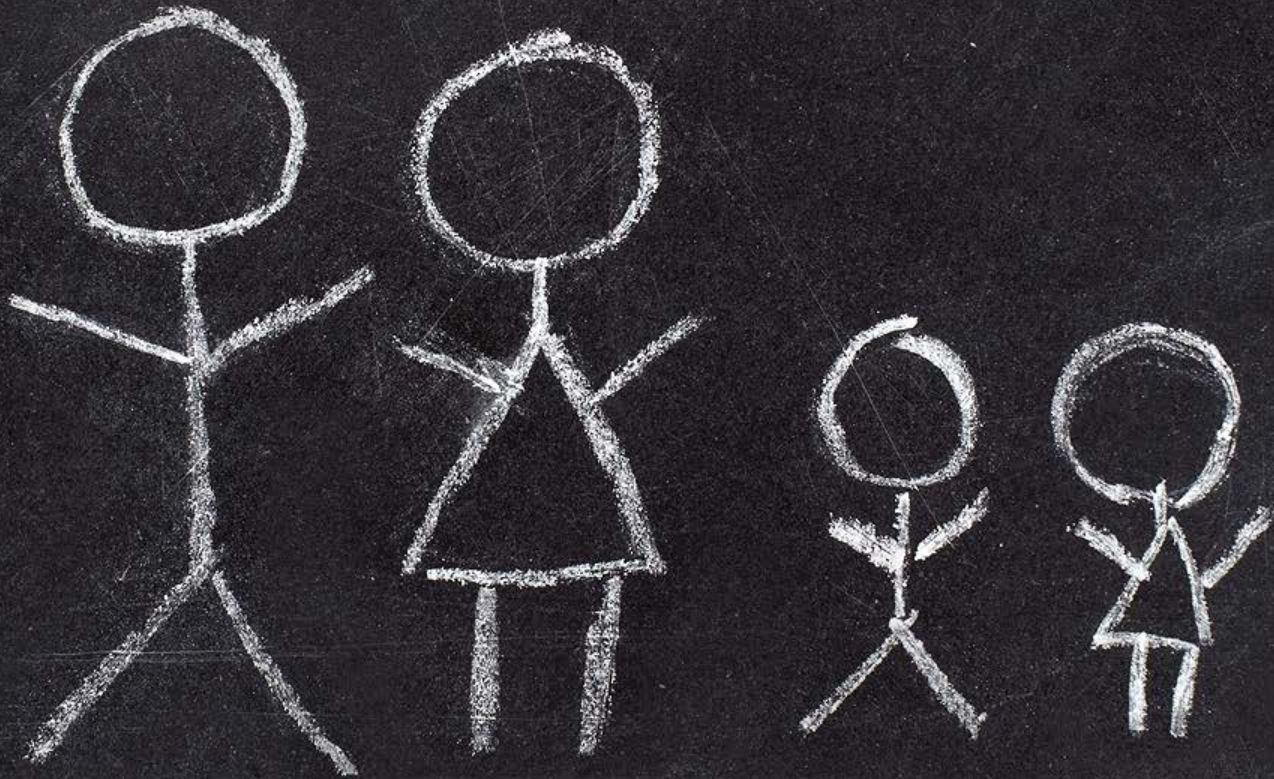


Lesson 6 – The Equality of Men and Women



Rejoicing in God's Good Design

Review

Adam's role: Headship

Eve's role: Companion-Helper

Creation account: a pattern
for all men and women.

According to 1 Timothy 2:13, the order of creation confirms the principle of male headship.

Review

In 1 Corinthians 11:8-9, Paul recognizes that the creation of man and woman has implications for how men and women should understand:

