
Jim Putman talks about God's design for mankind. He designed two genders of equal value with unique and different roles. He made them male and female.

Video Transcription:

In light of all the conversation about gender and identity we began to wonder if there's even a difference between men and women anymore. We went to Seattle University to find out.

Interviewer: Are you aware of the conversation going on in Washington State right now around the area of gender identity, gender expression issues, and the ability to access facilities on those grounds?

Female Student: Yeah...

Male Student: Yeah, yeah like you know there's there's gender neutral bathrooms and like all the dorms and stuff like that...

Female Student: I think that gender is fluid so if you want to use a bathroom because that's a place and that's a space where you feel comfortable and safe and doing so then I think that's completely fine.

Female Student: I think that if whoever you think you are if you're male or female and that's the bathroom you should go into.

Male Student: I think if it doesn't really negatively affect anybody then I think anyone should be able to choose what gender they choose to identify as...

Female Student: People no matter what their gender identification is they should be allowed to use whatever restrooms... they should they feel if they identify with...

Two Female Students: [Question] - Is there a difference in your mind between men and women?

1) ... Ummm - no.. yes... I mean... (only one spoke)

Female Student: (shrugging shoulders..) Possibly?...

Female Student: ... in general.. yes... but I don't know why I think that..

Male Student: Socially.. currently yes there is.. there's no need for that... difference to exist scientifically and logically

Female Student: if you think that you're a male if you think that you're a female that matters more than the biological difference

Male Student: there's not much difference besides what society forces onto people.

Interviewer: And how do you know the difference between men and women?

Female Student: By what people think they are so you can't like judge someone just some like their looks...

Female Student: I don't think there's any one way to really distinguish between a man or a woman and I don't think it's necessary.

Male Student: It's not always consistent as a high probability like 98% of time I can get it right... there is some ambiguity...

Female Student: I think yeah there are ways to tell but then again you can always be wrong.

Interviewer: What would you say I am?

Female Student: Just judging off of your looks I would say that you're a male.

Female Student: I would probably assume a man but then you never know.

Female Student: A male.

Interviewer: Why would you say that?

Female Student: Based on how I look at you

Interviewer: Do you think that's a problem?

Female Student: Yeah probably

Interviewer: [Do] you think the difference between men and women matters for any reason?

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Female Student: Ahh... No... Not really.

Male Student: I think most sociologists agree that the concept of gender is more of a societal construct.

Female Student: I do think it matters somewhat yeah.

Male Student: To me no I don't feel as if it matters to me because at the end of the day the person is just a person.

2 Female Students: No I don't think it should matter.

Male Student: and the differences on a social level are simply a product of a bias society.

Interviewer: Then is there a reason to have those labels male or female?

Female Student: I don't think so I think that it's again a social construct of this binary that we're given at birth.

2 Female Students: There is kind of a difference but at the same time if someone was to identify as one or both or as nothing I also find that completely ok and...

Narrator: There may be nothing more self evident in the natural universe than the fact that every animal species is divided into two halves, male and female, yet the most intelligent of those species seems to be wrestling with whether male or female are actually real things. Have we discovered something new or have we become too clever for our own good?

Male Student: Sometimes when I call a lady "sir" by accident they get very offended.

End of video.

