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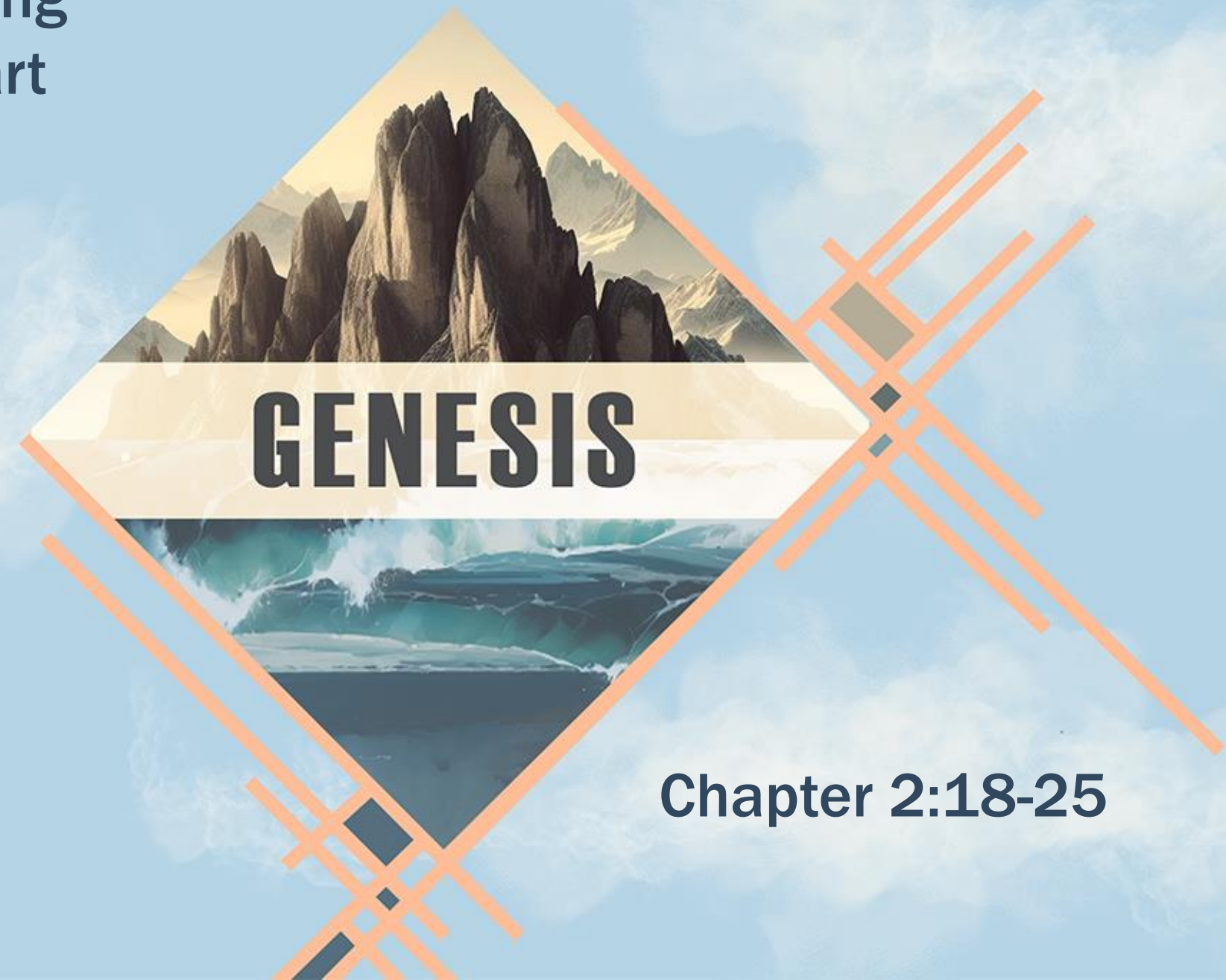
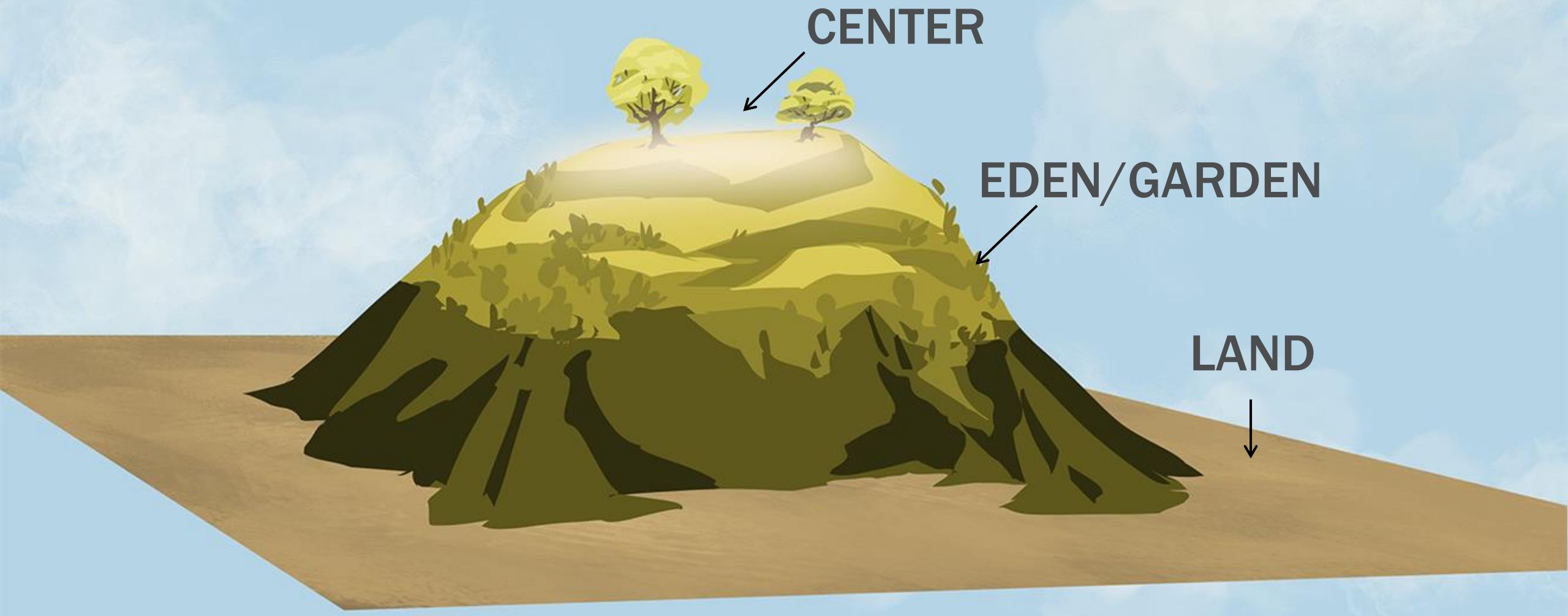


