

# Trusting in the Goodness of God

*God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption*

*Genesis 3:1-24*

***Lost and Found***

*Genesis 2:25*

God wants you to know what was lost because of sin and what can be found through the gospel so that you will believe and put your hope in Him.

## 1. Why is this statement here?

- a. To show us what was \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. To help us feel the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

## 2. What does this statement mean?

- a. The couple experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of perfect vulnerability.
- b. The couple experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ of perfect purity.

## 3. How should we respond?

- a. Grieve the loss caused by sin, especially your own.
- b. Believe the \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to God.
- c. Put your hope for \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ alone.

### Questions for Discussion

- Why is it important to know the value of something lost? How does the value affect our reaction?
- Why is pain good? What would happen if you couldn't feel pain? Why does God want us to feel the pain of sin?
- Discuss the circumstances necessary for Adam and Eve to have been unaffected by nakedness (2:25).
- In what ways does nakedness indicate vulnerability? Why is it so hard to be vulnerable with others? What would it take for true vulnerability and openness to exist in a relationship?
- "Without shame" in v 25 refers to the peace that comes when there is no fear of humiliation or judgment. Why would Adam and Eve have been at perfect peace with one another?
- Why is it appropriate to grieve what Adam and Eve lost? Why is it appropriate to grieve the losses your sin has caused?
- In what ways does the gospel make vulnerability and peace possible again? Why do we need to keep on believing the gospel in this life?
- We all want change; to what or whom are you tempted to look when you desire change the most? What will help you remember to look to Christ alone?



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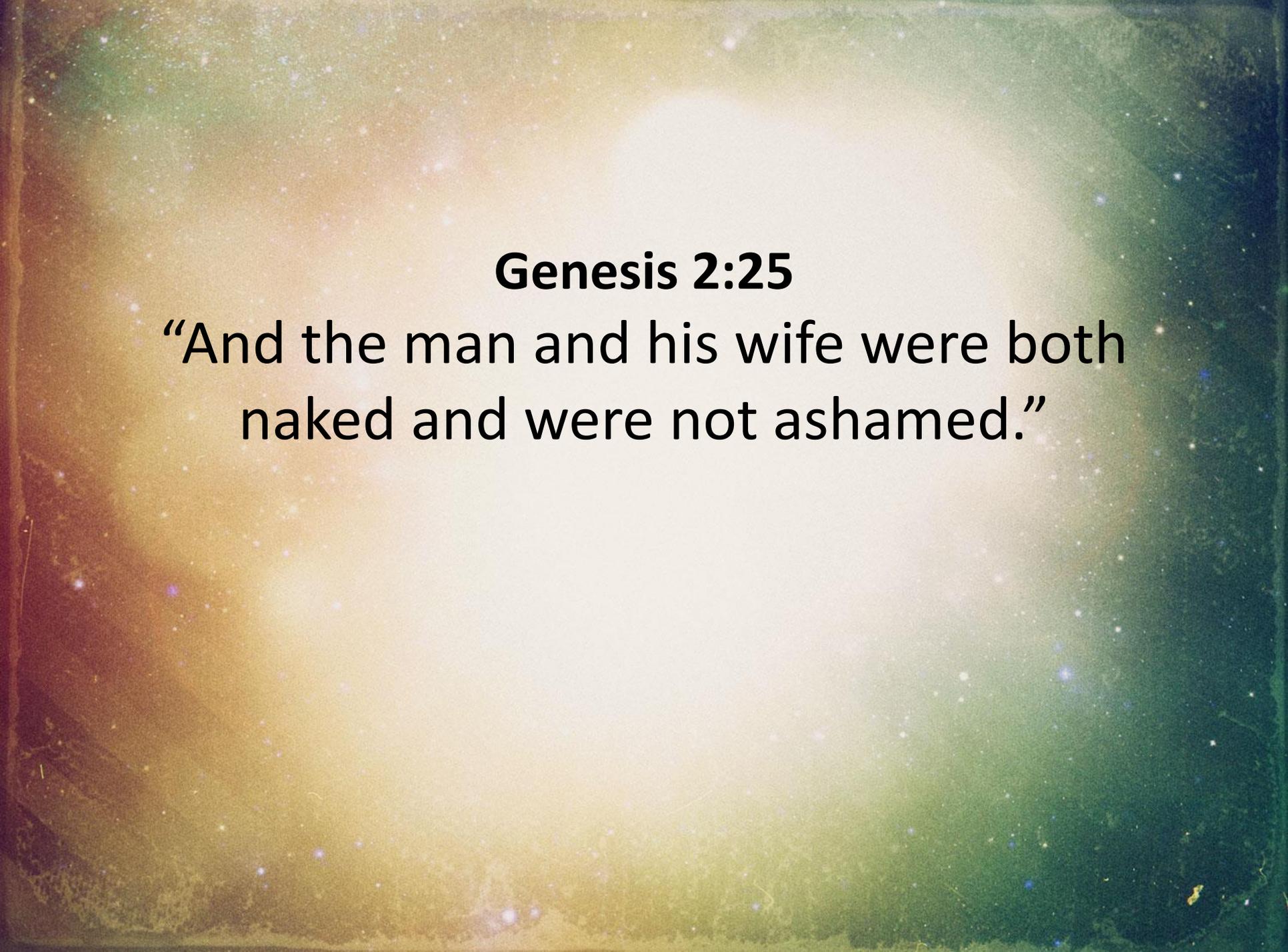
*HIS GOODNESS DISPLAYED  
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***Genesis 3:1-24***