Jim Putman: So, let me ask you a question - as you were watching that - does that shock you in any way? You know as a church we believe in making disciples - and we believe that that's the role of the family - that's the role of parents - that's the role of the church body - to not only share the gospel with people but to share the truth about where we came from what life is about all that. In the next year's our... you know that we're building the children's wing and the sports fields and all the stuff we're doing to connect with the public in a place where we can meet them so that we can teach character get the opportunity to share about Jesus love let people see who we are and what we're about and ... and you know there's so many confusing things going on in the world but it's not just to reach outside the walls it's to create environments where godly men and women can invest in young kids to get them ready for what we know is coming. I want you to understand that that those kids those college kids that are walking around the campus very unlikely they were indoctrinated into those perspectives from their homes that they came from - very unlikely that it was pressed into them at that level in their high schools - very likely they weren't really educated about what they were gonna hear when they got late... later on... they probably weren't prepared for what they were going to hear but when they got to college and everybody's kind of all the professors are teaching this and all the peers and all the stuff pretty soon you could hear some threads that go all the way through... some indoctrination some teaching - and - our goal is to have our families our kids ready... not to say, "hey don't go to college" we just want them ready so that they can be a light in the world - because what these kids are learning in college is making a mess of our culture - a mess of their lives - and - and - and - it's confusing and it ruins things and then and then if we've got some Christian kids who know Jesus who who are who know the truth and are ready for that - not only so that they don't get swept down the current of where everybody else is going - but they're there to be a help to be missionaries wherever they go in the world that's the goal of our church. That's what we're trying to do that's why all of our children's ministry and our youth ministry

and everything we do is geared towards getting our kids ready. We're about to start a series called "The Naked Truth," and we're going to talk about gender and sexuality from a biblical perspective but I have to share with you that I feel some tension - I've got I've got to walk a line here because I know in this room right here I have a bunch of different crowds at different different people from different backgrounds and - I know that said as a pastor my responsibility is to teach God's Word to the church and this is a church setting. My responsibility is to say OK God - I - I care about your approval more than I do anybody else's - and I know these people everything you've ever said has been because you love us and you want to protect us and I know there's a spiritual war going on and I know the enemy is a liar and a deceiver and I've got to help our church family - Christians - know the truth about you know everything you say to help... I know you need a biblical worldview and so I'm responsible our elders are responsible our staff we take that responsibility very carefully and so we want to teach you the truth - but at the same time as I teach the truth from God's Word I also recognize that everybody in this room is jacked up in some way - especially and including me. So I have to do it humbly because as I start to teach the truth maybe you weren't aware of the truth as a Christian maybe you're just a brand new believer so you're not even really aware of what the Bible says or maybe you've been a Christian for years and and you stopped reading the Bible as you should and you started listening to the culture and you got pulled away maybe you're just an out like rebellion you're here today and you know what God's Word says and you've just decided to be rebellious - whatever reason you would have for being a Christian but not holding to the truth in your life as you come in my goal is to say this is the truth - not so I can judge you and and you know make you feel terrible about yourself because that's never God's role God's role is to say - "yes this is right this is wrong this is what you're doing may be wrong but I love you and I want to forgive you come on let's go from here... let's go from here..." So if I'm going to hit on some issues here today that maybe you're you've made a mistake or maybe you're living in that mistake right now as a believer I just want to call you back to repentance - I don't want to condemn you or judge you God's heart for you as he drew you here because he loves you and he wants to repair and heal and minister - does that make sense? But then there's another tension I feel. I know that there are some people in here who aren't Christians - they got invited by somebody. I know that that the culture that you may live in or come from may be more like that up there (gestures to the video screen) - I had a great young lady come to our home group this last week and our life group - and we were talking about some of this stuff and she she had this look on her face and I just said, "what's going on what are you thinking?"... she - she had just gotten saved a couple of weeks before and she goes, "I'm just really