Chapter 2:18-25

Three-tiered sacred space:



Choice between trees

Genesis 2

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for
the man to be alone. I will make a helper who
is just right for him.” 19 So the Lord God
formed from the ground all the wild animals
and all the birds of the sky. He brought them
to the man to see what he would call them,
and the man chose a name for each one.

Genesis 2

20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the
birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But
still there was no helper just right for him.

EZER: helper

Psalm 70:5 *...please hurry to my aid, O God.*
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21 occurrences – God as RESCUER

AZAR (v):
Human activity – saving rescue from an ally of equal or greater strength

Examples: Ez 10:15, 2 Sam 8:5

“Help”

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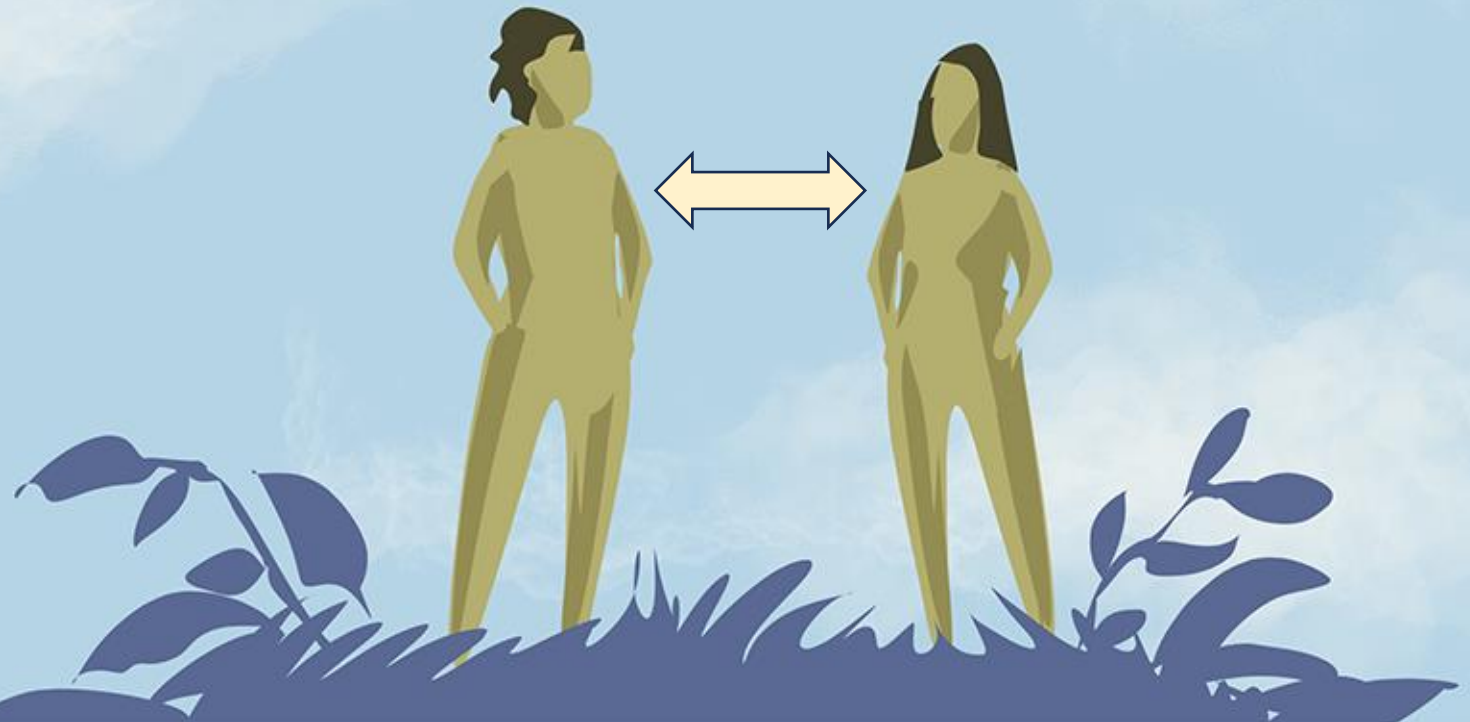


