

Message Notes

Men and Women: A Celebration

Introduction – “A genie in a bottle... really?”

Messages we hear about being a:

Man

Woman

What does the Bible say about Gender?

Old Testament

The Creation of Male and Female

Genesis 1

How it happened!

Genesis 2

Trouble in River City

Genesis 3:16b

New Testament

Jesus

Reaffirming what was created

Matthew 19:1-12

Paul

Male and Female: One in Christ

Galatians 3:26-28

Male and Female: Yet Still Different

1 Corinthians 11:3-12

A Reverse Engineering

Ephesians 5:22-33

Peter

Beauty and Consideration

1 Peter 3:1-7

Summary of observations about manhood and womanhood

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Genesis 1:26-27

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Galatians 3:36-28

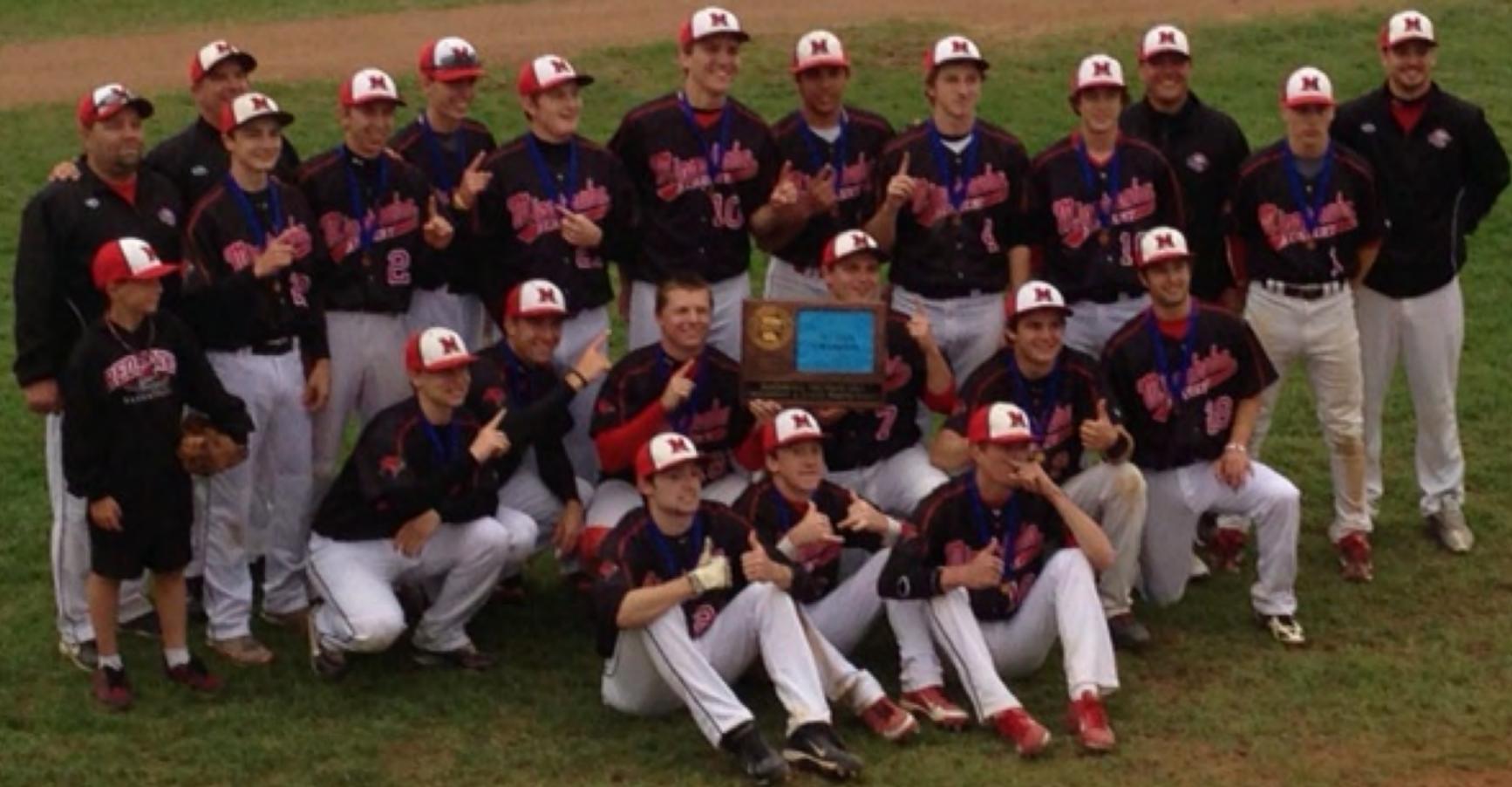
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Ephesians 5:22-33 and 1 Peter 3:1-7

Gospel Application: “Do you celebrate gender?”