shocked that you don't know that this is the world I live in." She's a 17 year old girl - in high school - and she's like... "I didn't know you guys didn't know this... this is this is what we're taught about the truth all the time right here in our school district so I'm like really confused that you didn't know this..." because our people were saying, "man the world has changed everything's changed I can't believe it..." she's like... "it has..." like cuz she wasn't around back then she doesn't know. You may be one of those people that didn't know any of this and this this is gonna press on some things in you but I my goal is not to offend you - I want you to know that Jesus loves you ... and he wants to help he wants to minister. So while I have to teach the truth I need to teach the truth our people need the truth I know there are some here who are Christians who are not living out that truth and I want to call you back to the light and I know some haven't even didn't even know there was a difference between dark and light there's that group too I want you to know of it I hope you understand the heart behind this is - it's kind of like why I would say to a little kid as I'm walking down the block you know they're playing out in the street and it looks all fun and they haven't hit no cars hit them yet - but I go up to them and I'm not like you're bad cuz you're in the street no the streets gonna kill you please come out of the street - you understand what I'm saying? - I hope you do. We want our kids ready we want you ready parents you need to know what your kids are facing you need to understand your role in it. If you have your Bibles I want you to turn to Matthew Chapter 19 with me in the last few weeks we've been talking about things like how do you know there's a God - if you miss that - you know my journey was I was a non-believer who didn't believe in God at all and looked at the science and came to the conclusion there was a God and then I said well which God and I actually wanted to be a Buddhist so I started studying religion on the basis of history how do you know a story is true or not - and - and as I started to study religion - Buddhism first and then Islam and the rest of those religions - from an historical basis to figure out is this provable or not I came to the conclusion that the only provable religion in history is Christianity and Jesus truly is the Messiah the son of God - and that didn't make me very happy at the time because that just meant after everything I've done with my life there's no way God could forgive me and then the person who shared Christ with me shared the gospel with me - and so I believe that Jesus is the Son of the Living God - he's my Lord and my Savior [I] believe he's historically provable - he's unique in all of history and he has the right to speak. If you read in Matthew Chapter 19 Jesus is - 2000 years ago - he's walking around with the Jews he is a Jew he's a he's a prophesied Jew the Messiah is gonna be a Jew he came at that time the law was given by the - by Jesus's Father - God the Father - Jesus is God the son he's he's walking around and the Jews have taken

the law that God had given through Moses and they distorted it - and so he's asked one day about marriage... back in those days the Jews had actually taught that you could divorce your wife for any reason if she if she displeased you in any way you could divorce your wife and go marry someone else. So Jesus was asked about this and here's what he said verse 3 "some Pharisees came to him to test him they asked is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?' now again what he says is it lawful if they ask if it's is it lawful their meaning according to the Old Testament law ... so he's ... they're asking what does God say about this Jesus already done miracles he's already claiming to be the Son of God they're testing him what does God think about this our law says we can divorce anybody we want anytime we want women were mistreated by the Jews at that time - Jesus is going to tell us some things about God's perspective of women - Jesus said this, "haven't you read he replied that at the beginning the creator made the heaven or made them male and female and said for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh so they are no longer two but one flesh - therefore what God has joined together let no one separate." Now I want you to notice before I read the rest of this when Jesus is asked a question when God the Son is asked the question what does the law mean what does the law given by God mean - I want you to notice what Jesus does he says haven't you read in Genesis Chapter 1 and 2 that God created man in his own image male and female he created them so I want you to notice before I dive into those definitions he's pointing to the Old Testament scripture and he goes on to say God said let us make man so in other words when Moses wrote that those were actually the words of God speaking - Moses didn't just come up with it as he's a prophet of God scripture the Old Testament scripture was given by God through prophets in fact the scriptures are God breathed according to the apostles into Jesus and and so God Himself gave those words to Moses. Jesus the Son of God is giving credence and credibility to the Jewish understanding that the prophets had received their messages from God himself. And he ... and he's making this point... that what God did in the beginning his intent was good and it was in order and there was a plan - so let me say it too this way as Christians we believe this that God created the heavens in the earth and he did so with such complexity and power - I mean we've said this - when you look at the ecosystem when you tilt the ecosystem in one little bit it causes ramifications there's such order if the earth were one degree closer to the Sun we would fry if it was one degree further away we'd freeze when you look at the order of the natural laws that you see - there is such design on the planet your eyes your ears how it all fits together you see such power and complexity the same God who created an earth with such complexity and power and design is the same God who ordered the

