

## CELEBRATE THE DIFFERENCE

Genesis 2:19-25

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### 1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Who is better: the man or the woman? Yes
  - i) The man is superior to a woman at being a man.
  - ii) The woman is superior to a man at being a woman.
  - iii) God made us different that He might make us one.
  - iv) Neither man nor woman is superior to the other, but we are very different.
- b) Genesis 2:19-25
  - i) Adam had named all of the animals, but he did not have a mate.
    - (1) There was a certain loneliness about Adam.
  - ii) God created woman to be a help-meet for Adam.
    - (1) She was like Adam.
      - (a) Genesis 2:23
      - (b) This shows that man was not to cohabit with beasts.
        - (i) Bestiality is a sin against Almighty God.
    - (2) God made a woman, not a man, for Adam.
      - (a) This tells us that homosexuality is a sin against God.
    - (3) God created only one woman for Adam, not two.
      - (a) This tells us that polygamy is a sin against God.
      - (b) God's plan is one man and one woman together till death do them part.
- c) When God presented the woman to Adam, Adam liked her not only because she was like him but also because she was not like him.
  - i) These differences don't divide us but unite us.
  - ii) These differences exist due to divine design.
  - iii) Today's message will deal with these wonderful differences in generalities.
    - (1) For example: even though some women may be stronger than some men, in general, most men are stronger than most women.
    - (2) Men and women are designed differently to do different tasks.
      - (a) Neither one is better than the other.

### 2) BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

- a) 1 Peter 3:7
- b) Women are physically weaker than men; men are physically stronger than women.
  - i) God made Adam with a stronger physical frame.
- c) What job did God give to Adam?
  - i) To dress the garden and to keep the garden.
    - (1) Genesis 2:15
  - ii) Adam was to be the provider and the protector.
    - (1) He had a physical frame that could protect Eve.
    - (2) He had the muscles to dig and chop and work the garden.
- d) What did God make Eve to do?
  - i) The name "Eve" means life-giver.
  - ii) God made Eve to nurture and to love.

- iii) Because she is physically weaker than Adam does not mean that she is inferior to Adam.
  - (1) Silk is weaker than canvas, but it is not inferior to canvas.
  - (2) Porcelain is weaker than steel, but it is not inferior to steel.
- e) The physical makeup of men and women is different.
  - i) Men have more muscle mass than women.
  - ii) Men have almost 50% more blood than women do.
  - iii) Men have a larger lung capacity than women.
  - iv) Women have a better immune system than men.
  - v) Women have more brittle bones than men.
  - vi) Men and women are different on a cellular level.
- f) God made man to protect, care and provide for the woman, not to compete with her.
  - i) The man, as the stronger vessel, is to give honor to his wife as unto the weaker vessel.
    - (1) 1 Peter 3:7
    - (2) Weaker does not mean inferior.
- g) Which is better? Neither is better, just different.

### 3) THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE

- a) The man is like the hare in that he has a lot more energy; the woman is like the tortoise in that she has more durability.
  - i) The man may win the 100-yard dash in life, but the woman will win the marathon.
  - ii) A man's body begins to deteriorate at a faster rate than a woman's body.
- b) A husband should not criticize his wife for not having the same energy level that he may have.
- c) A wife needs to understand the drive and energy level of her husband.
- d) Which is better? Neither is better, just different.

### 4) THE ROMANTIC AND THE MECHANIC

- a) Adam's job was to dress the garden and keep it.
- b) The woman's responsibility was in the home: to love, to nurture and to raise the children.
- c) Husbands, due to how they are designed, will likely not have the romantic side that their wives would wish them to have.
- d) These differences are not learned but encoded.
  - i) Look at the books that men and women read.
    - (1) Men will read material on sports or "How to Remodel Your Garage."
    - (2) Women read material on relationships and marriage.
- e) The Song of Solomon exemplifies the differences and the relationship between the sexes.
  - i) Song of Solomon 3:1-4
    - (1) She is filled with romance toward the one she loves.
  - ii) Song of Solomon 4:1-5
    - (1) He is captivated by her beauty.

- f) Men should learn to be more romantic, and ladies can keep themselves physically attractive for their husbands.
- g) Which is better? Neither is better, just different.

#### 5) THE RADAR AND THE COMPUTER

- a) The woman is the radar; the man is the computer.
- b) Men and women process information differently.
  - i) The left hemisphere of the brain deals primarily with logic, reasoning, calculation, etc.
  - ii) The right hemisphere of the brain deals primarily with feeling, emotion, sympathy, love, intuition, etc.
  - iii) Studies have shown that men use primarily the left side of the brain while women tend to use both sides of the brain.
- c) Men tend to be more logical and analytical in their thinking.
- d) While women also think logically and analytically, they are also mixing in emotion at the same time.
- e) Women tend to be more detail-oriented.
  - i) Women can also do “spider-web thinking” while men tend to think more linearly.
- f) The left side of the brain works like a computer while the right side works like a radar.
  - i) Women can pick up on details that men do not.
    - (1) Women’s intuition
    - (2) This is the difference between the radar that’s continually sweeping and a pair of rabbit ears.
- g) Which is better: the computer or the radar? Neither is better, just different.

#### 6) THE CODE SPEAKER AND THE REPORTER

- a) The man uses language primarily to dispense facts, while a woman uses language to express emotion.
  - i) Women share; men report.
    - (1) Listen to what a woman means.
- b) Neither is better, just different.

#### 7) THE LOVER AND THE ACHIEVER

- a) Ephesians 5:33
  - i) God tells the man to love his wife.
  - ii) God tells the wife to reverence and respect her husband.
- b) The deepest need of the wife is to be loved and cherished, while the husband’s greatest need is to be admired and respected.
  - i) The wife is the lover while the husband is the achiever.
    - (1) God gave her a nurturing aspect while God gave him a hard exterior to dress and keep the garden.
  - ii) A wife receives a blessing when her husband is loving, romantic and tender toward her.
  - iii) A husband receives a blessing when he is admired by his wife.
- c) Which is better? Neither is better, just different.

## 8) CONCLUSION

- a) There are two great towers that will keep your home from falling down:
  - i) Love for God.
  - ii) Love for one another.
- b) In addition to this foundation of love, the stability of your home requires flexibility.
- c) Without Jesus Christ, it is impossible to have the kind of home we were designed for.
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31