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- “... ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, 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.”

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- Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-6 “...*Leave... and cleave...*”
- Col. 3:18-21 “...*Wives...Husbands... Children... Parents...*”
- Prov. 18:24; Luke 7:34; John 15:13-15; Acts 10:24 “...*friends...*”

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- Gen. 1:27 – “...*male and female He created them...*”
- Dr. John Gray – Mars and Venus – “quick fix” and “processor”
- Men – Unique attributes, traits, patterns, “wiring”
- Women – Unique attributes, traits, patterns, “wiring”

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- 1 Pet. 3:1-7 – Wife-Believer;  
Husband-Unbeliever
- v. 4a “...*hidden person of the heart...*”
- v. 4b “...*gentle and quiet  
spirit...*” (cf. James 1:19)
- See 1 Cor. 14:33-40 and 1 Tim. 2:9-15

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- What relationships make up your daily life? How did these relationships form?
- What attracted you to the significant others in your life?
- Men, what trait do you most (and least) appreciate in women?
- Women, what trait do you most (and least) appreciate in men?