marriage, gender, the family, ... he created order in his design and so what Jesus is saying you basically saying you guys have come up with all these tweaking and all this messed up stuff and so I'm gonna point you back to the creator's design and his original intent - now this is very important you know a few weeks ago we were talking about that that there are many are saying there is no absolute right or wrong - moral objective right or wrong - and what's right for you is right for you and what's right for me is right for me - well I want you to understand that's what led to these people saying... "hey whatever gender you think you are doesn't matter if it corresponds to your parts your biology... your reality what's true for you is true for you ... truth has nothing to do with reality there's multiple realities..." that I want you to know that that leads to chaos in the family chaos in the designed order of the universe. I want you to get this picture that as believers we believe that what is true is what God says is true - not what you think is true or what I think is true - Jesus is saying here when he's asked about marriage God my father said in the beginning this is how it is that's the truth. Are you with me so far? Now as you go through this scripture Jesus is giving credence to the word he's pointing back to the original intent and he's he's making some declarative statements about marriage about gender about creation itself. Now let's... uh... let's go back to that again he's quoting from Genesis and he says here a couple of things that are very important - he says haven't you read he replied that in the beginning the creator made them male and female and said for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and united to his wife and the two will become one flesh so they are no longer two but one flesh therefore what God has joined together let no man separate why then they asked did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away Jesus replied Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard but it was not this way from the beginning I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife except for sexual immorality and marries another woman commits adultery. The disciples said here's our spiritual disciple makers the Matthew Mark Luke and John all these these disciples of Jesus here's their great spiritual comment to that... the disciples said to that "if this is a situation between a husband and a wife it's better not to marry." here's their here's their spiritual maturity well if we have to stay married forever then it's better just not to get married at all. Let's point out some things from this passage that I think are super important - number one [1] the Bible says that God created man in His image and then he goes on to say he created them in His image male and female - so I want you to get a picture of what this means - the Bible says there are two genders male and female with corresponding parts - make sense to you? - now again are there rare occurrences where because of the brokenness of our world and genetic issues and those kinds of things

are there their actual physical problems? - yep it occasionally happens that's a result of sin in the world and brokenness - but God said there will be two genders male and female he created them - now notice when he says he created mankind and then he created then he went further in detail he said man and woman he created them here's what he's saying if we're created in His image and we are that means we have more spirit we have free will that's the ability to choose we're not puppets God's not a puppet God wasn't created in the physical he didn't have a physical being so we weren't created in his physical image he's speaking about something spiritual but he's saying that there's something physical there's a physical reason why God created them with two genders and he's saying that between male and female that both of them together are going to represent God they're going to be in his image together in other words let me say it this way there's part of how God is that's expressed in womanhood and there's part of how God is that expressed in manhood so there to each have different parts of who God is in their in his image he created them and so they are unique distinct different than one another physically and spiritually God created them to be different and yet work together. Very important that you understand that. Secondly [2] I want you to notice that he gave them a mission they were to go into the world they were to take dominion over the world to rule the world God said you're created in my image as I am a ruler I'm giving you something to rule underneath me and he says you're to multiply you are to procreate these two genders are different spiritually but they're different physically but when they come together they have the capacity to create a human being. God gave us the ability to Pro Create - to create something together and it takes both of those parts - if we're going to come together to produce a child we're also going to come together to produce a good child. This mission was to create children together in partnership that were - that were different and distinct from the parents but had characteristics of the parents had characteristics of God because parents were created in God's image. I want you to get a picture of this - not only did God say I'm going to create genders he said I'm going to give you a mission in partnership with one another you're gonna rule and reign together and you're going to procreate you're going to produce children together that fill the earth but he also gave us a context for sex - he says that a man will leave his father and mother - the human beings would leave their father and mother - and they would come together - and then it goes on Jesus says what God has brought together let no man separate - this - there's a marriage ceremony sort of thing where people leave where they came from to start a new family together - this is this is as old as human beings in every culture on the planet - I know we live in a culture that thinks that we get to decide for ourselves we get to create marriage to be anything we want it to be - but I want you to get this - we don't get to

