*Course outline*

***Foundations***

Week 1: Man and Woman in Creation: Equality, Fertility, and Complementarity

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Week 12: Answering Common Questions

Week 13: The Goodness and Beauty of God’s Design

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Suggested reading

* Alastair Roberts, “The Music and the Meaning of Male and Female” (online)
* Alastair Roberts, “Natural Complementarians: Men, Women, and the Way Things Are” (online)
* Andrew Wilson, “Beautiful Difference: The (Whole-Bible) Complementarity of Male and Female” (online)
* J. Budziszewski, *On the Meaning of Sex*
* Stephen B. Clark, *Man and Woman in Christ*, pp. 369–448
* Roy Baumeister, *Is There Anything Good About Men?*

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**Man and Woman in Christ**

***Week 2***

**Week 2 – Man and Woman in Creation: A Biblical Theology of Beautiful Difference**

**Introduction**

Four key concepts: (1) equality, (2) complementarity, (3) fertility, (4) diversity. Focusing on #s 2 and 4 today.

**I. Natural Differences**

Not absolutes but overlapping bell-curves. Trade-offs. Differences do not *determine* every aspect of our callings.

| **Domain** | **Men** | **Women** |
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| *Physical* | Significantly greater upper and lower body strength | Skin: softer, smoother, more tender |
| *Social* | Favor large groups and institutions; more assertive; compete openly; form same-sex friendships more quickly; friendships bonded by activity | Favor smaller groups and more intimate relationships; more nurturing; do not compete openly; form same-sex friendships more slowly; friendships bonded by talking |
| *Values, Goals* | Being capable; attaining respect | Being lovable; obtaining love |
| *Communication* | Aim to achieve status and avoid failure | Aim to achieve involved and avoid isolation; discern others’ intentions more quickly and accurately, better at decoding nonverbal cues |
| *Recognition* | Not entitled to specifically manly respect unless he does something to earn it; manhood established by passing tests, esp. producing more than he consumes | Automatically worthy of respect; a girl who grows up automatically becomes a woman |

**II. Complementary Callings**

*From Genesis 1–2 to Ephesians 5:22–24:* The creation order perceived and preserved.

*From Genesis 2:15 to 1 Timothy 2:12:* The creation order discerned and developed.

**III. Diverse Expressions, Or, an Old Testament Theology of Female Strength**

**Five Figures**

*1. Saviors of the Exodus (Exodus 1:15–21; 2:1–10; 4:24–26)*

*2. Rahab (Joshua 2:1–14)*

*3. Deborah and Jael (Judges 4–5)*

*4. Abigail (1 Samuel 25)*

*5. One wise woman who saved a city (2 Samuel 20:14–22)*

***Three Lessons***

*1. There are different types of power, authority, and influence. Soft power is still power.*

*2. Being a helper does not mean being passive or being a doormat!*

*3. Scripture frequently commends those who step in when appointed leaders fail, who refuse to be complicit in injustice, and who speak truth to power.*