

**Men and Women in the Bible:**

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the shall become one flesh. - Genesis 2:24

Now Naomi had a relative of her husband's, a worthy man of the clan of Elimelech, whose name was Boaz. - Ruth 2:1

And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. - Ruth 3:11

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. - Proverbs 31:10

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. - Ephesians 5:22-32

But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. - Titus 2:1-5

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. - 1 Peter 3:1-8

## **Man (*ish*) and Woman (*ishah*)**

Beauties and Norms in Genesis 1-2

(The below list is taken and adapted from Kevin de Young's, *Men and Women in the Church: A Short, Biblical, Practical Introduction*, 2021.)

1. Both man and woman were created in the IMAGE of God. (Genesis 1:27)  
> This tells of equal WORTH and DIGNITY.
2. God created man both SINGULAR and PLURAL. (GENESIS 1:27)  
> Man is created both MALE and FEMALE.
3. Man and woman are both given the DOMINION mandate. (Genesis 1:28)
4. Man was created OUTSIDE and given his initial tasks, apart from Eve. (Genesis 2:7, 15)  
>Man was made to WORK and to KEEP.
5. The man was charged with guarding the MORAL BOUNDARIES of the garden. (Genesis 2:16-17).
6. The man was made FIRST. (1 Timothy 2:12-13)  
>The role of the man to be LEADER and TEACHER.
7. Malediction: "It is NOT good that the man should be alone." (Genesis 2:18)
8. The woman was given as a HELPER to the man. (Genesis 2:18, 20)  
>Created FROM man - equal in worth.  
>Created FOR man - different in function. (1 Corinthians 11:8)
9. The man was given the responsibility of naming every living CREATURE, including the WOMAN. (Genesis 2:23; 3:20)  
>The man of AUTHORITY
10. The man and the woman were created in DIFFERENT ways. (Genesis 2:7; 21-22)  
>Man created from the GROUND.  
>Woman created from the MAN.
11. "Man" and "Woman" declare interdependence. (Genesis 2:23; 1 Corinthians 11:11-12)
12. The man must LEAVE his mother and father and CLEAVE to his wife. (Genesis 2:24)  
>The INITIATOR of a new family.
13. In marriage, the man and the woman become one COMPLIMENTARY flesh (Genesis 2:24)
14. In marriage, the man and the woman were not ASHAMED. (Genesis 2:25)