create marriage we get to recognize what God created. Now I want you to hear this - marriage was instituted by God so that a male and female could come together be in partnership with one another rule and reign together procreate together build a family together and again this has been recognized since time began until this century. Now again I know if you cut the moorings of God you know the boat you cut the anchor it just drifts wherever it wants to go - once you cut the moorings and hold the boat into one place it drifts - and right now we live in a culture that says man never... last week... man humans are the center of the world we get to decide for ourselves we get to do what we want it goes right back to the Garden of Eden where the devil said you know I know God said if you live in his design everything would be good but he's just trying to keep you down you deserve to be able to choose for yourself.... you deserve to create your own world to do things your own way - of course God said if you do that you'll die - you won't die! - if you do it your way you won't die you won't destroy your relationships you won't destroy children the world will become full of chaos that's just a lie from the pit of hell. Let me ask you a question who is telling the truth? I want you to see this. Marriage was God's idea between a male and a female for the purpose of doing life together coming together filling in the holes. Creating families showing kids what God fully looks like through the man and the woman as they come together. Well I want you to notice that Jesus makes it very clear and so does God that there is a permanence about marriage I mean that's what Jesus's point here is if listen to what he says he says for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh so you will no longer be two but one flesh therefore what God has joined together let no one separate. Jesus goes on to say your hearts were hard but he goes on to say if you divorce your wife for any reason other than adultery when you're married having sex with somebody else you commit adultery. Now I want to say a couple of things about this marriage was meant to be permanent it was meant to be - two coming together to show what love looks like committed love and act of the will to lay down your life for the other it was designed to help bring stability to your life and bring stability into the life of your children. Jesus is saying listen we live in a broken world where you think you can divorce for any reason... not so.... remember who Jesus is... he says if you divorce for any.... let me tell you why this is so important.... you see there's a whole bunch of people that they'll watch that video up there about gender and they'll go oh that's the dumbest thing I've ever seen the next week as we talk about how sexual... sexual sin progressed and and where it went and what it's doing you you'll go oh yeah homosexuality that's terrible - no I want you to understand this why is it that Christians will go oh homosexuality is terrible yet they will divorce their spouse because they just don't like them anymore

they just don't love them anymore they just you just don't do it for me anymore we just can't get along they how is it that we can say that's OK but this over here is wrong. Again, I know we have many people in our church that are divorced and I'm not here to judge you and to say you can't be free because you can the whole message of this is Jesus was dealing with a bunch of people in that century who had divorced for a countless reasons I mean the Jews had been doing it everybody had been doing it Jesus came to say two things what you're doing is sin and I will forgive you if you've had enough of it. The message of the gospel is forgiveness no matter what you've done but it's interesting to me how we can pick and choose sins whichever sin we want so that we can feel good about ourselves and point our fingers at somebody else. Jesus said marriage is between a man and a woman... the context for sex is marriage - some of us are going yeah I don't believe in any of that and I don't believe in divorce but but you know what I'm gonna live with somebody outside of marriage and we're gonna have sex and because we love each other everybody's doing it - no - I want you to get this - God has something to say about that too - sex is a sacred act and when you get it wrong why does God say so much about sex in marriage well because when you get it wrong the consequences are terrible. Now the cool thing again - hear me - God forgives and can clean up messes and he's done it there are so many people around here that are walking talking miracles of forgiveness but it starts with us going let's stick to the Word of God - yes he can recover things and restore things and heal things - and when we get it wrong - we need to confess it and get it right - we need to get back to getting it right - but too many of us don't know what the word says, or we just ignore the parts we don't like. Everybody OK? I know I read this report to you too a few years ago - but - I want you to know that not long ago Dartmouth Medical School got together 33 top doctors because here's the problem all just read what they said, "A commission of 33 distinguished children's doctors, research scientists, and mental health and youth service professionals, was formed because of the concern over the rising rates of mental illness, behavioral problems, and emotional distress, among U.S. children and teens." You guys are hearing all about the guns being shot at schools and all those things - listen folks this was three four five years ago this is enough this isn't new. The mental illness is going off the charts and so they started to get together to figure out what the world's going on and these people weren't Christians these people are scientists - and let me tell you their conclusion was this - biological systems predispose human beings to form and sustain enduring nurturing relationships based on studies of both animals and human beings neuroscientists have come to understand that a complex system of hormones and other chemical messages in the brain guides how we react to what's happening to and around us. An important part of

