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Authentic Identity “Male & Female”

“So, God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.”
Genesis 1:26-27

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him...This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.
Genesis 2:18,24-25

God determines my identity

“What sorrow awaits those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, ‘Stop, you’re doing it wrong!’ Does the pot exclaim, ‘How clumsy can you be?’
Isaiah 45:9

“No, don’t say that. Who are you, a mere human being, to argue with God? Should the thing that was created say to the one who created it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’”
Romans 9:20

I am not who I think I am, I am not who you say I am, I really am who God says I am.

At creation, God established two sexes - male and female

“He answered, ‘Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female’”
Matthew 19:4

We are like God when we come together, male & female, with ability to create the miracle of life. Only male and females coming together can fulfill God’s creation design.

Sin has distorted God’s created order; God will restore His created order.

HOPE: Jesus offers abundant life right now

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
John 10:10

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
2 Corinthians 5:17

HOW ARE WE TO RESPOND TO THOSE WHO ARE STRUGGLING IN THIS AREA?

- **LOVE:** Jesus gives us the overriding principle: Love one another as I have loved you.
- **COMPASSION** Jesus consistently demonstrated compassion to sinners because He understood that without faith in Him, they were helpless to overcome their sin and the consequences of that sin. (Matthew 9:36)

- **Live by GRACE & TRUTH**

“I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world... since then you would need to go out of the world. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside.”
1 Corinthians 5:9–13

Parents: Be informed. Be involved. Be directive. Take ownership of truth.

“If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves.”
Proverbs 19:18