

# Original Intimacy

*Haunted by the Promise of Paradise*

## Intimacy

- A deep sharing of the self
- An openness to receiving another
- A voluntary and reciprocal relationship
- A personal experience of another
- Risky due to demand for vulnerability
- Not instant, demands commitment, time, & effort
- Rooted in mutual trust and respect

Intimacy is both desired and threatening. We both want our deepest privacy to be invaded, but we also fear it. We want to be able to open up our very selves to the love and scrutiny of another, yet we dread the rawness of being exposed.

## The Image of God

Unique

Reflect

Relate

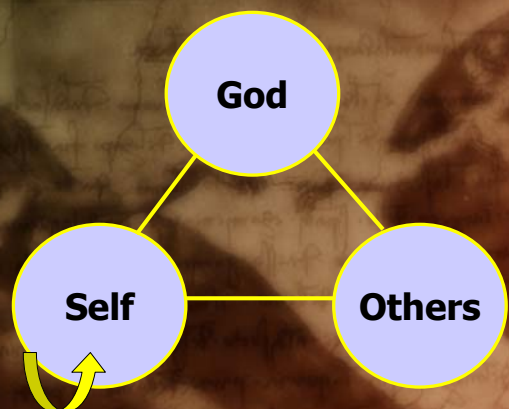
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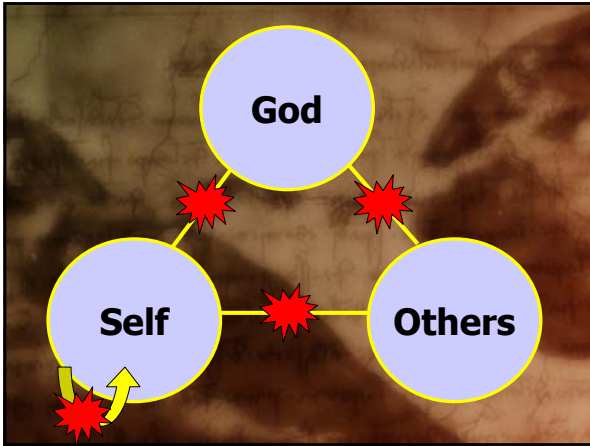
Ruin

## As Image Bearers, Our Created Purpose...

- It is not good for the man to be alone (Gen. 2:18)
- It is good for a man not to touch a woman (1 Cor. 7:1)

created purposes of God





Everything that makes life  
worth living is found in  
loving personal relationships  
– with God and with others