



# KC Essentials

## *Week 4*

**For the GLORY of our Great God  
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# God's Good Design : Biblical Gender Roles



- Equal footing before God
- Necessary partnership for the plan of God
- Different roles designed by God

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## Equal footing before God

- Both male and female made in God's image (Imago Dei)
- **Genesis 1:26-27**, "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."
- Both given dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26)

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## Equal footing before God

- Both given God's blessing - *together!* (Genesis 1:28a)
- Both one in Christ - *joint heirs*
- Galatians 3:28-29, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

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## Necessary partnership for the plan of God

- Both commanded to be fruitful and multiply to full the earth and subdue it
- **Genesis 1:28**, “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.’”
- Both needed to multiply and fill the earth and subdue it.

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## *Different roles designed by God*

- It is not good that man is alone.
  - Genesis 2:18, “Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’”
- God designed a helpmate from man for man. (Genesis 2:20-25)

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- **Genesis 2:20-25**, “20 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. 21 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. 22 And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. 23 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.” 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.”

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  - Ēzer - helper
    - God is our helper
    - Warrior

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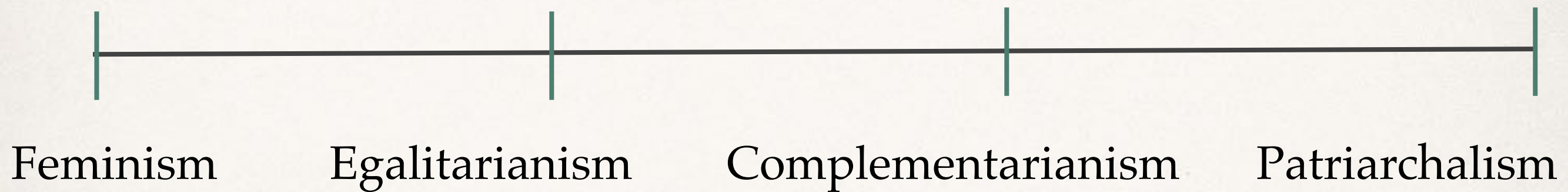


## *Different roles designed by God*

- God designed man and woman to be one in marriage
- **Genesis 2:24**, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”
- God designed men and women to have unique roles of leadership in the church

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## Roles of Women in Church Leadership

- *Feminism* - Woman should always lead - male leadership flawed
  - Woman should be the only church leaders
  - Clearly not Biblical
- *Egalitarianism* - No distinction between male and female
  - Men or women equally qualified and called to fill any church leadership position

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## Roles of Women in Church Leadership

- *Complementarianism* - Man and woman are equal before God but have different complementarian roles given by God
  - Biblically qualified men have certain callings / roles (pastor, elder)
  - Biblically qualified men and women have certain callings / roles (deacon, deaconess)
  - All Christian men and women are qualified for some roles (worship leaders, ministry leaders)

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## Roles of Women in Church Leadership

- *Patriarchalism* - Male leadership in all areas and all women should be in submission to a man
  - All roles of leadership are male only
  - Clearly not Biblical

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- King's Chapel affirms a complementarian view of gender roles in church leadership.
- Most Biblical view
- Based upon God's creative order (Gen. 2:18, 1 Cor. 11:8-12, 1 Tim 2:13)

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- **Genesis 2:18:** <sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”
- **1 Cor. 11:8-12** <sup>8</sup>For man was not made from woman, but woman from man. <sup>9</sup>Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. <sup>10</sup>That is why a wife ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. <sup>11</sup>Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; <sup>12</sup>for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.
- **1 Tim 2:13:** <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve;

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- Based upon God's triune headship
  - 1 Cor. 11:3 *"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."*
  - Equals existing in loving submission

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## Roles of Women in Church Leadership

- Based upon implications from the Fall
  - Gen. 3:13 - *13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."*
  - 1 Tim. 2:14 - *"14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor."*
- Based upon God's Word (1 Tim. 2:12-15)

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## King's Chapel Leadership Offices & Roles

- Pastor
- Elder
- Deacon or Deaconess
- KC Women's Council

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## King's Chapel Leadership Offices & Roles

- Pastor
  - Called and Biblically qualified male
  - No female pastoral / priestly role throughout Scripture

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## King's Chapel Leadership Offices & Roles

- Elder
  - Called Biblically qualified male (1 Tim 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9)

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## King's Chapel Leadership Offices & Roles

- Deacon/Deaconess
  - Called and Biblically qualified male or female (Acts 6:1-6, I Tim 3:8-13, Rom 16:1)

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## King's Chapel Leadership Offices & Roles

- **KC Women's Council**
  - Called and Biblically qualified & mature female leaders providing insight and counsel to the elders, as well as mentoring and teaching the young women.

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Godly men and women are vital to the success and flourishing of King's Chapel!

- Women were a vital part of Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2-3)
- Women were a vital part of Jesus' resurrection. (Luke 24:10)
- Women were a vital part of the Apostolic church (Acts 1:13-14)

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*Women are a vital part of King's Chapel*

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# Questions



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