

Lesson 28

Rejoicing in or Rejecting God's Good Design



Rejoicing in God's Good Design

Illustration



“Pop”?

Boy or Girl?

Review

God designed and created man in two distinct genders, male and female

God's design is good! It is for our joy.

“I had a militant feminist mother friend. . . She only let her daughter play with cars and trucks, and then one day came in the room to see her daughter swaddling Baby Tonka in a blanket and feeding her a bottle through the chassis.” – Hanna Rosin

We can't escape the reality of how God has designed us to live.

To understand ourselves rightly, we must embrace our Creator's design.

God's Good Design

MAN

Designed to lead, provide, and protect

Have special leadership and responsibility at home and church

Masculinity: strength, courage, initiative, responsibility, aggressiveness, leadership, and self-sacrifice leading to productive and fruitful work

WOMAN

Designed to affirm, support, and submit those in God-given headship

Serve as helpers in significant ways

Femininity: submission, willingness, sensitivity, flexibility, and gentleness leading to relationships of help, support, nurture, and domesticity

Obstacles Within

The greatest obstacle to rejoicing in God's good design:

A wooden block with a heart shape carved into it. The heart is filled with a dark material, and the word "LOVE" is carved into the wood in a stylized font. The block is set against a background of green foliage.

**Our
Sinful
Hearts**

God's Word

Titus 3:3-7

Salvation not by good works. . . but by God's



MERCY

God's Work

We are powerless to subdue the rebellion in our own hearts.

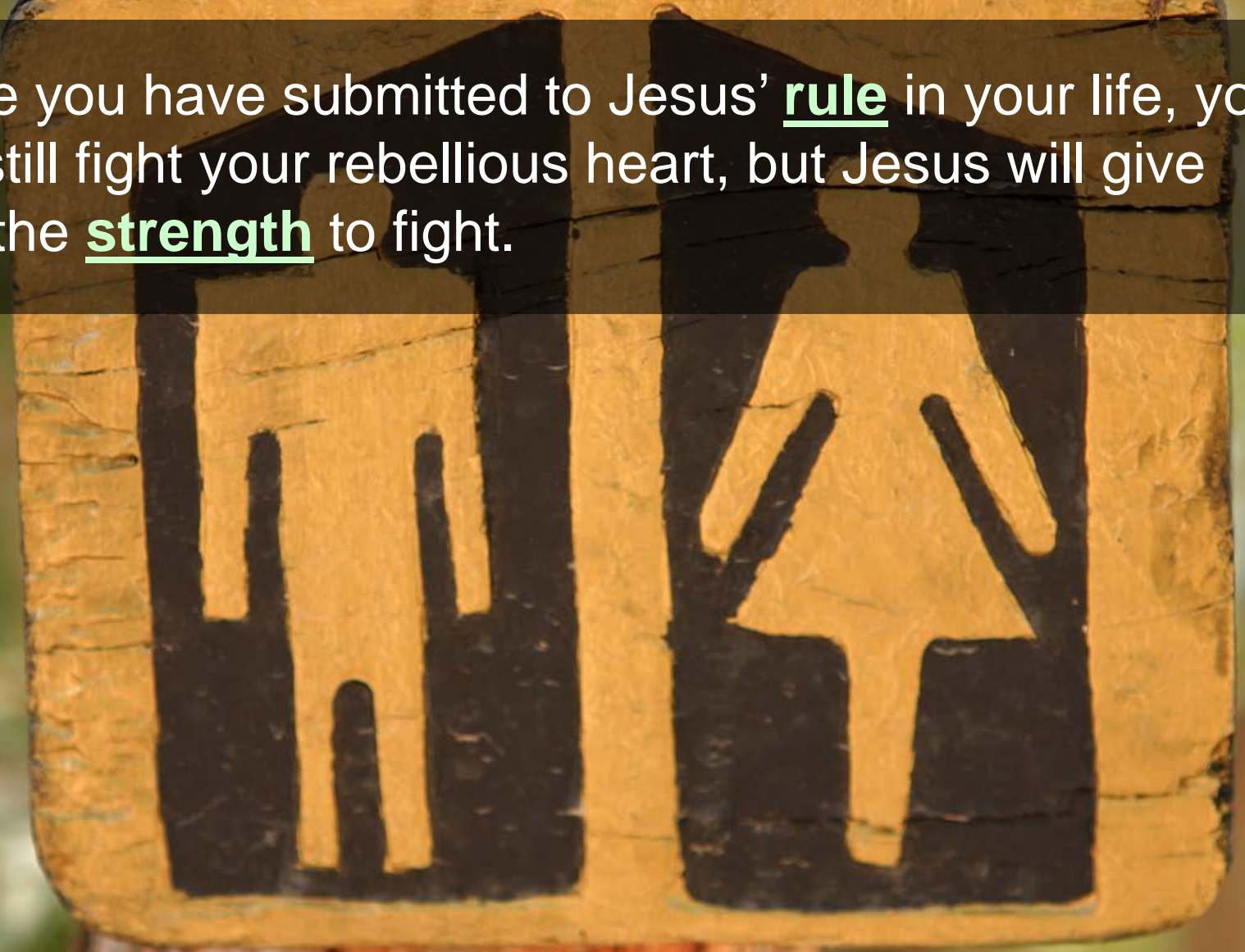


Only God's goodness can change rebellious hearts. Only Jesus can free men and women from resisting God and His good design.



God's Work

Once you have submitted to Jesus' rule in your life, you will still fight your rebellious heart, but Jesus will give you the strength to fight.



Obstacles Without

Obstacles outside of us that keep us from embracing God's good design:

- Unbelief in the world around us
- Other individuals, even some within the church

It takes courage to stand for truth

We must take intentional steps toward masculinity and femininity



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Mature masculinity and femininity are not a result of time alone



Training for Maturity

Train yourself toward mature manhood and womanhood

1 Timothy 4:7-8

*Having nothing to do with foolishness. . .
but train yourself
for godliness*



Godliness involves embracing the Creator's design and calling for your particular gender.



See your inadequacy and run to Jesus.

Surrender your life to Jesus and embrace your calling.

By God's grace, be a masculine man or a feminine woman.

**Embrace God's wisdom and good design
in creating man "male and female."**



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