

**101 – Real With Self:** What does it mean to be “real”? There are two aspects to being real: Recognition and refinement. In order to be real you have to recognize where you stand before God. What is true of you now? What characterizes your thoughts, motivations, actions, words and emotions? The second step is evaluating these things in light of God’s truth and striving to bring yourself in alignment with it.

We desire to think, speak and act like Jesus. We know we don’t and should not try to manufacture a false reality. Your sin masks the character God created in you. Putting a mask on morality or religion over the mask of sin moves you further away from where you need to be.

Resting on the finished work of Jesus and striving by the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to glorify our holy God by being holy.

101 describes the theological foundation for what it means to be real with yourself, it paints a picture of who God created us to be, the personal and pervasive effects of sin entering the world, and the work of Jesus on the cross

**God Created**

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. *1 Timothy 4:16 NIV*

**God Created Man In \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>**

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.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **Genesis 1:26-31 ESV**

**Human Exceptionalism – We Are Not \_\_\_\_\_ Or \_\_\_\_\_**

We are distinct from animals to rule over them  
 We are to “\_\_\_\_\_ and subdue it”

**We Were Created \_\_\_\_\_ (Image Of God - Representation)**

CREATION WAS GOOD  
 After man was created: “\_\_\_\_\_”  
 Substantive aspect (\_\_\_\_\_)  
 Functional aspect (\_\_\_\_\_)

**We Were Created To Be \_\_\_\_\_ (Community Of God)**

“\_\_\_\_\_ that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” **Genesis 2:18 ESV**

“In Our Image”: \_\_\_\_\_ (Trinity)

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## We Were Created To Be \_\_\_\_\_ (Imaging God - Represent)

Living in the \_\_\_\_\_ of who we were created to be

We were created to know God and worship God

- **Knowing God**

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
**(John 17:3 ESV)**

- **Worshipping God**

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” **Isaiah 43:6b-7 ESV**

### First sin:

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” **(Genesis 3:1-5 ESV)**

“Did God actually say” – misdirected \_\_\_\_\_

“You will be like God” – misdirected \_\_\_\_\_

## Male And Female He Created Them<sup>2</sup>

Equal \_\_\_\_\_

Different \_\_\_\_\_

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature that was its name. 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 fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **Genesis 2:18-25 ESV**

### Church Attendance Statistics<sup>3</sup>

Mother + Father = 33%

Mother + Irregular Father = 3%

Mother only = 2%

Irregular Mother + Father = 38%

Father only = 44%

**Order And Manner Of Creation** – *is it important? Paul thinks so:*

“I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve;” **1 Timothy 2:12–13, ESV**

“For man was not made from woman, but woman from man.” **1 Corinthians 11:8, ESV**

“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.” **Genesis 3:16, ESV**

**Male Leadership/Headship**

*What it is* – \_\_\_\_\_

**IN** \_\_\_\_\_

“But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.” **1 Corinthians 11:3, ESV**

**What It Is**

Responsibility Not Domination  
 God Came First to Adam

But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” **Genesis 3:9 ESV**

Dying \_\_\_\_\_ (grace) – attitude

Dying \_\_\_\_\_ (service) – deeds

Going \_\_\_\_\_ (example) – character

Going \_\_\_\_\_ (direction) – purpose

**What It Is Not**

Inferiority or Superiority

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. **1 Peter 3:7 ESV**

**Not Authority/headship of all men over all women**

“Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.” **Ephesians 5:21–33, ESV**

**A husband's headship and the wife's submission form a dynamic (not static), pervasive, and mutual submission that orients the partners in the relationship. This relationship is rooted in the Trinity.**

**IN** \_\_\_\_\_

### **What It Is**

**Male leadership in** \_\_\_\_\_

**Male leadership in** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pastor/Elder – office** \_\_\_\_\_

Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control. **1 Timothy 2:11-15 ESV**

...the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is shameful for a woman to speak in church. **1 Corinthians 14:34-35 ESV**

### **What It Is Not**

**Women Have All Gifts And Should Use Those Gifts To Serve The Church**

**Women Can Serve The Church In Ways That Men Cannot**

**Women Can And Should Lead In The Church**

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**At New Hope, We Believe The Office Of Pastor/Elder Is Open Only To Men. The Position Of Deacon (At New Hope We Call This “Minister”) Is Open Both To Men And Women**

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<sup>1</sup>This section leans heavily on Bruce Ware, “Male and Female Complementarity and the Image of God” in *Biblical Foundations for Manhood and Womanhood*, ed. Wayne Grudem (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2002), 71-92 (accessed online: <http://www.cbmw.org/images/onlinebooks/biblicalfoundations.pdf>)

<sup>2</sup>This section draws from the following: Darrin Patrick, *Church Planter* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 2010), 9-18. John Piper and Wayne Grudem, “An Overview of Central Concerns: Questions and Answers,” in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood*, eds. John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Books, 1991), 56-85; Carolyn McCulley, *Radical Womanhood: Feminine Faith in a Feminist World* (Chicago, IL: Moody, 2008)

<sup>3</sup>From Robbie Low, "The Truth about Men and Church", Touchstone Magazine, June 2003, accessed online:  
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