God’s intent is to reveal himself through a diverse but unified humanity

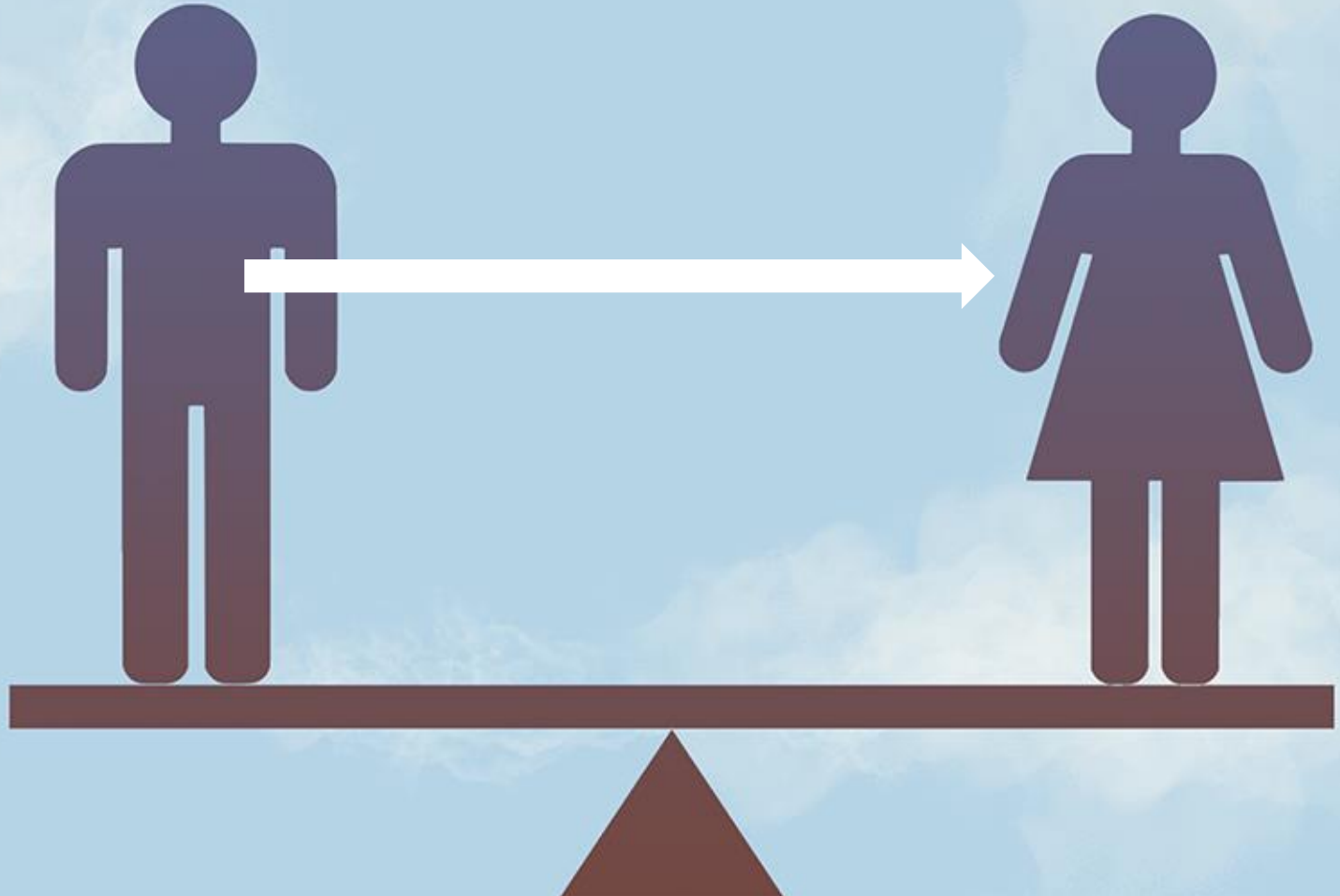
Genesis 2

21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man’s ribs [took one side of him] and closed up the opening. 22 Then the Lord God made [built] a woman from the rib [the side], and he brought her to the man.

