

**You are born to reproduce!**

### **Introduction**

**It is the nature of humans to reproduce.**

**It is our nature to reproduce because it is God's nature to reproduce, and we are created in the image of God.**

**Genesis 1:26-27**

**26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."**

**27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.  
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- **This is why God's first job for Adam was to take care of a garden that would reproduce. (Genesis 2:15)**
- **This is why God's first co-laborer for Adam was a woman. (Genesis 2:18)**  
**All the other living creatures that God created could reproduce but man could not. He saw it was not good for man to be alone and created Eve to be His helpmate.**
- **This is why God's first command for Adam and Eve was to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. (Genesis 1:28)**

**I see the truth that it is our nature to reproduce in my friends.**

- **Thomas Hill and the Kimmel Foundation for Recovering Leadership**
- **Bob Hoffman and coaching clinics**
- **Rachael Werner and her planners**
- **Newly married couples like Joseph and Julissa**

## **Body**

**Why did God create mankind with His nature to reproduce?**

**When God created Adam and Eve in His image, God placed His life into the souls of Adam and Eve.**

**Adam and Eve were not just biologically alive. They were alive to God in their spirit.**

**God wanted mankind to fill the earth with human beings that had the life of God in their souls.**

**It is difficult for us to comprehend what this would have been like. The current world population is 8 billion people. What would it be like if all 8 billion people had the life of God in their souls?**

- **There would be no wars or rumors of wars.**
- **There would be no deaths due to poverty, murder, or suicide.**
- **There would be no divorce.**
- **There would be no division in families.**

**Why?**

**The life of God is seen in the love of God in the souls of people for God is love. (1 John 4:8)**

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**8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. NKJV**

**If Adam and Eve had not rebelled against God, the whole world would have eventually been filled with human beings that love like God loves!**

**Here is what Paul said the love of God looks like.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

**4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud**

**5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.**

**6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.**

**7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.**

**God's life is characterized by perfect love which results in perfect righteousness.**

**God placed His life into the souls of Adam and Eve and wanted them to reproduce so that He could fill the earth with human beings that would love like He loves.**

**God intended for His world to be the ultimate utopia!**

**A **utopia** is a community or society that possesses highly desirable or perfect qualities for its citizens. The term was coined by Sir Thomas More for his 1516 book *Utopia*,**

**describing a fictional island society in the south Atlantic Ocean off the coast of South America.**

**What happened?**

**Adam and Eve sinned, and they were separated from the life of God. Instead of producing a utopia, their descendants have produced a [dystopia](#). A dystopia is a state or society where there is great suffering due to injustice.**

**The great civil rights activities Martin Luther King Junior dreamed about a day when this utopia existed in this world. He gave African Americans hope that that for them, there was a better tomorrow in this world.**

**And while many would say that things are better for some, there are still billions of people suffering from the same injustices that have plagued this planet since Adam and Eve chose to rebel against God and lost the life of God.**

**Historically, social unrest has sometimes led to social reform. But from the very beginning of creation, there was never going to a utopia in this world without the reproduction of human beings that possess the life of God.**

**This is why Jesus came my friend!**

**[Jesus came to reproduce the life of God in human beings.](#)**

**This is why He is called the second Adam.**

**This is why Jesus...**

- **Was born of a virgin.**

- **Lived a sinless life.**
- **Disciplined 12 men.**
- **Died for the sins of the world.**
- **Rose from the dead**
- **Sent His Spirit to live in His followers.**
- **Sent His followers to share the gospel with others.**

**This is why Jesus said...**

- **You must be born again!**
- **I am the resurrection and the life!**
- **I am the bread of life!**
- **The words that I speak to you are Spirit and they are life!**
- **He who loses his life for my sake will find life!**
- **I have come that you might have life and to have it more abundantly!**
- **He who believes in me has passed from death unto life!**
- **Unless you drink my blood and eat my flesh you have no life in you!**
- **I am the way, the truth, and the life!**

**This is why Paul said to the members of Jesus's church...**

- **You are a new creation.**
- **You are the temple of the Holy Spirit.**
- **You are members of the body of Jesus.**

**Jesus came to reproduce the life of God in humanity.**

**That my friend is why God told me to tell you today.**

**You are born to reproduce!**

**You were born to reproduce the life of God in others!**

**Will you accept your mission? Your purpose? The purpose that God has for your life?**

### **Conclusion**

**I do not have a dream that a utopia will ever exist in this world.**

- **Jesus said that we will always have the poor.**
- **Jesus said that before His return, there would still be wars and rumors of wars.**
- **Jesus said that before His return, brothers would rise up and betray their brothers unto death, parents their children unto death, and children their parents unto death.**
- **Jesus said that before His return, what love there is in this world would grow cold and lawlessness would abound.**

**I do not have a dream that a utopia will ever exist in this world.**

**I do have a dream for a utopia to develop in the church of Jesus Christ.**

**To me it has only been reasonable to assume that a community of people that has the life of God in their soul would love one another the way God loves us. Jesus said that the world would know that we are His disciples by our love for one another.**

**[John 13:34-35](#)**

**34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.  
35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."  
NKJV**

**To me it has only been reasonable to assume that a community of people that has the life of God in their soul would love one another and would want to reproduce the life of God in others.**

**I continue to hold out hope for a utopia to develop in the church of Jesus Christ that will help change our communities and our cities and make our world a better place to live.**

**The only way for this to occur is for us to raise up new leaders and release them to reproduce the life of God in others.**

**Will you accept your mission?**

**Will you receive Jesus and His new life for you?**

**It is only those who have the life of God in their soul that can reproduce His life in others. We do that by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and helping one another grow in the love of God.**

**How do we equip you to do that?**

**The primary way we do this is by discipleship in our small groups.**

**We believe that Jesus and His apostles taught these truths to the church.**

- **Discipleship is a team sport.**
- **Every believer needs to grow in the love of God.**
- **To grow in the love of God every believer must be given a place to play in small groups.**
- **To provide a place to play in small groups we must continuously equip and release new leaders.**

**Every believer in Jesus is called by God to reproduce the life of God in others. This occurs every time one of our members participates in their small group meeting.**

**Some of you are being called by God to lead one of our small groups. We want to equip you and then release you. Will you surrender to God's call to be leader?**