1. Themselves
2. Their roles
3. Their relationship to each other

Gender differences are rooted in creation

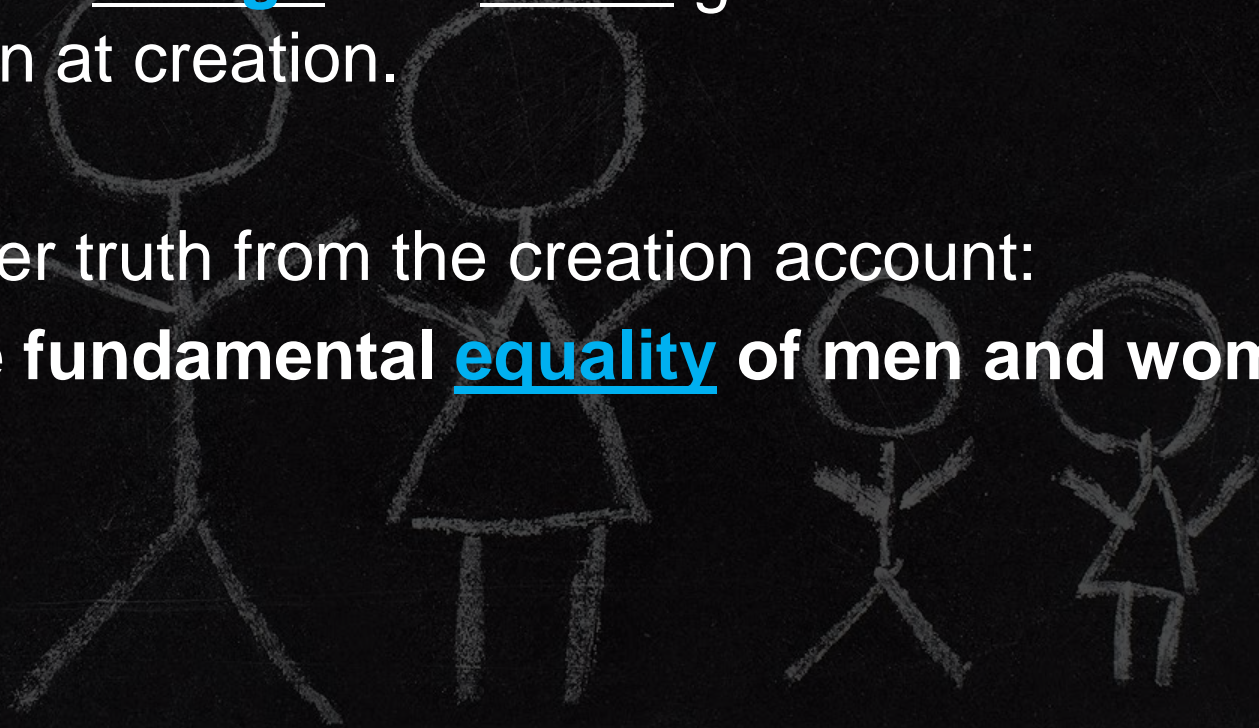
Differences in roles and designs
should be
embraced and celebrated.

Equality

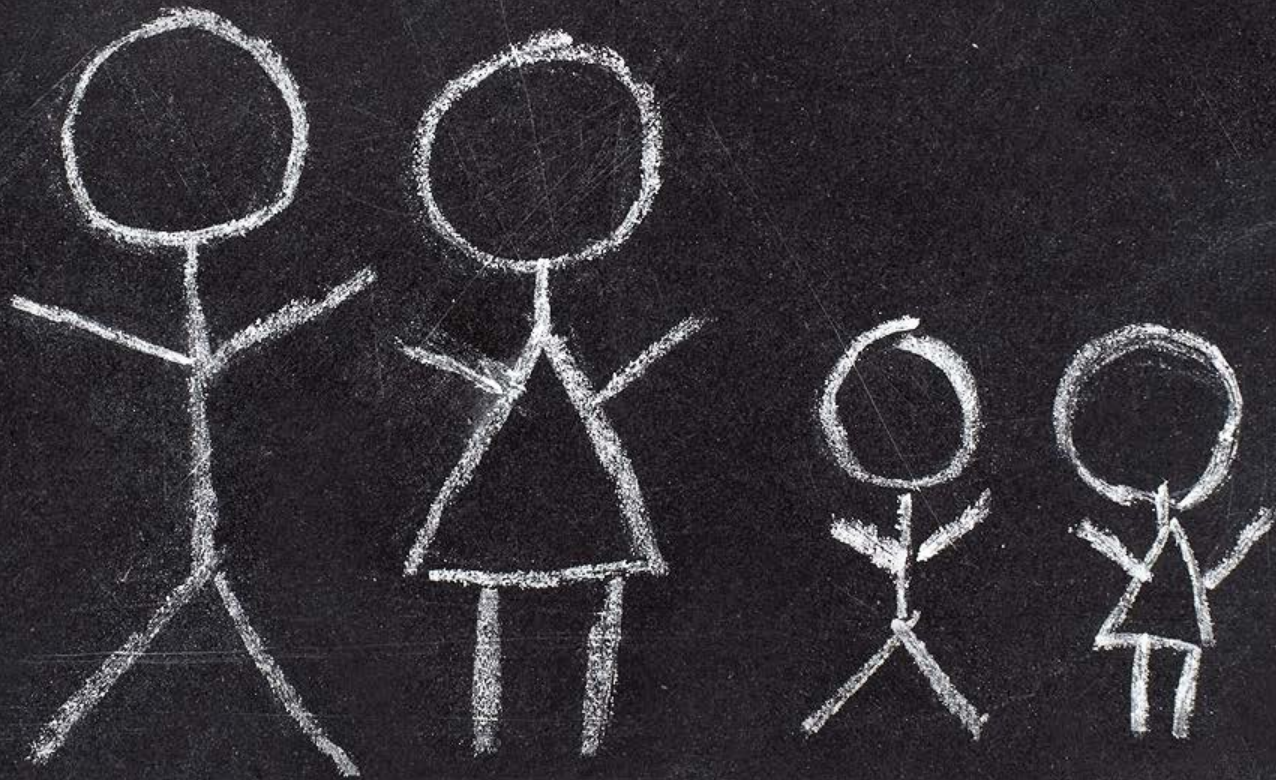
Different design and roles given to men and women at creation.