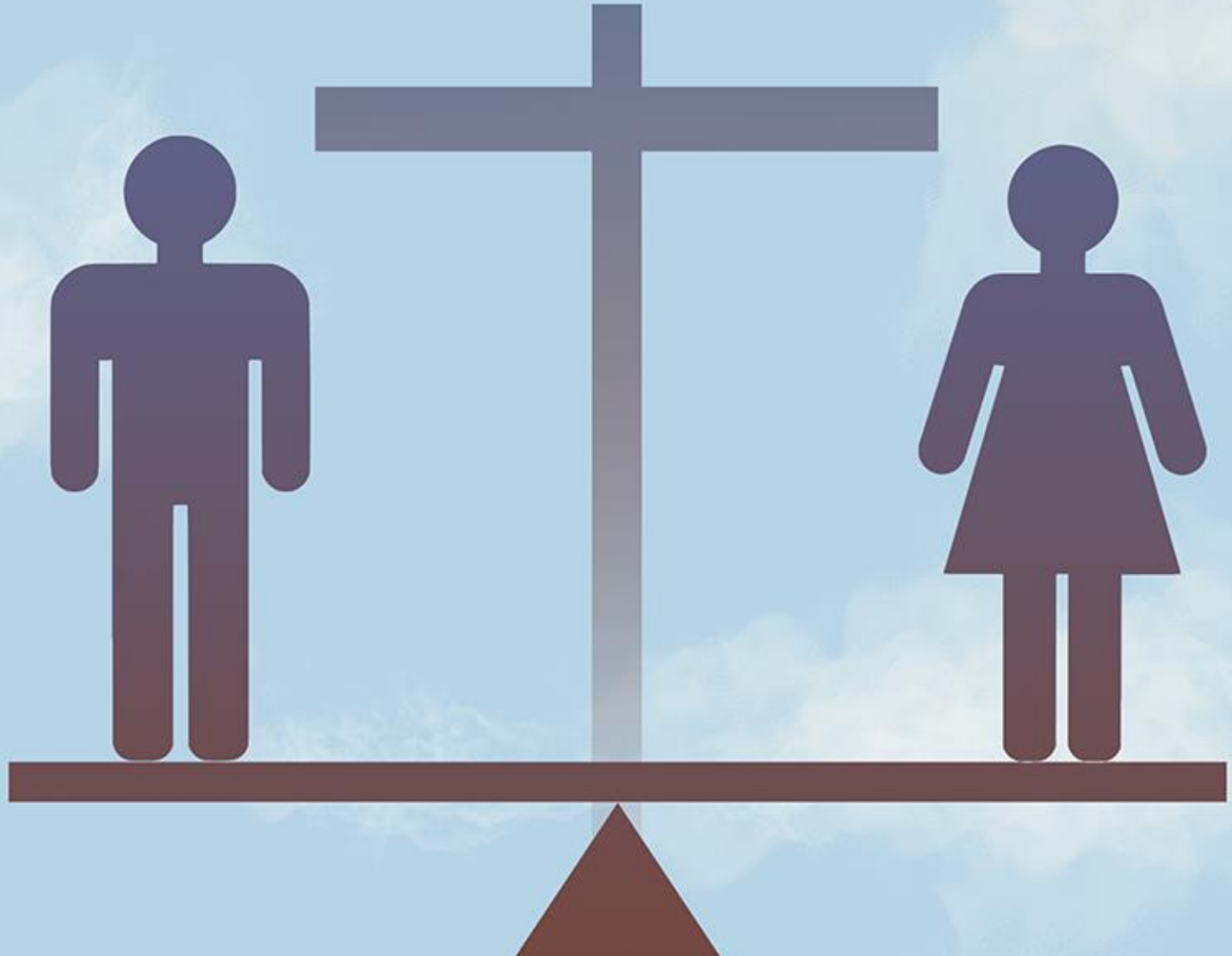
Genesis 2

23 “At last!” the man exclaimed;
“This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!
She will be called ‘woman,’
because she was taken from ‘man.’”
24 This explains why a man leaves his father and
mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are
united into one. 25 Now the man and his wife
were both naked, but they felt no shame.

SIDE (rib) – a place of equivalence

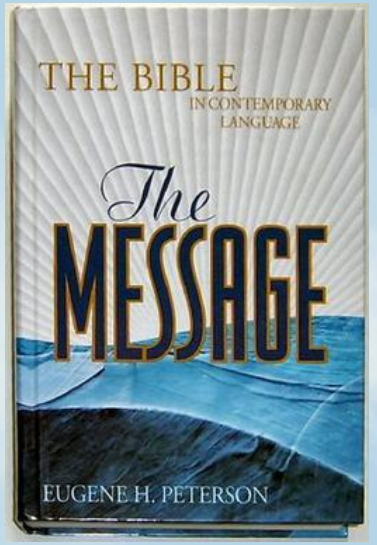


There is no hierarchy implied in God's unified humanity



1 Cor 11

12 The first woman came from man, true—but ever since then, every man comes from a woman! And since virtually everything comes from God anyway, let’s quit going through these “who’s first” routines.



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construct – or, to build family

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The one becomes two

The two become one

We achieve Godly unity through humble vulnerability in a secure, grace-filled environment

GENESIS