

The Shape of You 1

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You have been divinely shaped for relationships. Relationships, which may have been the greatest source of your fear and pain, are originally designed by God to be your greatest place of safety and joy. This is an example where if you don't intentionally learn the truth, you will unintentionally believe a lie.

You are shaped to be in a loving relationship with God.

Psalm 139:13-18 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother's womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there. 16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! 18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

Consider the fact that there are an average of 2,300 grains in a pinch of sand.

Satan wants to pervert man's relationship with God. He wants to turn it from a relationship of trust to one of doubt.

Genesis 3:1 - ...and he said unto the woman, "Did God really say?"

Satan wants to pervert man's relationship with each other. He wants to pervert the image of God in man.

Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image...."

Jesus outlined those perversions.

Mark 10:2-9 (NIV) - Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" 3 "What did Moses command you?" he replied. 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." 5 "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. 6 "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.' So, they are no longer two, but one. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."