the system biologically produced predisposes us to form and sustain strong attachments to other people. So here's what they go on to say. Because of the falling apart of the marriage our children were designed to need stability and relationship and because people are so involved and being so busy on technology not having - they found two major problems human beings are predisposed genetically for deep relationships with other people that they've lost because of divorce and they they're predisposed towards spiritual meaning as we cut our moors from the spiritual meaning and from family and permanence and relationship we have mental illness going rampant. God's word has said that from the very beginning we were designed for a relationship with him and with others is why Jesus says, "All the law and the prophets are summed up and love the Lord your God with all your heart soul mind and strength and love your neighbors as yourself." It's so funny how scientists rather than go to God's Word and get it right always have to react to something that's already screwed up and then they've had what we discover duh it's been right here since creation

[Applause]

God has made it very clear to us in his word and it was reaffirmed in Christ Jesus himself. Again please hear me - some of us have made mistakes and we can't push rewind. I'm so glad when we reach up to him he takes us right where we are and he starts to rebuild he starts to make miracles out of things that are broken. I'm so grateful for that. But doggone it - I would sure rather not jack things up to begin with if I can help it, how about you? Well - within marriage - there is partnership - within marriage there is working together to create children who understand the image of God. Parents are models as they understand God and they walk with God they're models of who God is and they not only pass off information but they become a living model of love for their kids to see and reproduce. We don't want just kids who can reproduce physically because they're anatomically created for that we want kids to come together with somebody else to create grandkids who know who God is and who love and partner and work and serve and because of the devil's lies his confusion we have people that that don't know whether there should be genders and they don't know whether we should be married and they don't know whether - if human relationship is the most important thing we were created for other than relationship with God that it makes sense of the devil would cloud and pollute and corrupt every form of relationship to create a complete disaster zone - and that's what we're living in - and the key to this is to go back to God's Word - to say, yes Jesus, we are done doing it our way, you had an intention we

didn't listen in the Garden but we have learned from our experience on planet Earth - you were right - and now we want your will your word as a light into our path you didn't just save us from hell you - saved us from the consequences of living and learning how to live down here without You - this is the jacked up place and I'm so tired being jacked up.

Lastly I want you to turn to Ephesians 5 - God has given us his word his spirit and Jesus as a model. Jesus became the model of what it's supposed to look like for the disciples the disciples were supposed to make disciples who understood what it looked like what was the original intent. Jesus came down to show us the directions for how to use this thing again this world. Paul writes this in Ephesians Chapter 5 - he's talking about the family he's been talking about what it's supposed to look like what is life supposed to look like when he gets to the family he says this - he says in verse 21 - submit to one another out of reverence for Christ - in other words because you revere and honor Christ you submit to Christ in everything you do - submit to one another humble ourselves between one amongst ourselves - rather than saying you exist for me we're like Jesus and we say I love you it's an act of the will to lay down your life for another - pride kills relationship humility gives us the potential to be in relationship again. He goes on wives - here's... here's the roles - equal value - God made the genders to have equal value who come together - but there are roles - different roles - remember it back in the Garden when they sinned Jesus - God the - God said in the Garden said to the woman, "Your desire will be for your husband but now he will rule over you." See some of us don't understand what that means in the Hebrew it means woman because of sin your desire will be to rule your husband but your husband will rule over you." You will have a battle for control in the home now. When Jesus comes though he says listen here's the key to stopping the battle. Out of reverence for Christ because he's the king, because he's the designer, you submit and surrender to him, and he says wives submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord, in other words you are not by fighting him for control anymore - you're coming alongside - him you're submitting to his leadership as you do to the Lord - for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ as the head of the church his body of which he is the Saviour - now he's about to talk about Jesus and Jesus's relationship with the church - and he uses this picture that the church is like the woman and Jesus is like the man - and so he uses this model for us to follow - he says - for the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ as the head of the church, his body of which he is the Saviour - now as the church submits to Christ so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything - that means that you surrender to the Lord out of reverence for Christ I'm not going to fight