A composite image featuring a large, detailed view of Earth from space, showing continents and clouds. The Earth is centered in the frame. The background is a dark, starry sky with a color gradient from yellow on the left to green on the right. The text "LOST AND FOUND" is overlaid in a large, black, serif font across the top half of the image. Below it, the text "Genesis 2:25" is overlaid in a smaller, black, italicized serif font.

# LOST AND FOUND

*Genesis 2:25*



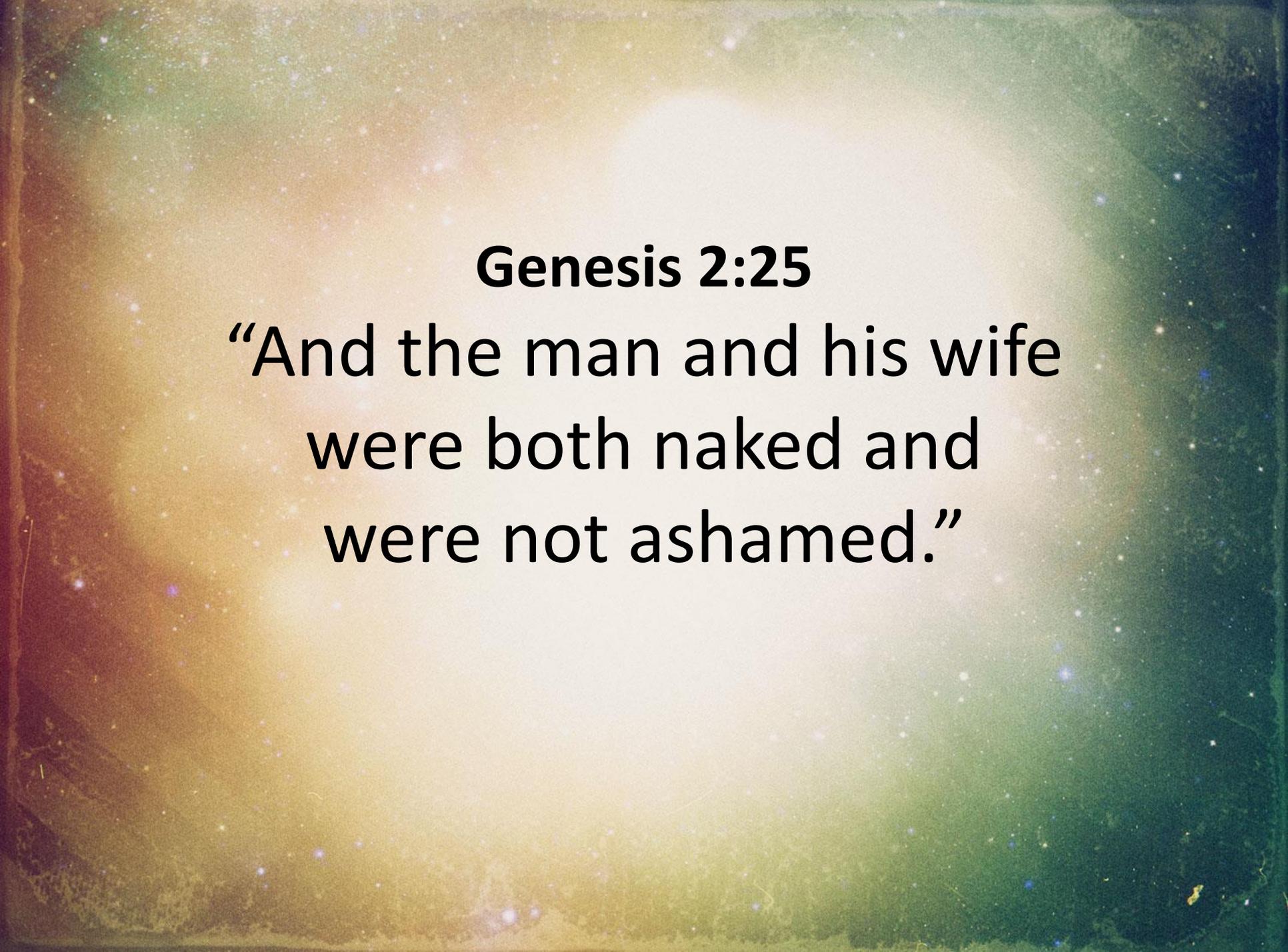
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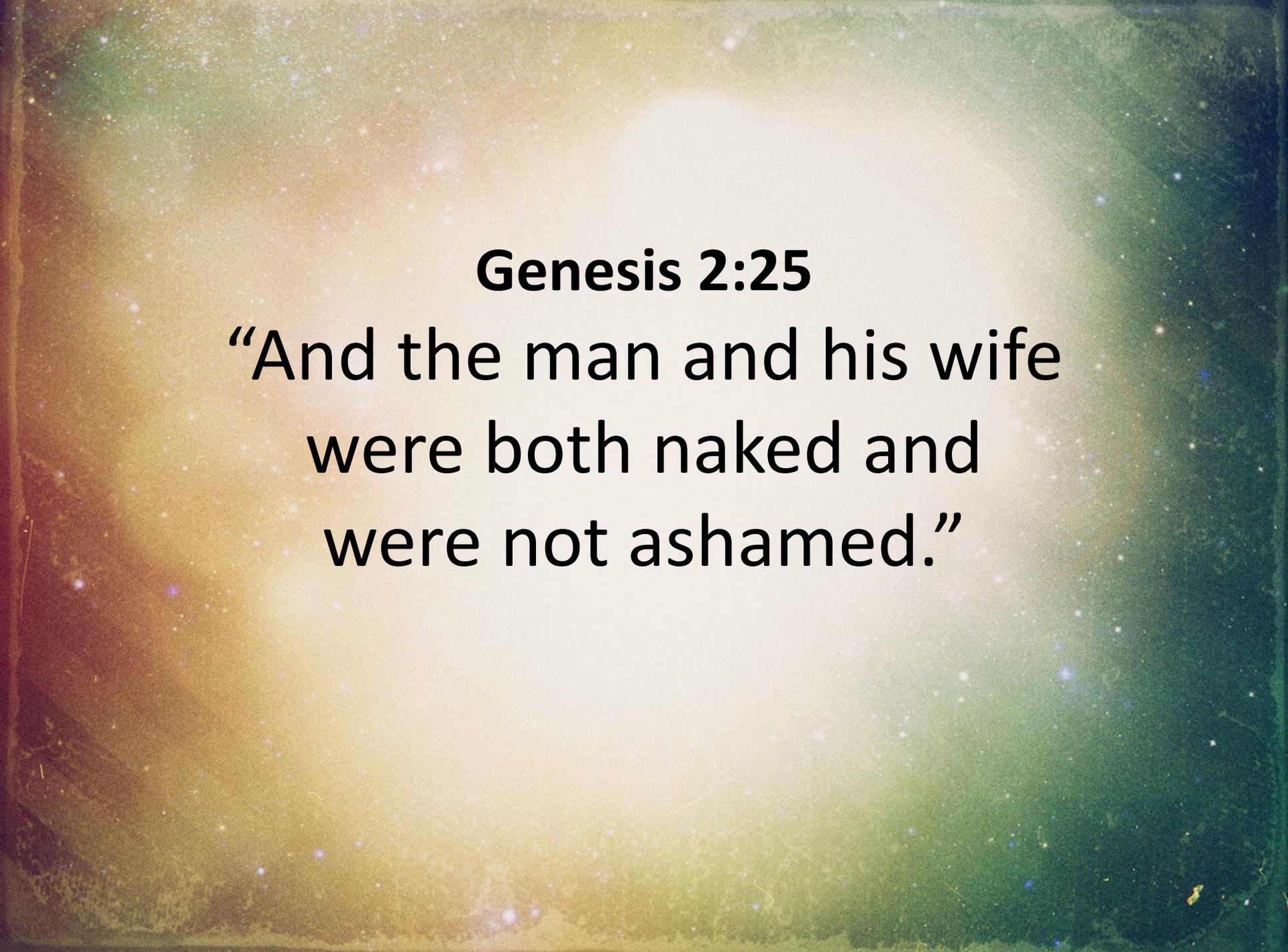
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*In one simple sentence, the sheer  
beauty of an uncorrupted  
relationship is set before us.*