Another truth from the creation account:

the fundamental equality of men and women



Illustration



Equally in God's Image

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Man/him = Human Race

**Male and female alike are
together created in God's image.**

Reflecting the Plurality of God

Genesis 1:26

God is both singular (one God) and He is a plurality (three persons).

Male and female are unified as “man” (the human race), yet there is plurality (male and female).

Man reflects the plurality and unity within God.

Equality and Subordination

John 12:49

John 8:28-29

Father (headship)



Jesus (submission)

Jesus has a subordinate role to the Father, but equal with the Father in importance, personhood, deity, and glory.

A subordinate role does not imply inferiority.

Men and women were created to fill different roles of authority and submission, but they are fully equal in dignity, value, and worth.

Created as Equal

Genesis 2:21-23

Fundamental equality of men and women. Eve is...

- Unlike other species
- Like Adam (made of his flesh and bone);
equal in substance



Equality in Personhood & Importance

1 Peter 3:7

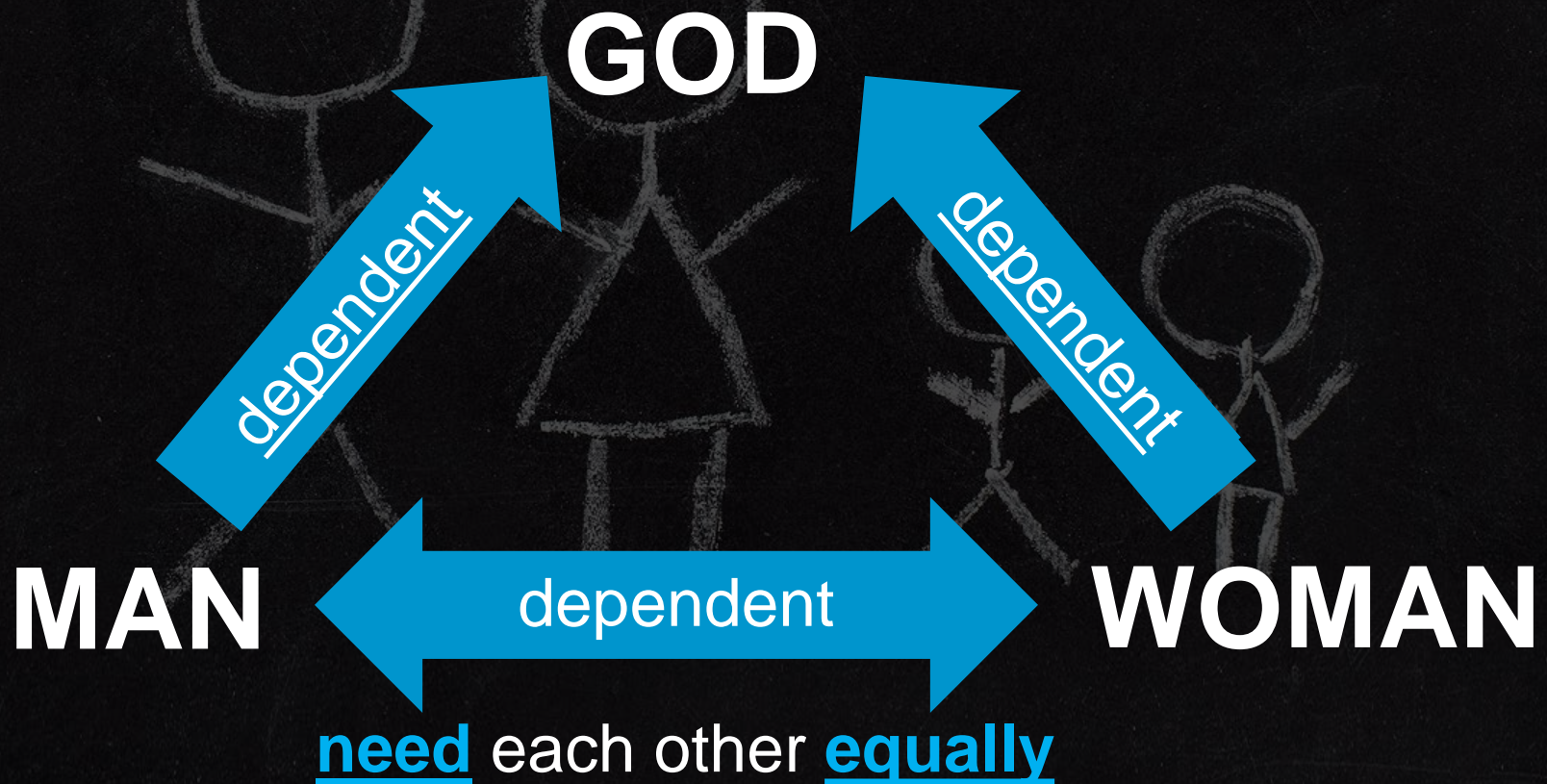
Equal in:

