



Imitate: Submissive Hearts

1 Corinthians 11:2-16  
1 Corinthians 14:33-35





1. God's Character and Order in Creation

“Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold fast to the traditions just as I delivered them to you. But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.”

– 1 Cor. 11:2-3

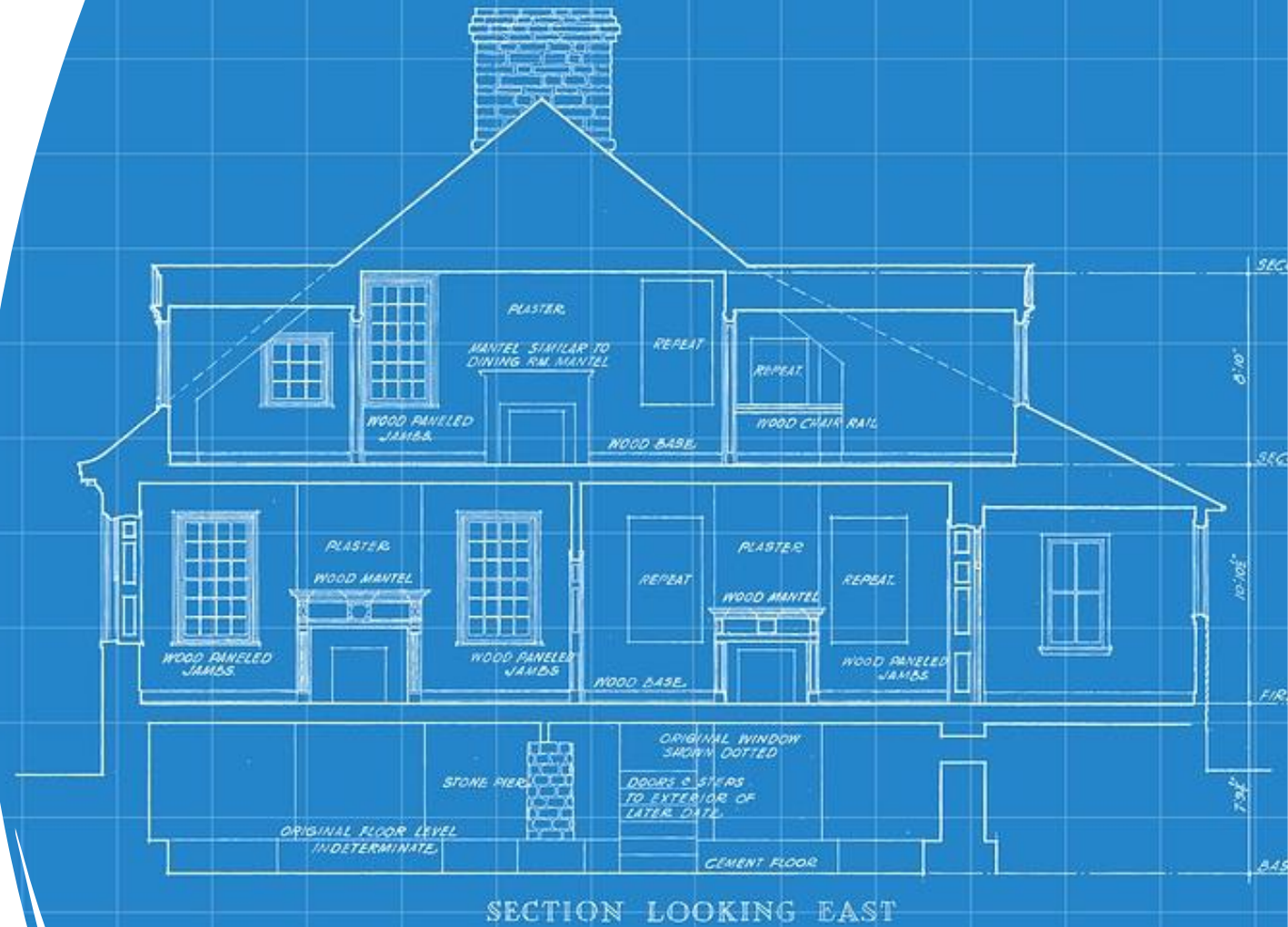
DARE TO BE A  
DISCIPLE



...God is not a God of disorder but of peace. –  
1 Corinthians 14:33

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“You cannot be over unless  
you are willing to be under.”  
– Adrian Rogers



“We all like to buy into two very seductive lies. These lies argue against any need to be dependent and they bolster the independence that tends to attract us all. The first lie is the lie of **AUTONOMY**. Autonomy tells me that I ‘m an independent being, with the right to do what I want to do, when, where, and how I want to do it. Now you may say, ‘Paul, I know well enough not to believe that!’ Yet every time you defend yourself against the correction of another or tell someone not to tell you what to do, you buy into this lie. The second lie is the lie of **SELF-SUFFICIENCY**. This lie tells me I have everything within myself to be what I’m supposed to be and to do what I’m supposed to do. Perhaps you're thinking, ‘Okay, I do occasionally buy into my autonomy, but I definitely don't think I'm self-sufficient!’ Yet each time you resist reaching out for help or each time you act as if you're okay when, in fact, you're not, you’ve bought into this lie.”