for for control anymore. Some of you men are going on man that would be wondrous what would happen if I was in control? If you're asking that question you don't understand what Jesus means by leadership. Now he says to the husband listen to this husbands love your wives just as Christ loved the church and listen to this and gave himself up for her he says to the man leadership is not a privilege to be abused or used with other people you don't lord it over people as the Gentiles do you lay down your life to serve as Jesus the Christ the Son of the Living God wash his disciples feet as he laid down his life on the cross - did he lead? - yes his disciple said no don't go to the cross he said no I will go to the cross he led to his own death because what was best for his.... bride... was his dying on the cross. There are roles. He goes on husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church that gave himself up for her to make her holy cleansing her by washing her through the word - in other words guys - leadership means that you have surrendered to the Lord Jesus and now you lead your family to the cross - you are a spiritual leader it's not your wife's job to do the devotions although that's fine but you don't abdicate your role your job is to say I'm gonna lead my family to the cross and help them know Jesus. I'm gonna help wash my family in the word and to present her to himself a radiant church without stain or wrinkle or any blemish but holy and blameless - in the same way husband's ought to love their wives as their own bodies he who loves his wife loves himself after all no one ever hated their own body but they feed him care for their body just as Christ as the church for we are members of his body for this reason a man will leave his father and mother be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. Here's the deal in a world of I'll serve you if you serve me first - in a world of you you serve me - no - no - you serve me - no - you serve me - if I said no.... - he says listen as believers we stop the battle we surrender to the Lord Jesus and we play our roles together as a partnership - knowing God seeing that brilliance of God in one another and understanding our roles of procreating people who not only fill the earth with biological forms but with spiritual people who love God and love others as Christians. Now I know let me just count all the ways this is contrary to our culture Jim you said there's actual genders - yep I did - Jim you said marriage is supposed to be permanent until death do you part - yep I did - Jim you said there's actual roles in the home people have equal value but different roles and women should submit to our husbands - yep I did - Jim you said that a husband you know he's supposed to serve and care for his wife and die to himself and a hero is one who has the courage to die for others rather than control - that you know - listen - in a world of hate it's about me I've hit the top and I'm number one! - no you're saying no number one is - servant - yep I said that too. It's not... - none of those things - are what the world teaches. You Jim you said sex is in marriage and it should not be done outside of that -

yep I said that too - that's not popular either - but let me just ask you a question look around how is it working for us to do it our way? [long pause ... audience noticeable silent] Jesus [long pause] is king of kings and Lord of lords and the cool thing about that is everything he has ever done for us is because he loves us he knows how he made us he's right and he's good and when you live according to his design - it's not perfect because we still [don't?] live in heaven - we still have the devil we still have a sinful nature we still have people making decisions for us we still make mistakes ourselves - but we're forgiven - we're on the right trajectory and someday Jesus is gonna make all things right - no more devil no more sin no more dying no more struggle no more sinful nature that I wish would just go away man I get so sick of the things that come to my mind I just so sick of the battles in my head I can't wait until those are gone and we live as it was intended. This time though we know that everything he ever said was for our good and we trust him because we tried it the other way and it jacked us all up.

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