# Why?

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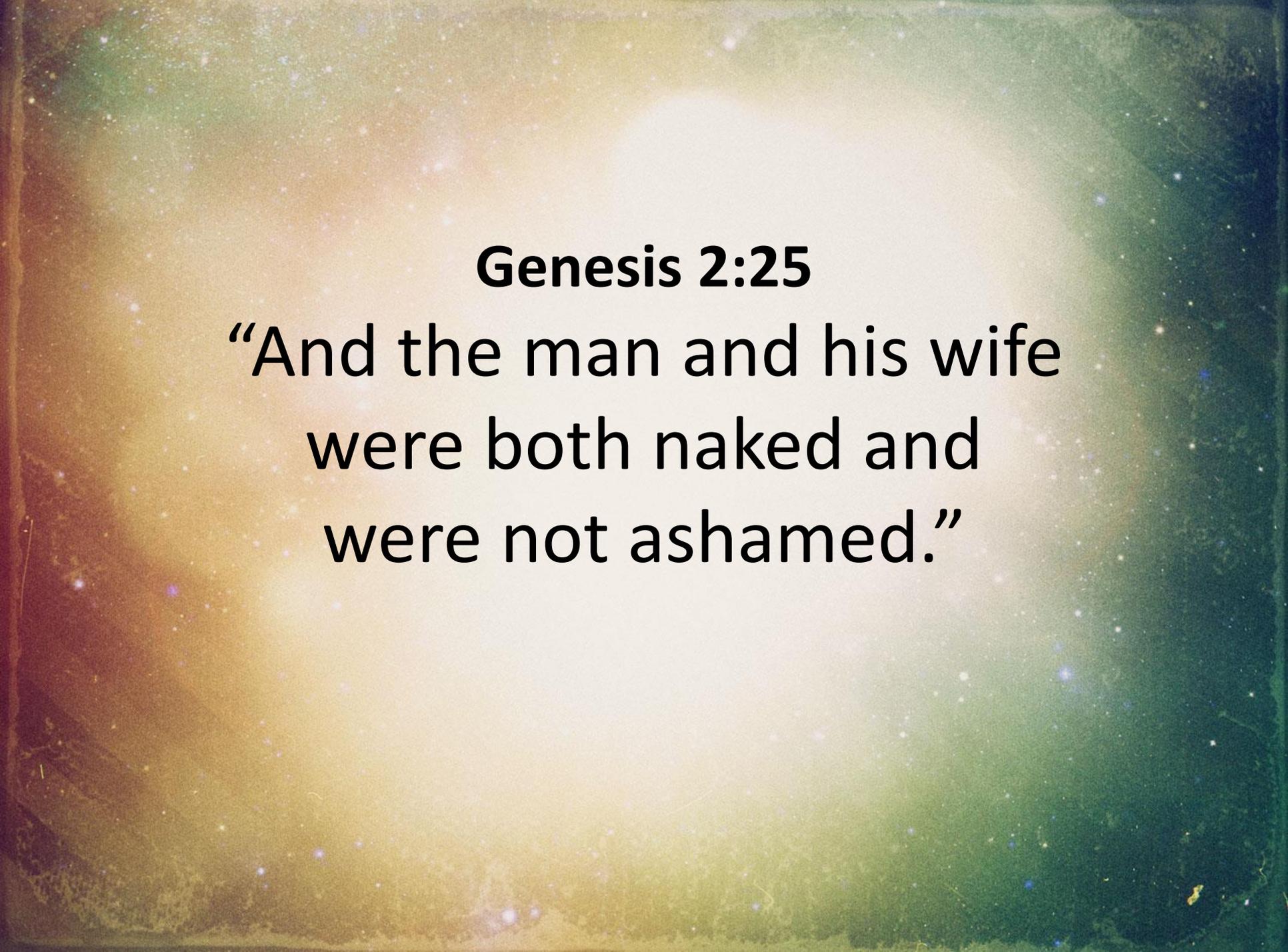
To help us feel the pain of sin.

*This simple sentence is **the** hinge  
between the story of creation and  
the story of the fall.*

# Lost and Found

*Why is this statement here?*

***What does this  
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# **What does it mean?**

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perfect vulnerability?

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*Nakedness communicates  
vulnerability.*

# Nakedness and Vulnerability

They were completely exposed  
to the physical elements.

They were completely exposed  
to each other.

