

# **Distinct by Design**

**Men and Women Singing in Harmony**

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**Gen. 2:5-25**

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⇒ **God designed man and woman differently to complement one another**

⇒ **Men and women flourish together when we...**

- Sing in harmony!
- Don't sing out of key!
- Sing about Jesus!

## **FOR FURTHER ACTION/REFLECTION**

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Memorize Genesis 2:18

Meditate on Genesis 2:18-25, Ephesians 5:21-33, 1 Peter 3:1-7, 1 Timothy 2:8-15, Titus 2:1-8

Read "Biblical Masculinity" – [bit.ly/HealthyMan1](https://bit.ly/HealthyMan1)

Read "A Real Woman?" – [bit.ly/RealWoman1](https://bit.ly/RealWoman1)

Read "Feminine Beauty and Masculine Strength" – [bit.ly/FeminineBeauty1](https://bit.ly/FeminineBeauty1)

Read *Jesus, Justice, and Gender Roles* by Keller

Read *Worthy* by Fitzpatrick and Schumacher

Read *Men and Women in the Church* by DeYoung

Listen to "By Design" – [bit.ly/ByDesign3](https://bit.ly/ByDesign3)

Listen to "The Image" – [bit.ly/TheImage2](https://bit.ly/TheImage2)

## **GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Review Genesis 2:5-25. What do you admire most about these creation accounts? What differences do you observe in the ways God created man and woman?
3. What are some ways in which God's design for man and woman is distorted in our world today? What damage is caused by these distortions? In what ways have you been personally impacted by these distortions?
4. How would you now define and describe biblical masculinity and femininity? What biblical texts support your understanding?
5. Read Titus 2:1-5. Why do you think God give different directions to men and women here? Shouldn't both men and women obey most of these commands? What can we learn from this?
6. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. How can we apply the concepts of headship and submission in ways that create real harmony and avoid some of the "out of key" pitfalls we discussed?
7. Share an example of a godly marriage that has flourished as the couple has embraced their roles together. What do you think are some of the keys to such a relationship?
8. How does the analogy of marriage as a picture of Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:32) deepen your understanding of both marriage and the gospel?
9. What is one step you can take to better embrace and celebrate God's design for male and female in your own life and relationships?
10. What are some specific ways the church can be a more effective witness to the world by modeling healthy, Christ-centered relationships between men and women?

