# Gender differences are most seen in relationship. Masculinity. 1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. "Heirs with you..." "Live...in an understanding way..." "Showing honor" **Summary:** Femininity reveals the \_\_\_\_\_\_ beauty of God. Masculinity reveals the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_beauty of God. \_\_\_\_ "When we know God well enough to value nothing greater than our opportunity to enjoy Him and reveal Him to others by the

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way we relate, we will then become more and more as

masculine men and feminine women." - Larry Crabb

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### What Does the Bible Say About Gender?

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#### What does it mean to be gendered?

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

#### How are we to read our feelings?

Titus 3:3 (RSV) For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, ...

James 1:14 ...but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

■ <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

#### What does Genesis 1 tell us about gender?

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"Female" - "Neqebah" (Hebrew)

"Male" - "Zakar" (Hebrew)

"Arsen" (Greek)

#### The fallen world teaches us about female gender

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."

God tells women they will all experience their deepest pain in r\_\_\_\_\_.

#### The fallen world teaches us about masculine gender:

Genesis 3:17 And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

Genesis 3:18 ... thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

A man's deepest wounds are related to f

## Gender differences are most seen in relationship. Feminine beauty.

1 Peter 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. <sup>4</sup> Instead, 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.

"Gentle" spirit = "praus" (Greek)

"Quiet" spirit