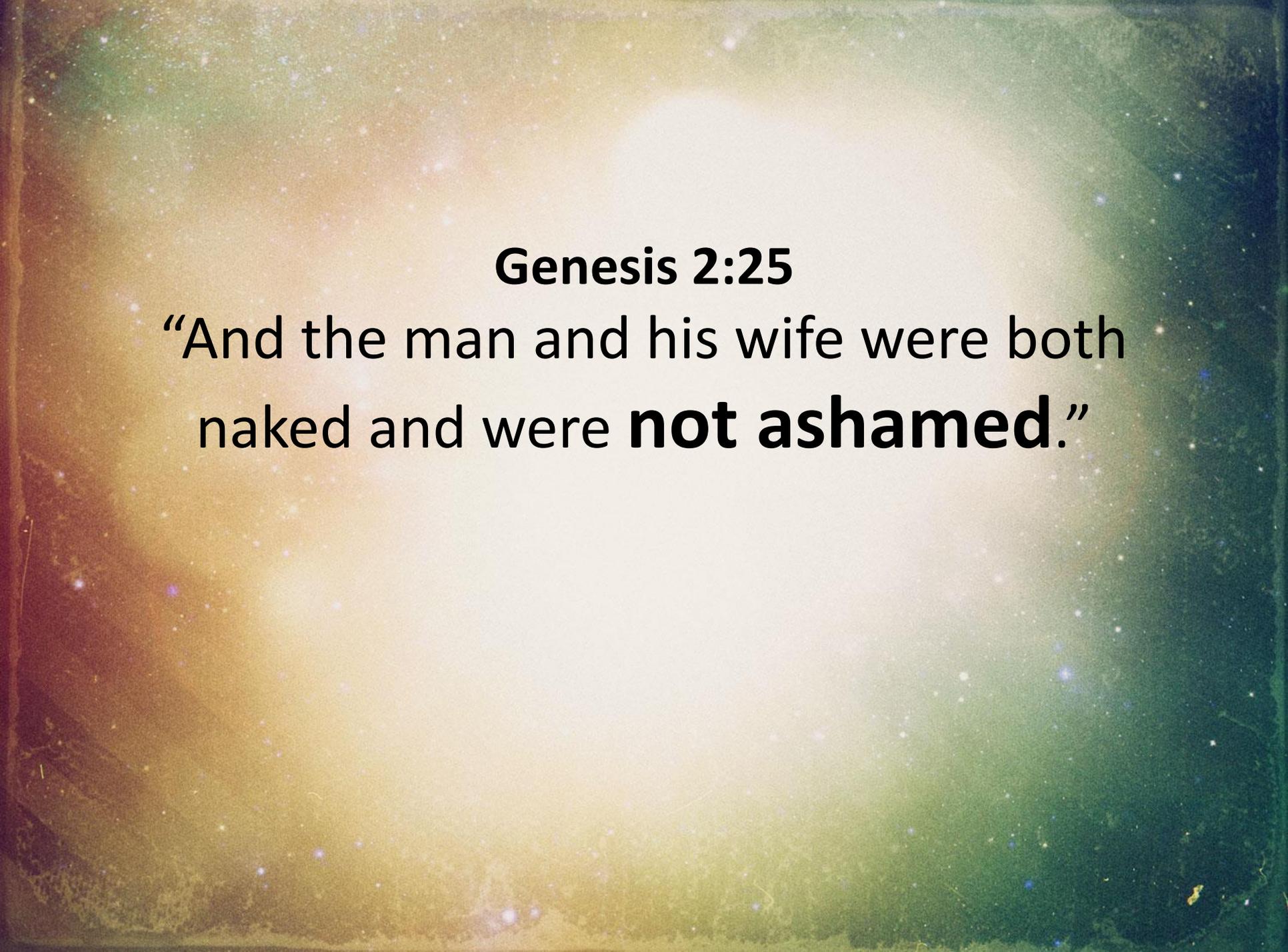
*What would it be like to be completely  
exposed in your relationships?*

*Joy in a relationship  
grows out of knowing and  
being known.*

# What does it mean?

The couple experienced the joy of perfect vulnerability.

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perfect purity.



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# What is meant by shame?

*Shame refers to the results of personal inadequacy and failure.*

*Shame refers to the feelings that result from the judgments of another.*

# So what is meant by “not ashamed”?

Genesis 2:25

“And the man and his wife were both naked  
and were **not ashamed.**”

*“not ashamed” refers to the relational  
peace the couple experienced because  
of their perfect purity.*