Hope East Work Update



We need sheet rockers and framers!

- Sheet rock: Thursday through Monday
- Framing: Next Tuesday through Thursday

Check *The Legacy Campaign* group on the City



GOSPEL SEXUALITY

The background image is a high-angle aerial photograph of a landscape. A prominent, dark blue-grey river or stream winds its way through the center of the frame. The banks of the river are covered in dense green and brown vegetation, likely a mix of deciduous and coniferous trees. The surrounding terrain is a mix of dark blues and greens, suggesting a mix of water, shadows, and more forested areas. The overall composition is organic and flowing, mirroring the path of the river.

The Story

Creation
Fall
Redemption
Restoration

Gospel Sexuality

God created sex
to be received as a gift
and experienced at his direction
for ever-increasing intimacy and benefit.

**AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF HIS
RELATIONSHIP WITH US**

Big Question for this series as we study Gospel Sexuality:

*What difference does the
Gospel of Jesus Christ make to
those who follow him in
every area of life,
including sexuality?*

This week's Big Question:

What is up with men and women?

Messages we hear about being a man or being a woman



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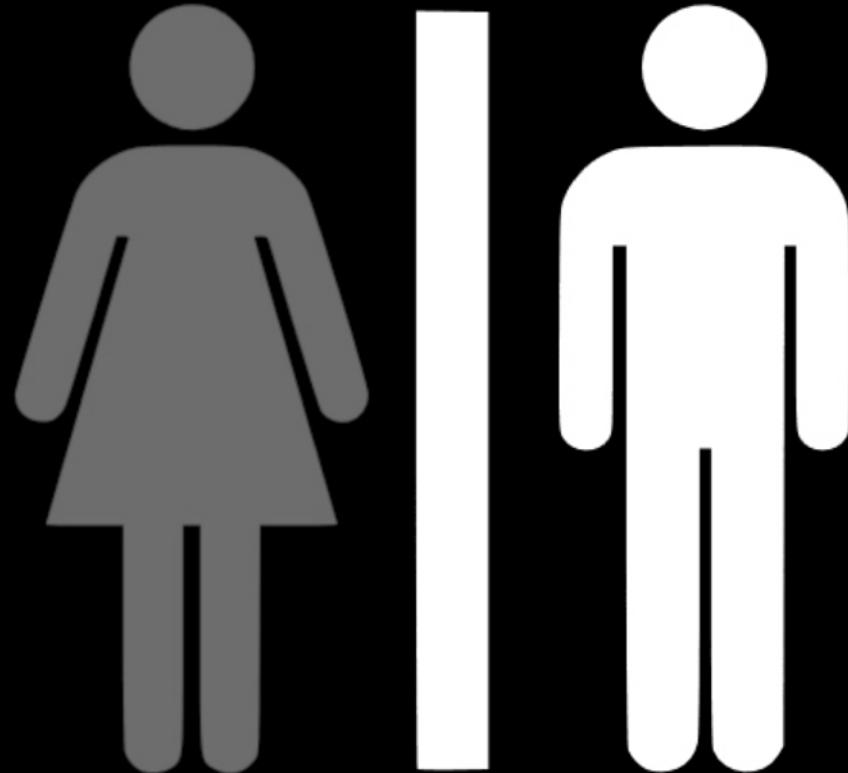
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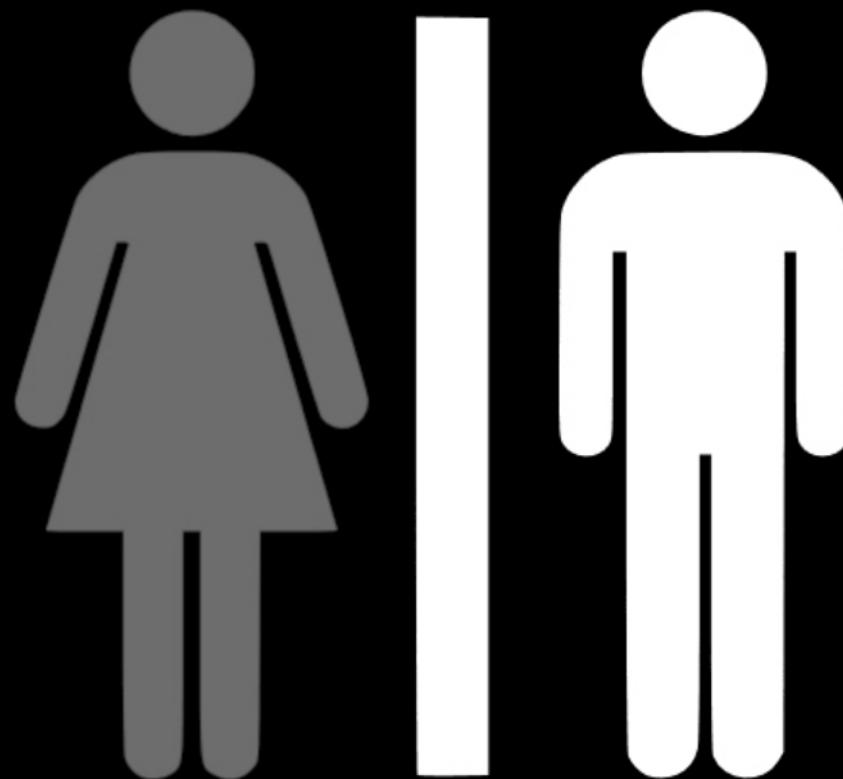
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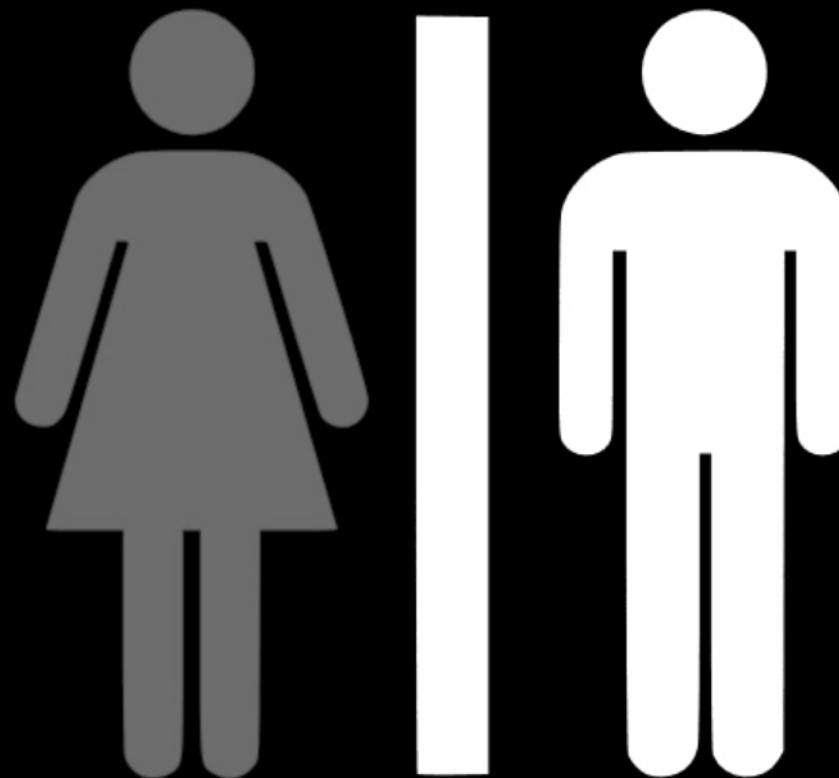
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User

