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PART ONE

Have you ever noticed that before you get married you find the commonalties that you have and just absolutely love them. And it’s almost as if there’s no difference between you whatsoever. But then you get married. Then you start living together. And that should be the order, by the way. First marriage and then you start living together. And then you begin to discover, hey, what’s wrong with this person? What’s wrong with her? She doesn’t think like I think. Or she says, “He doesn’t feel like I feel. He’s not
sensitive. He’s not caring. And he thinks he’s perfectly, totally, absolutely sensitive and caring. And he's just missing it totally, completely, absolutely.” Well, I think it’s because we really don’t stop to think about our creation. Remember we talked about the purpose of creation: that we’re people with worth and sense and value and we’re that way because God made us that way. He gave us good sense. He put us into His image. He made us of worth and value because He created us. He created us for His purpose. He created us for His pleasure. We’re not an accident. Our lives have significance. And yet we come together with another person and sometimes because we’re not alike we begin to put down the other person. We begin to look at them and say, “Hey what is wrong with you because you’re not like me?” And especially this happens between men and women. And we forget that not only do we have to know and understand the purpose of our creation, to have a good marriage. But we have to understand the purpose of our sexuality. And the purpose of our sexuality goes far beyond just that sexual union, the male and the female coming together and becoming one flesh. But there is a union that needs to come between, so to speak, the soul and understanding one another. We need to understand that when God made them, He made them distinctively different. Remember we looked at Genesis, chapter 2. And we saw that man was created first. And then on that same day, at a later point, after Adam had named all the animals and there was not a helper or a help meet, a counterpart, a complimenter, suitable for Adam. “Then God brought a deep sleep over Adam and when he went into that deep sleep God went in and removed the rib out of man and created a woman and then He brought her to Adam.” I mean and he looked at her, Adam looked at her and he went “Whoa!” I mean “Whoa! This is woman.” “And she shall be called woman because she was taken out of man.” Really it says, “This is ishshah.” And so she is taken out of man and she is delightfully, delightfully different and first of all when you look at a man and a woman, you’ve got to see that just skeletally they are different.
Women have shorter legs and they have longer trunks. And that’s why many times you’ll find a woman deciding, hey the jeans are cheaper with the men, so I’m going to go in the men’s department and get them. And she goes in and she pulls them on and the legs are a little bit long but she can shorten those. But when she gets to the trunk, I mean she pulls them up and pulls them up and it just doesn’t work. Why? God made us distinctively male and distinctively female. Unfortunately a woman has a larger stomach. A woman has larger kidneys. A woman has a larger liver. But when it comes to lungs, her lungs are smaller. So God made us different. When you come to men, men excel women in brute strength by 50%. Why? Because God made man and He made woman and He made them different and He made them different for a purpose. And we’re going to see that. But let’s just talk about emotionally. Emotionally, the woman has a larger thyroid and that makes her more emotional. And that’s why you find men and they’re just going along many times at this steady, steady stream and here we are going up and down and especially, during certain times of the month. There are hormonal changes. And if men could just begin to understand, hey, our hormones really have a lot to do with the way we act and the way that we react. When I met Jack and we got married and it was our first Christmas. And I mean, we got married December 17th and then it was Christmas. And I had two boys. I had been married. I had been divorced. I became a child of God, a true Christian and then my husband committed suicide and then I ended up marrying Jack. I was so excited about that Christmas. I had waited so long and this was a Christian marriage. And everything was wonderful. And I was going along and saying, “Aren’t you excited, aren’t you excited?” And he says, “Uh huh.” I thought, “No you’re not excited.” And I’d say, “You’re not excited.” And he’d say, “Yes, I am.” You know, “Yes I am.” And he’s just, not as emotional, not as volatile. But that’s because God made man for a special role. Now sometime you find the opposites. And don’t go, “Oh horrors, what have I done?” Just know that there are differences between the
