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## What gets in the way of femininity? \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.*

*<sup>17</sup> In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.*

*<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

*When we know Jesus enough to value nothing greater than to enjoy Him and reveal Him to people by the way we relate, we will become more alive as masculine men and feminine women.*

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## Embracing Femininity

### Building a Marriage—part 6

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## The Gendered \_\_\_\_\_.

*Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us" .... So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male ("zakar") and **female** ("**neqebah**") he created them. (NLT)*

"Neqebah" -

*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 for your husband, and he shall rule over you."*

"Desire"

*Relational femininity is a way of relating that both invites life-giving connection from another and nourishes life-giving relating in another.*

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## A woman's \_\_\_\_\_ beauty

*1 Peter 3:3-5 Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God. This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful.*

*Proverbs 31:30 Charm is deceitful and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.*

"Gentle spirit" -

"Quiet spirit" -

*Proverbs 21:9 It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a contentious woman. <sup>19</sup> It is better to live in a desert land than with a contentious and fretful woman.*

"Contentious" -

"Fretful" -

*Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

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## Understanding s\_\_\_\_\_.

*Ephesians 5:21 ...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

<sup>22</sup> *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

*Genesis 2:20 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper (Ezer) fit (Kenegdo) for him.*

"Ezer." -

*1 Peter 3:5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.*