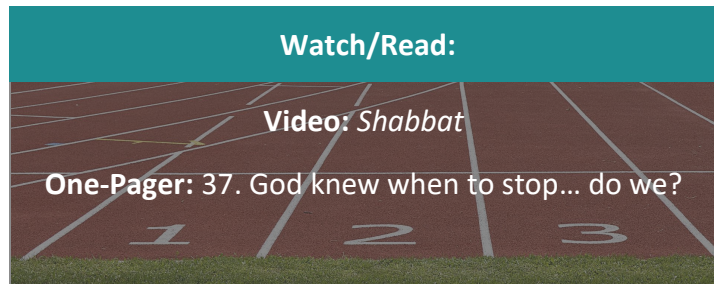
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THE FINISH LINE...

Great job, friends!

If you made it this far, you have expended your time and energy to push through and reach the end! You have strained to the finish line of this journal (which of course in God's race, is still barely scratching the surface)! Way to go!

We pray that the time you invested has helped you love Jesus more, made you more aware of the sinful condition of this world, and shown you the necessity for both men and women to labor together to complete the Great Commission. We also pray that you have been able to reflect on Scripture, listen to God, and put some practical steps of obedience into action.

We would love to hear from you, so please let us know how God has worked in your heart and life through this *Shoulder to Shoulder* study. Feel free to email us at shechemechad1040@gmail.com. (That phrase means "one shoulder" in Hebrew!)

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