men and the women. And listen, it’s because of this large thyroid that I get cold and the man stays hot. I mean you always have a battle of the thermostats, usually between a man and woman, just because there is a difference. Now what I want to do in this program is I want to go with you through some of those differences. And I want you to see those differences because I think it will help you understand each other better or at least that’s what so many people have told me as I’ve taught on the subject. Now when we look at Genesis, chapter 2, I want you to see this word, again. In verse 20, it says, “And the man gave names to all the cattle, to the birds of the sky, to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.” And remember, I told you that word, “helper, suitable” in the King James Version of the Bible it’s called a help meet. But what it means, it means a counterpart, a complementer, a completer. In other words, here is man, here are his weaknesses. Here is woman, here are her strengths. And so what you do is you slop them in together and then what you have is you have a couple that balances one another. And they balance one another especially when they understand one another. Well, as you look at them, first of all I want you to see that in God’s mind when He created them, if you’ll think of a triangle, and if you’ll think of the top of the triangle as God. And then think of each side of the base as the man and as the woman. So this is when He created them. He created them equal. 1 Peter, chapter 3, tells a man that he is to, “live with his wife in an understanding way. Since both of them are joint heirs of God.” In other words, God is not partial to one sex over the other sex, although he made them different. And so as we look at this, we see that they’re equal distance from God when you look at that triangle. All right, but then you have to understand. The first one that was created was man. All right the second one that was created was woman. Woman was created for man. Woman was created from man, from man’s side. And when God created them, God made man the protector over the woman. He also, although they’re equal, He made man as the head of the woman. He made
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man the head of the woman and then He tells us in 1 Corinthians 11, “But the man could not exist apart from the woman.” Because after you get through with Adam and Eve, then every man and every woman has to be born in this world. So woman came from man, but man also came from woman. All right, now the next thing I want you to see is that man is the initiator. Man is to be the aggressive one. He made woman with all these emotional differences and this weakness of her flesh, compared to the strength of the man. He made woman to be a responder. And I don’t want to be crude, but I just want you to see this. Even in the act of when a man and a woman come together in the act of intercourse. When they come together, it’s the woman that is the receiver. It is the man that is the aggressor, and so if you can understand this and if men especially, if you men can understand this. Listen, you are to be the initiator and women want men to be the initiator. I mean most women do. Unless they’ve been brainwashed by the world, unless they believe some extreme feminist lie by women that haven’t really heard how a man is supposed to treat a woman, or a woman who has been misused. A woman is a responder. And that’s why many times when you look at a woman, it tells you a lot about the man because he’s the one that sets her up for greatness. He’s the one that elevates her and they have found in marriages, that a woman, now hang on, because some of the things that I’m going to tell you as we do this series on marriage, some of these things are going to go against the grain, Precious One. They’re going to go against the grain of your mind, the grain of your mind that has been formed, in a sense, molded into the shape and the thinking of the world and is contrary to the thinking of the God, to the truth of the Word of God. But they’ve found that women that are dependent upon their husbands, women and I’m not talking about weak things. Because there’s nothing, there’s nothing weak about me, I don’t think. But even for all, being so strong and my name. They say Kay means strong and determined. And I mean it describes me exactly. And yet I want to respond to a man. I want a man who
is strong. I want a man who is going to initiate things. And that’s what women are looking for. And you know what’s happened today, we have come up with passive, passive men. That’s not the way God created them. They’ve become passive in a self defense mode because women have become so aggressive and they just go right over them.

PART TWO
Men are stronger and women are weaker. And I want to show you this in the Word of God. Now, as I talk to you about these things, one of the things that I want you to understand is this: that because God created us, because you are a unique creation of God, then God understands you. He knows what you need. He knows and He understands the marriage relationship. And so you see in 1 Peter, chapter 3, verse 7. “You husbands, likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman.” You know, one of the things that they discovered as women moved into factories in World War II, because the men were overseas and they were in the Army and in the Navy and in the Marines and fighting the wars. And women moved into the factories to make the supplies. They found out that they had to give women breaks much more frequently than they had to give men. Because the women did not have the physical endurance, the brute strength as I talked about, that men have. And so we are a weaker vessel. And you know what, men love it. And men love it because they have an ego and they are the protectors. They’re the ones that want to nourish us. They’re the ones that want to cherish us. They’re the ones that feel like the man. I don’t know if you ever saw the movie “Yentl”, speaking of movies. But in “Yentl”, you see this male/female difference so very clearly. Barbara Streisand wrote that story and it was based on her Jewish background from her childhood. And Yentel was a girl who wanted so badly to discuss the Torah, to be with the men and to reason together. And women in that age just didn’t do that. And so she disguises herself as a man. She binds up those
