

Unlikely Heroes God's Plan and Purpose

- Unlikely heroes are imperfect
- Unlikely heroes are heroes because of what God does through them
- God chooses unlikely heroes to fulfill His plan and eternal purposes

God's Eternal Purposes are to Save, Redeem and Change

1. God designed and made Adam and Eve in His own image. *Ephesians 3:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; 1 Corinthians 15:21-23; Romans 5:12-15; Genesis 1:26a; Genesis 2:7*

“Being in God’s image means that humans share, though imperfectly and finitely, in God’s nature, that is, in His communicable attributes (life, personality, truth, wisdom, love, holiness, justice) and so have the capacity for spiritual fellowship with Him. He also gave them the human will to choose God or choose self.” – John Walvoord, *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*.

2. God allowed Adam to name all the animals God created.
Genesis 2:20, 2 Corinthians 5:18-21

3. God used Adam and Eve together to illustrate in their oneness His ultimate plan for Christ and the Church to be one. *Genesis 2:21-24; Ephesians 5:32; Jeremiah 29:11*

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Genesis 12:1-9
Genesis 13:1-18
Genesis 14:1-16
Genesis 15
Genesis 18:16-33
Genesis 22:1-19
Genesis 24

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss God's eternal plan. How does knowing His plan help you deal with life's circumstances?
2. What does it mean to be made in God's image? What attributes of His nature do you enjoy the most in humanity?
3. How does God allowing Adam to name the animals help us understand God's desire for partnership with man? Discuss other areas God wants our partnership.
4. Discuss the process of woman being created out of man, and the possibilities as they relate to gender differences. How does this influence your understanding of biblical marriage?
5. Marriage illustrates Christ's oneness with the church. Discuss the similarities.