It's okay for men to be selfish, lazy pigs

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Boy Toys

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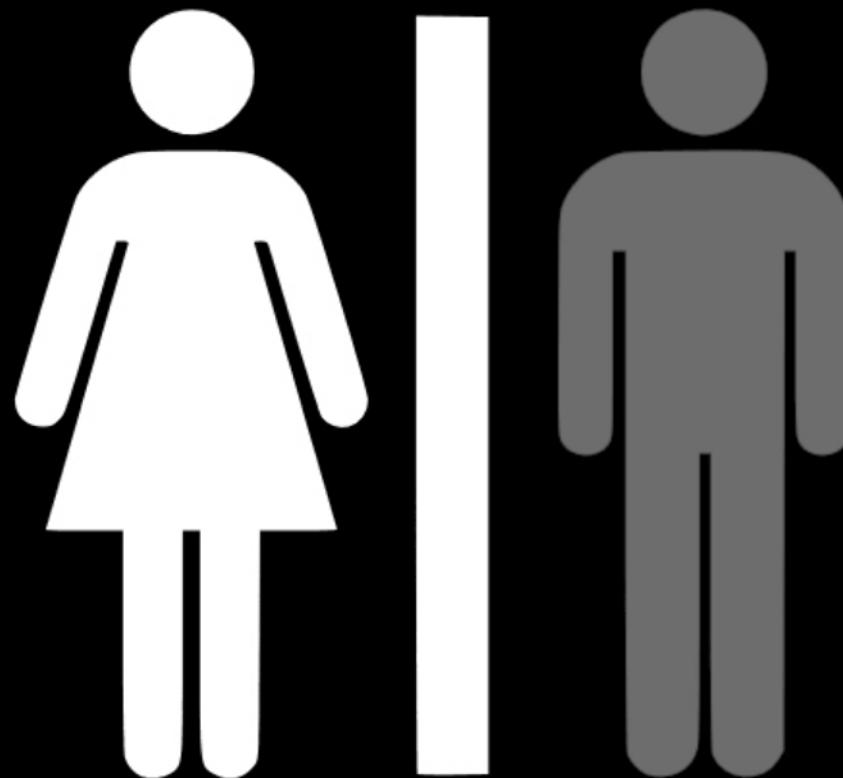
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Something about maleness and femaleness completes
the image of God in our humanity

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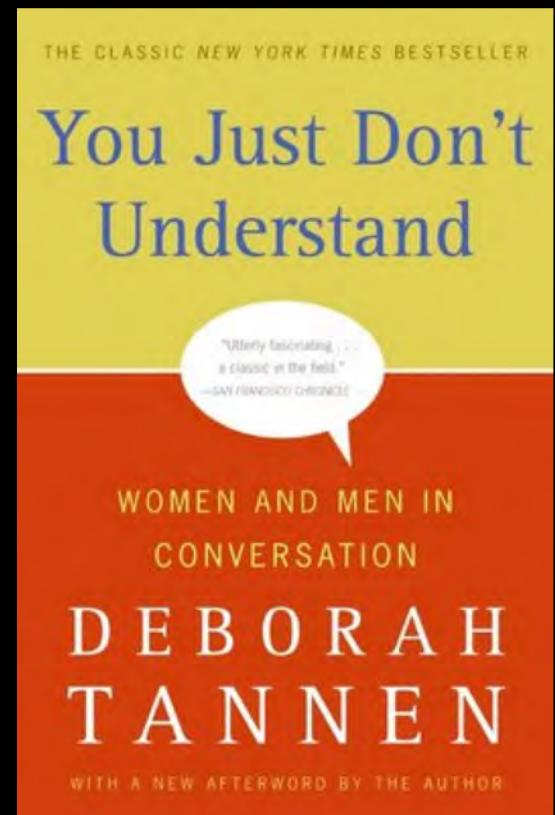
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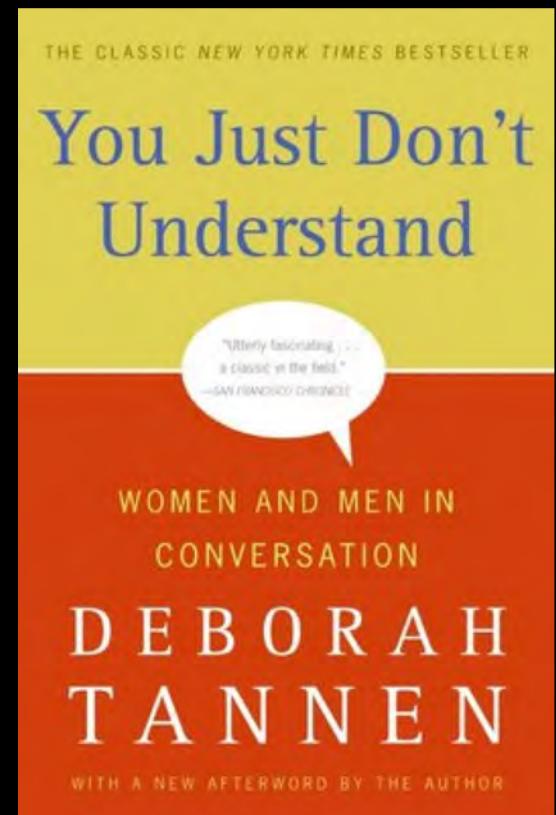
Relationship in the context of Responsibility

“Boys tend to play outside, in large groups that are hierarchically structured. Their groups have a leader who tells others what to do and how to do it and resists doing what others boys propose. It is by giving orders and making them stick that high status is negotiated. Boys’ games have winners and losers and elaborate systems of rules that are frequently the subjects of arguments.”