**Dr. Paul David Tripp**

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## 2. God's Calling in Christian Community

“Why are these two lies so wrong and so dangerous? Because the Bible clearly tells us that we’re people who have been made for **COMMUNITY**.

We were designed to live in worshipful community with God and humble community with people. We were never constructed to live all by ourselves. Even Adam and Eve needed God and one another. Think about this. They were perfect people, living in a perfect world, yet they were still needy because they were not created to live life on their own.”

– Paul David Tripp





# Roles of Authority Given by God

Apostolic Authority (1 Timothy 1:16; 2 Timothy 1:11)

Pastoral Authority (Hebrews 13:7, 24)

Governmental Authority (Romans 13)

Business and Professional Authority  
(Ephesians 6:5-7; Colossians 3:16-17)

# 3. God's Calling in the Christian Home/Church





“Every man who prays or prophesies with something on his head dishonors his head. Every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, since that is one and the same as having her head shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off. But if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her head be covered. A man should not cover his head, because he is the image and glory of God. So too, woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman came from man. Neither was man created for the sake of woman, but woman for the sake of man. This is why woman should have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels....

...In the Lord, however, woman is not independent of man, and man is not independent of woman. For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman, and all things come from God.

Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? Does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair it is a disgrace to him, but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For her hair is given to her as a covering. If anyone wants to argue about this, we have not other custom, nor do the churches of God.”



- Ken Anderson, who is a scientist do some research on that, and he came up with some very interesting things about that.
- **Hair grows in a three-phase cycle. No. 1 in the cycle is the formation and growth of new hair. Secondly is the resting stage. Thirdly is the fallout stage. (Laughter) With which some of you are so well acquainted. (Laughter)** So you have, beginningly, the formation and growth of new hair, the resting stage, and the fallout. Then after the fallout, the cycle starts all over again.
- The male hormone, testosterone, speeds those three phases, so that quickly the man gets to phase three—fallout. That’s why you see bald men but never see bald women. Aristotle said, “I have never seen a bald child, eunuch, or a woman.” There’s a reason for that. Testosterone, the male hormone, causes the speedup of the steps to get you quickly to step three. That retards the process of growth in a man.
- The female hormone, estrogen, in the woman, causes the cycle to remain in stage one, the growth stage, longer than it does in a man. That’s why a woman’s hair will grow longer than a man’s over the same period of time.
- “Does not nature teach you?” Hasn’t God put right into human physiology the truth that short hair belongs to men and long hair belongs to women? Interesting, isn’t it? It’s interesting. You all look so stunned. *(Laughter)*
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- MacArthur, J. F., Jr. (2014). [John MacArthur Sermon Archive](#). Panorama City, CA: Grace to You.



“And in the churches of the saints, the women should be silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak, but are to submit themselves, as the law also says. If they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home, since it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.” 1 Cor. 14:33-35





# Men in Corinth

Jewish Tallith - shawl

Romans – “And our heads are shrouded before the altar with a Phrygian vestment” (Virgil, “Aeneid,” iii., 545).

