

Unique By Design: Woman's Challenge

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Bible Passage: Genesis 3:16 *To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."*

Introduction: (Review from previous sermons)

The making of Woman in Genesis was by God's Unique Design (Genesis 2:18-22)

- God pulled Eve from the side on purpose.
- **"helper"** (Hebrew word: *EZER*)
 - ezer reminds us that God is our helper
 - Exodus 18:4; Deut. 33:7; Psalm 33:20
 - God being called helper throughout the Scriptures brings honor to the position of helper.
 - INSIGHT: a helper comes along side of another to COMPLETE a responsibility.
- **"fit for him"** (this leads us to the idea of a complementarian relationship)
 - She was fashioned in the image of God to COMPLETE man NOT COMPETE AGAINST.

Women are DANGEROUS (Proverbs 14:1)

- Dangerous: applies to something that may cause harm or loss unless dealt with carefully.
- She will either **BUILD or TEAR DOWN** her home.

A Wise Woman. . . Recognizes her weaknesses and rejects the wrong voices, Leverages her "woman's touch" for eternity, Actively pursues God's priorities by claiming His promises and Lovingly nurtures the next generation.

Big Idea: _____ so devastated our world that since then life for women has become _____.

Every woman is confronted with _____ that Eve did not have in the beginning. (Gen 3:16)

- Sin's curse brought the 1ST challenge of woman which is _____ in _____
 - Sin's curse brought the 2nd challenge of woman which is _____ - _____
- [Proverbs 19:13, 21:9, 31:26]

God's Unique Design

"work...keep" (for human flourishing)

Genesis 2:15

- Practice sacrificial love
- Set spiritual climate
- Nourish & cherish [shepherd] her soul



"be the helper fit for him" (completer) Genesis 2:18,20

- nurture _____...through
_____/_____

**passivity & domination will
lead to ruin**

Romans 5:17

_____ ***follows childbearing &
_____ will lead to _____***

For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Truth into Action: Let the Gospel heal you!

1. Both male & female desire has become **DIS-DISORDERED** at the soul-level by sin. **Be filled with HOPE, JESUS CAN FIX YOUR BROKEN!**
2. Only by turning to Jesus and trusting in Jesus as your SAVIOR will your brokenness (sin & rebellion) be healed through the power of the gospel. **Place your faith and trust in Jesus today!**

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: Do you find it hard to speak encouraging words to others. If not, why do you think that is? If you do, why do you think it so hard?

1. Read James 3:16 and write down what you learn.
2. How do jealousy and selfish ambition manifest in our daily lives, and what are their potential impacts on our relationships and community?
3. Reflect on a time when you experienced disorder or conflict due to jealousy or selfish ambition. How could applying James 3:16 have changed the outcome?
4. In what ways can we actively cultivate humility and selflessness in our interactions with others, both within and outside the church?
5. How does the teaching in James 3:16 align with the fruit of the Spirit as described in Galatians 5:22-23?

Closing Prayer: Father thank you for all that you have given me. Make me into a person who is generous with my words of encouragement and love. Remove all elements of disordered desires in my life. I love you Jesus. Amen.

Resources: *Theology of the Body* by Christopher West; *What God has to Say about Our Bodies* by Sam Allberry; *Embodied* by Preston M. Sprinkle; *Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age* by Rosaria Butterfield; *Love Thy Body* by Nancy R. Pearcey; *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel* by Christopher Yuan; *Wonderfully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body* by John W. Kleinig; *Rethinking Sexuality: God's Design and Why It Matters* by Juli Slattery; *Why did God Make me A Boy?* By Joe & Abby Owens; *Why did God Make me A Girl?* By Joe & Abby Owens; *Love-ology* by John Mark Comer; *Evangelical Feminism & Biblical Truth* by Wayne Grudem; *The New Eve: Choosing God's Best for Your Life* by Robert Lewis; *Lies Women Believe: And the truth that sets them free* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth; Revive our Hearts website (<https://www.reviveourhearts.com>); The Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (<https://cbmw.org>)