



**ONE WITH MY MATE? HOW CAN THAT WORK?
GENESIS 2:18(B), 23-25**



- “Fit” (ESV)
- “Suitable” (NIV)
- “Just right” (NLT)
- “Corresponding to” (NET)
- “Opposite to” (Word)

1. The “crazy family” in Gen 1 & 2 is packed with intelligent design.

- Gen. 2:18 “... I will make a helper fit for him.” (ESV)
- Hebrew word, “neged”



Specific components are present that will work as a model for a modern-day family – Gen 1:27, 2:18, 20.

- A.No “less than” component; equal worth.**
- B.Takes “them” to complete the divine image.**
- C.Takes “them” to fulfill divine purpose. 1:26, 28.**
- D.Male/female designed to complete one another.**







- A. Incomplete until both pieces “fit” as one.
- B. Something missing until both work together.



**Hebrew word –
“dabaq”:**

- **To cling,**
- **to cleave,**
- **to hold-fast.**

2. My “crazy family” is designed to stay together.

- Gen. 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



**Because we are
so different,
God gave us
the means to
stay together!
("Nail here)**

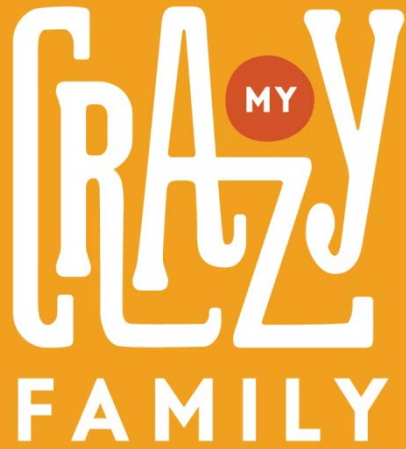
- 3. God gave us
“super- glue” to
keep our crazy
family together.**
- Gen. 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



Notice the presence of an unmet need that God hard-wires in the male/female opposite likes.

Gen. 2:20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. (ESV)

Why not create another man just like him?



**Touch in
marriage is
essential to the
sustaining of
love between two
opposite-likes.**

**Chemicals released
that communicate.**

1. Parenting.com
2. NYTimes



**Each woman
may have a
different order
of priority.**

**Wives are hardwired to
connect.**

1. Affection
2. Conversation
3. Honesty and openness
4. Financial support
5. Family commitment.

“His Needs, Her Needs”
By William F. Harley, Jr.



**Each man
may have a
different
order of
priority.**

Husbands are hard wired to connect.

1. Admiration (respect).
2. Sexual fulfillment.
3. Recreational companionship.
4. Domestic support.
5. An attractive spouse.

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- Each of us has a:**
- **Primary lang.**
 - **Secondary language**

The 5 Love Languages

1. Words of Affirmation
2. Physical touch
3. Acts of service
4. Quality time
5. Receiving gifts

By Gary Chapman



**“Deposits” and
“withdrawals”
are ongoing.**

- “Love-bank” account.
 - A. We make deposits
 - B. We make withdrawals.
- “His Needs, Her Needs.”
- “5 Love Languages.”



4. God created male and female with needs only to be met exclusively by my mate in marriage.

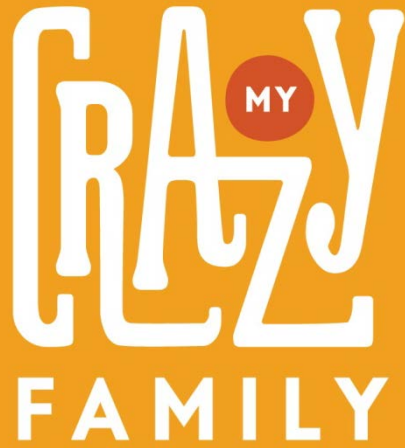
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(ESV)



“Overdrawn love-banks create opportunities for someone else to meet your needs!

Satan’s role in the modern-day?

- 1. Create reasons why you are not able to meet one another’s needs.**
 - A. Busy lives.**
 - B. Mismatched schedules.**
 - C. Children first, husband/wife last.**



**Is your mate's
love-bank
overdrawn?**

Next steps.

- 1. Have a prayer time with the Lord about your marriage. Commit with Him to work on it.**
- 2. Ask your spouse to give you a list of her/his five most basic needs.**
- 3. Ask her/him to tell you how you can meet those needs.**