***No shame meant no inadequacy,  
no embarrassment, no disappointment,  
no self-loathing, no regret, etc.***

***No shame meant no condemnation,  
no humiliation, no disrespect,  
no defilement, no violation, etc.***

# Lost and Found

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# The effects of sin

*Sin defiles*

*Sin disrupts*

*Sin deceives*

*Sin defrauds*

*Sin distorts*

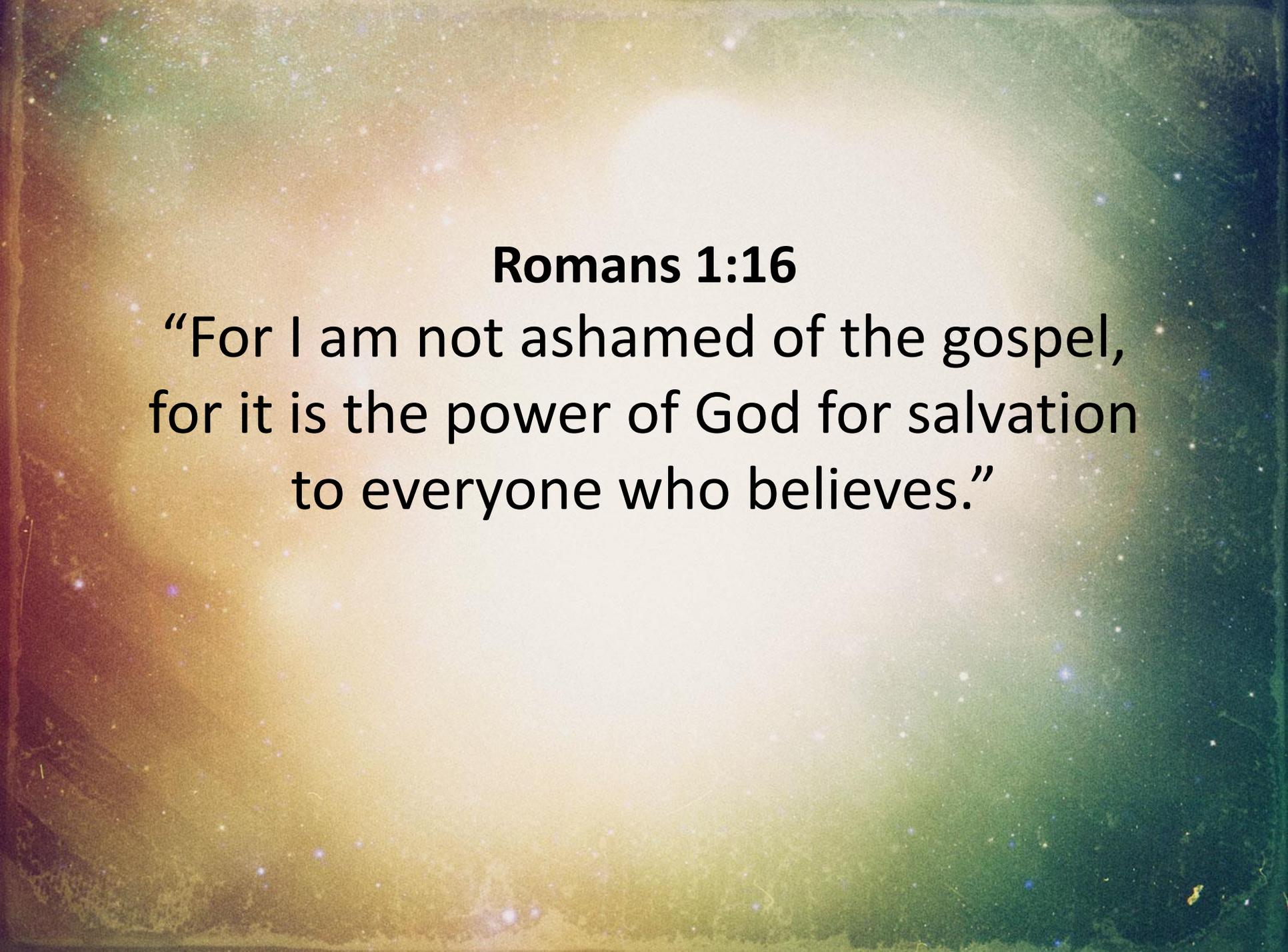
*Sin divides*

*Sin destroys*

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**Romans 1:16**

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
for it is the power of God for salvation  
to everyone who believes.”

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**Put your hope for change  
in Christ alone.**

## **John 15:4-5**

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."

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