breasts. She puts on this waistcoat and off she goes. And she ends up in a yeshiva. And she begins to discuss and debate. And the man that takes her under his wings, just as a buddy, thinking that she’s a man. All of a sudden she finds herself very, very attracted to him. You find them going to dinner as he’s there with this sweetheart that he loves. There’s no deep theological discussions and debates and that. Eventually, Yentl is revealed as a woman. And this man likes Yentl a lot. But there’s something about the softness of this woman. There’s something about this responsive, weak woman. And I don’t mean weak in character or that, but just a feminine woman. And you see it’s something that we’re losing today. We’re losing the distinction between the sexes. And believe me it’s not working, because you see what’s happening in so many marriages. You see so many men or women walking out of the home. Why? They’ve found someone else. They’ve found someone that understands them. They’ve found someone that they can communicate with. So many times, they say, “I can’t leave her. I can’t leave her. She needs me.” Now, this is the other woman, but all of a sudden, he feels needed. It’s that male/female difference. He’s the initiator. He’s the stronger one. He’s the head. He’s the aggressor. And there’s something very feminine about a woman that is a responder, a woman that sees her femininity and does not despise that. Well there are other differences that I want to share with you, too. Just some basic differences that will help you understand each other. A man sees the whole. Usually, now I’m talking about usually, okay. But usually the man sees the broad picture. The man sees the big picture. The woman sees the details. And understanding that he sees the whole and she sees the details, even effects their conversations. I mean, he’ll say, “Honey, how was your day, what did you do?” “Oh, I went shopping and let’s see, where did I go shopping? First I went to Lowes and then after that I went to Home Depot because you see it didn’t, Lowes didn’t have what we needed, or did I go, I think I might have stopped at the...” He doesn’t care. He just wants to know how was your day, good or bad or ugly.
I mean that’s all he wants to know. A man sees the whole picture. A woman will say, “Hey did you notice that?” And he didn’t notice it. He doesn’t notice the details. So you need to remember that as you’re talking to one another. And you need to understand those differences. Now, a man is very, very logical. A man just thinks logically and he reasons this way. And many times women are very intuitive. I mean he says this is the way it is and he sees it in black and white and that. And the woman comes in and she just knows or she just feels or “Honey, I’m sorry, but I just think, I just don’t think that’s the right move.” “Why don’t you think it’s the right move? I’ve got it all figured out.” “I don’t know. There’s just something, something that bothers me about it.” And what we need to remember is as we look at these differences, even if they’re reversed, Precious One, God put us together, not because we are exactly alike. If we’re exactly alike, we don’t need a duplicate of ourselves. But He put us together as counterparts. We are counterparts, complimenter, completer to one another and not competers. Well when you look at him, you’ll find a man is very goal oriented. You’ll find a woman is more relationship oriented. And I’m telling you that this can come out even in that intimate part of your sexual life. I mean, he’s goal oriented. He’s got one thing on his mind. And he doesn’t stop to build the relationship along the way. And when it comes to the bedroom, I’m telling you, a lot of it is mental. And for a man to achieve his goal of making love to his wife, he needs to think about that relationship bit. I mean if he got angry with her in the morning and he left and he didn’t call her from work and tell her that she was lovely or that she was wonderful or whatever, then it’s very hard for her to respond. We need to understand this too, in just in raising children. Understanding the differences, man, woman, what’s the difference. Well, the other thing that you can see is man, many, many times is more objective and a woman is more subjective. You can be eating dinner and he can put a piece of meat inside of his mouth and just look at her and say, “Where’d you get
this meat?” And immediately she’s thinking, “What’s wrong? Did I cook it wrong?” Did I season it wrong? What’s wrong with it?” And all he wants to know is, where did you get the meat? It probably taste good. Where did you get the meat? Or how did you come up with this meal? But immediately, she is subjective and it’s coming back to herself. And if you can remember this in your conversations, if you can remember that when you come together that there is a difference, there is a difference in the thinking process, there is a difference in goal and relationship orientation. A man makes decisions. He just makes decisions like that. Many times it takes a woman a longer time to make a decision. And that’s many times because the woman’s not moving in the world. Now I’m not talking about a woman that’s out in the business world because the scenario changes there, because she learns to do this. But many times women need assurance. Many times they lack that self assurance. Remember they’re more emotional. Remember that they are the weaker one. Remember that they are the responder. And because of all this, a woman needs that assurance. And I’m telling you, you need to work at your marriage. You need to understand, there are differences. And the last difference that I want to share with you is this. That a man is more nomadic and a woman because she’s relationship oriented likes to put her roots down. That’s why it’s easy for a man to move in his career and it’s harder for a woman, because she’s oriented to those relationships. Why can’t a woman be like a man? Because God made us distinctively male and female.