“Girls, on the other hand, play in small groups or in pairs; the center of a girl’s social life is a best friend. Within the group, intimacy is key. . . . In their most frequent games, such as jump rope and hopscotch, everyone gets a turn. Many of their activities (such as playing house) do not have winners or losers. Girls don’t usually give orders; they express their preferences as suggestions, and suggestions are likely to be accepted.”

~ Deborah Tannen, *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*. New York: HarperCollins, 1991, p.43.



Trouble in River City

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Nothing is the way it is supposed to be!
Now strife, not complete unity, is the new norm.

Reaffirming what was created

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Jesus reaffirms maleness and femaleness
in the New Covenant

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There is ABSOLUTELY NO value difference between
men and women!!

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Men and Women are DIFFERENT
and these differences are to be CELEBRATED

A Reverse Engineering

Ephesians 5:22-33

²²Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

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²⁸In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church – ³⁰for we are members of his body. ³¹“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” ³²This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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Men tend to want respect – significance

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Women tend to want love – security

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Gender and Marriage ultimately point to a beautiful picture of who God is and his love for his people

Beauty and Consideration

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ²when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. ⁴Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

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⁵For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful.

They were submissive to their own husbands, ⁶like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not

give way to fear. ⁷Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

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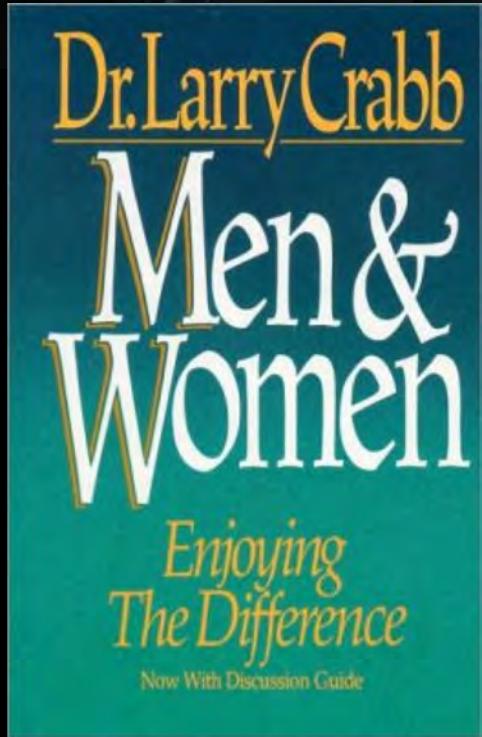
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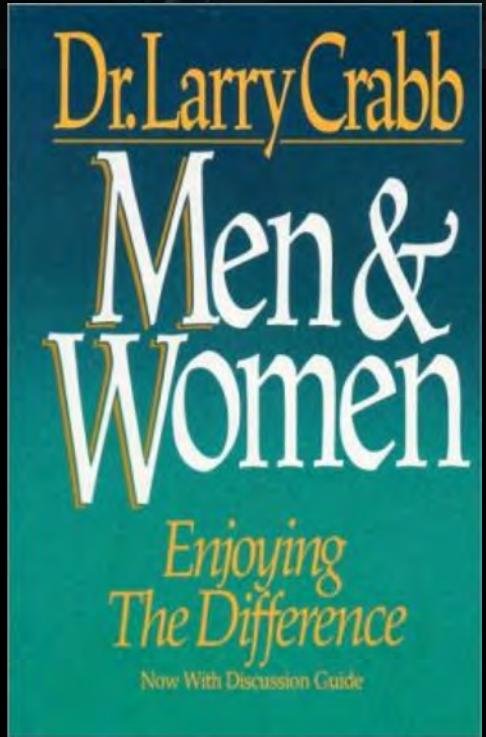
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Men are not to use their strength to dominate, but
deeply minister to women



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“Femininity, at its core, might therefore be thought of as the secure awareness of the substance God has placed within a woman’s being that enables her to confidently and warmly invite others into relationship with God and with herself, knowing that there is something in each relationship to be wonderfully enjoyed.’

~ Larry Crabb, Men and Woman, Enjoying the Difference (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1991), page160, 163.

Gospel Application

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Do you thank God for the gender he made you?

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Do you appreciate / celebrate the opposite gender and see it as an expression of the gospel of grace?