

Message Notes

THIS IS US

MADE ON PURPOSE FOR A **PURPOSE**

"Made for Relationship"

Part two of the series: "This is Us"

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"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

We were made for relationship with God and others.

"... 'It is not good for man to be alone'...²¹ So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman," or she was taken out of man.' ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame." (Genesis 2:18, 21-25)

Shame hinders our relationships by attacking our identity.

*"When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; **so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.** ⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' ¹⁰ He answered, 'I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.' ¹¹ And he said, '**Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?'" (Genesis 3:6-11)*

(Turn over for continuation...)

We “cover up” our shame in various ways which damages all of our relationships.

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.” (Genesis 3:7)

“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.” (Genesis 3:21)

Shame is only healed when we let Jesus cover us and are vulnerable with safe people. (Mark 1:40-45)

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...” (James 5:16)

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