

1. EVE

OPPOSITES REFLECT

Genesis 1:27

'In the image of God... male and female he created them'

The Bible is about God being faithful to what he's made. Even though the Creation is falling apart, he's going to fix it. So what about the very last thing God created, the cherry on the cake, Eve?

Everything was going great before Eve came along.

God had created an awesome universe and other stuff (!), including a human being. The man, Adam, was working through some jobs and it was all pretty good. But then came Eve. And we all know what happened next, everything went pear-shaped or apple-shaped or something!

Have you noticed that the serpent is quiet until Eve turns up? Is that because she's the weakest link, or is it because there's nothing worth destroying until Eve arrives? Spectacular though God's creation is, something's missing without Eve.

And what's that?

God's creation means nothing unless it's got people, who are very different (e.g. a man and a woman), living together in harmony. It's only then that God's image is revealed. The very essence of God is relationship. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three distinct persons living in such generous unity that we know them as the one God. You see, nice though the creation is, until Eve shows up God's image is incomplete. There's no-one to live in harmony with.

So the serpent comes to destroy unity, to destroy the image of God.

We cannot reveal God on our own or with people who are just like us. It's only when we love people who are different that God's image is revealed.

Are there people you find difficult? People you are trying to avoid? Ask God to fill you with generous grace towards those who are different. That's how God's creation will see God's image. It's also how you will fulfil your destiny.

When different people live together in harmony, we see God