Greeks – No male head covering

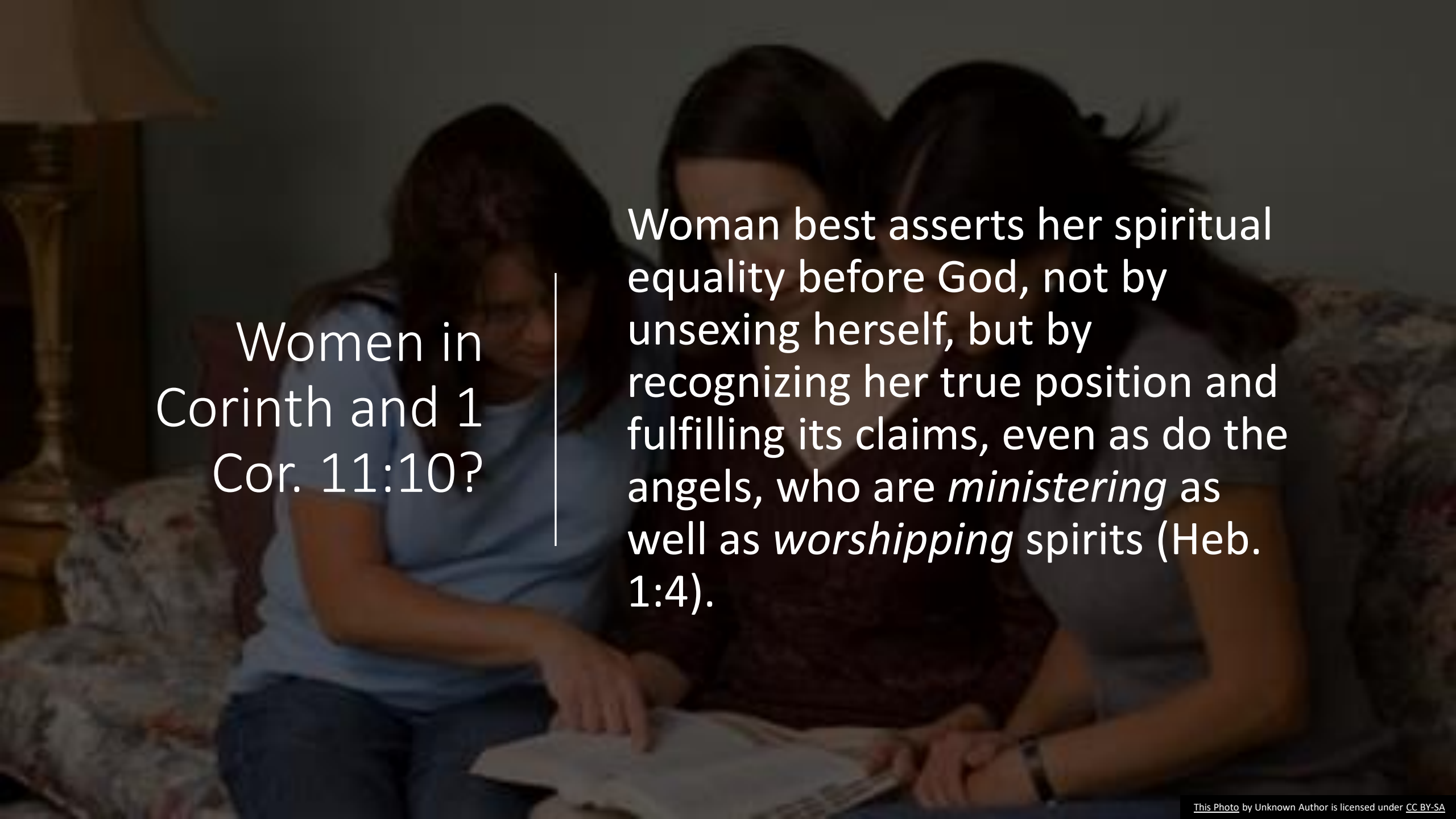
# Women in Corinth

Greek women lived in strict seclusion; rarely appearing in public; if so, their heads were covered

“This costume the Corinthian women had disused in the Christian assemblies, perhaps as an assertion of the abolition of sexual distinctions, and the spiritual equality of the woman with the man in the presence of Christ.” – MR Vincent – Word Studies in the NT

Women had their haircut/shaved as humiliation, judgement against adulterers (Tacitus/Justinian), or symbolized she was a prostitute



A photograph of three women sitting on a bed, looking down at an open book they are holding together. The scene is dimly lit, with the background being a plain wall. The women are dressed in casual clothing. The overall mood is quiet and focused.

Women in  
Corinth and 1  
Cor. 11:10?

Woman best asserts her spiritual equality before God, not by unsexing herself, but by recognizing her true position and fulfilling its claims, even as do the angels, who are *ministering* as well as *worshipping* spirits (Heb. 1:4).

# a. Christian Authority in the Home

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“<sup>18</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.<sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives and don't be bitter toward them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.” Col. 3:18-20



<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, <sup>23</sup> because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. <sup>27</sup> He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, <sup>30</sup> since we are members of his body. **<sup>31</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.** <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.” - Ephesians 5:22-33



## b. Men Covered in Christ and Called to Christlikeness



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- “Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” - Ephesians 5:25
- “Arguments escalate when we want to be right more than we want to be CHRIST. It's easy to get blinded in the heat of disagreement. Soon, all we want is to win. Even if victory requires sin. The one who wins the argument is usually the one who acts LESS like Christ.”  
– Francis Chan

## c. Women Covered by Husbands and Honored as the Church

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“Don’t let your beauty consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes, but rather what is inside the heart – the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight.” –  
1 Peter 3:3-4







*“The reason marriage is so painful and yet wonderful is because it is a reflection of the gospel, which is painful and wonderful at once. The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope. This is the only kind of relationship that will really transform us...God’s saving love in Christ is marked by both radical truthfulness about who we are and yet also radical, unconditional commitment to us...Through the gospel, we get both the power and pattern for the journey of marriage” - Tim and Kathy Keller*





*“Marriage means, one mortal life fully shared. Two selfish me’s start learning to think like one unified us, sharing one everything: one life, one reputation, one bed, one suffering, one budget, one family, one mission, and so forth. No barriers. No hiding. No aloofness. Now total openness with total sharing and total solidarity, until death parts them.” - Ray Ortlund*