# Fire in the Belly
## Session 12: The Passion for a Woman

Genesis 2:18-25 (selected)
***The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."***

***Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name…***

***But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 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 closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.***

***The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' because she was taken out of man."***

***For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.***

***The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.***

**I. Created for <u>relationship</u>**

- **To be <u>with</u> a woman**
- **To <u>know</u> and <u>be known</u> by a woman**

**II. Designed to <u>pursue</u>**

- **To <u>win</u> her heart**

- **To <u>keep winning</u> her heart**

## III. Charged to <u>protect</u>

Ephesians 5:25-28
***Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself…***

- **<u>Physical</u> protection**

- **<u>Emotional</u> protection**

- **<u>Spiritual</u> protection**

**Discussion Questions**

1. Tell the story (briefly) of how you met your wife (for single guys you can refer to a significant relationship you have had – or just listen in). Focus on the "pursuit" phase of the relationship.

2. Looking over the course of your married life – what have been the three most frequently recurring "issues" you and your wife have dealt with in your relationship. List them in order of significance.

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   2._____
   3._____