- Personhood
- Dignity
- Importance
- Worth

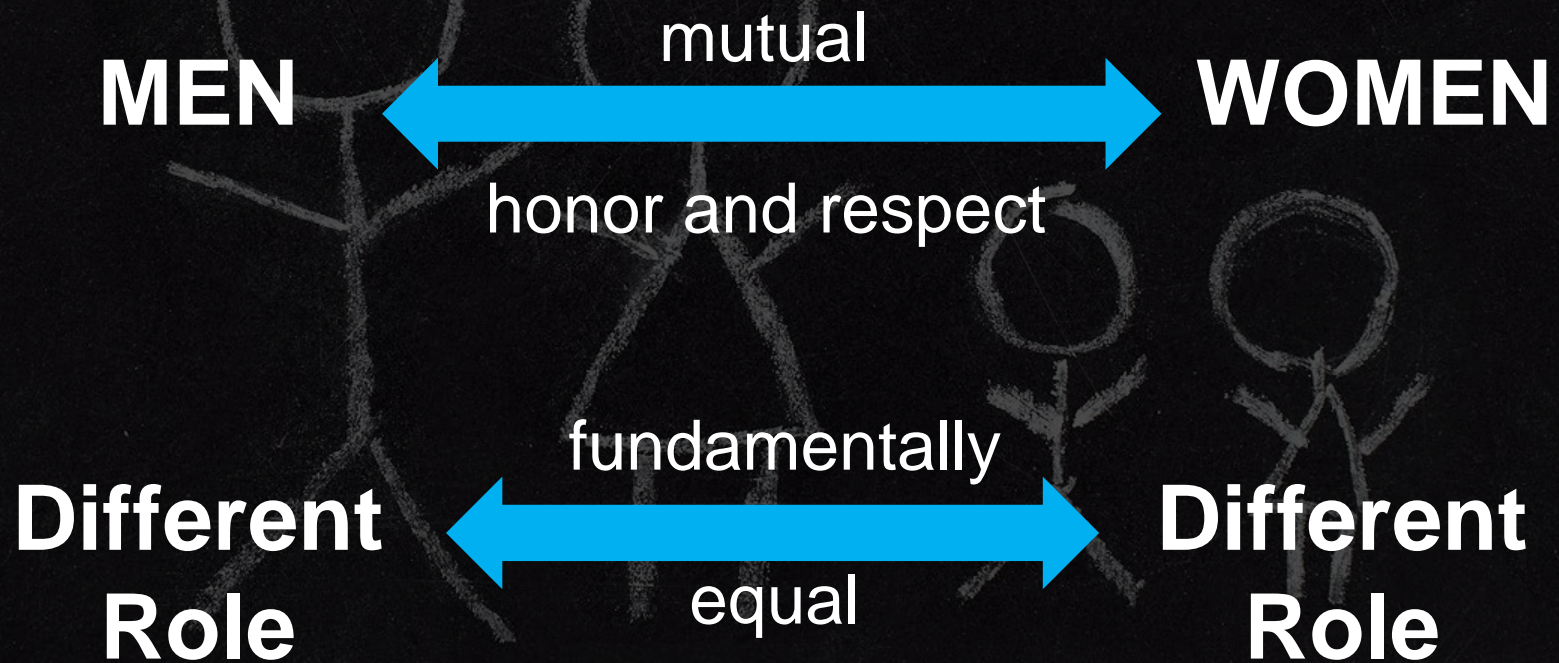


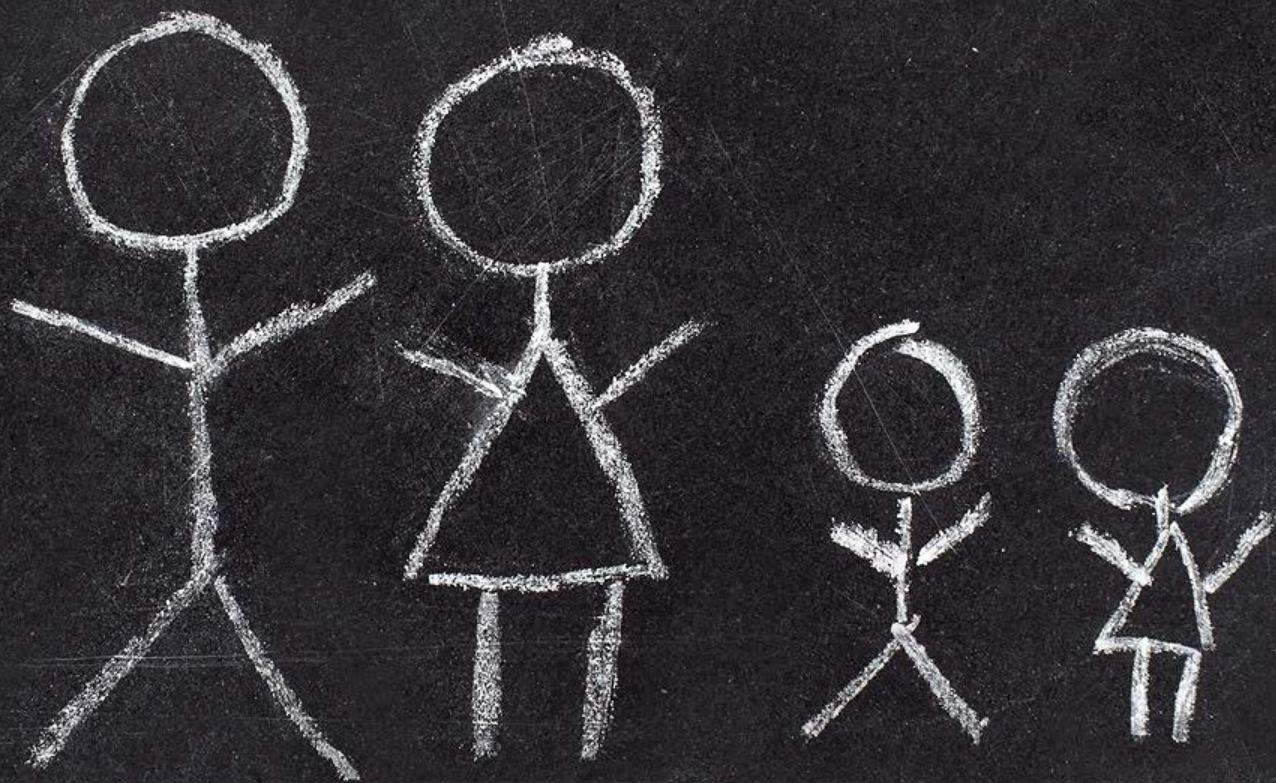
Men and Women Equally Need Each Other

1 Corinthians 11:11-12



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