

TBLC Womanhood Script

Image Bearer

- We were made in God's image (Genesis 1:26). Even though the reflection is distorted by sin, believers are transformed and sanctified to become more like him. Therefore, women have the same intrinsic worth as men. We have the same authority (Foundation 1, 2), same purpose (Foundation 3), and the same mandate (Genesis 1:28). They are equal in being (Galatians 3:28); however, they are not the same. Gender differences are in God's plan (Genesis 1:27), and they are necessary to fulfill the cultural mandate to be fruitful and multiply (Genesis 1:28). Man was created first (Genesis 2:7) and is tasked with headship (1 Corinthians 11:3) to whom the wife must submit (Ephesians 5:25-30). This is not a result of the fall, but it is by God's design. Godly headship is designed to reflect Jesus' sacrificial love for the church, and godly submission is designed to reflect Jesus' submission in His human nature to the Father (Luke 22:42, Philippians 2:1-9). We represent this through marriage.
 - "Represent the brand"
- When Adam and Eve sinned, Satan undermined God's creation design. Eve became a hinderer instead of a helper. She chose self-rule becoming a life-taker instead of a life giver. Therefore, man and woman were each disciplined by God in ways specific to their creation design (Genesis 3:16-19). Adam renames his wife and God graciously redeems our role as helper and life giver (Genesis 3:15). Notice how the helper and life giver design is both creational and covenantal (redemptive) in design and calling.

Helper

- God designed men and women to be complementary—assigned different, equally valuable functions. God said that man's aloneness was not good, and woman was created to have a relationship with him, an imperfect and limited reflection of God's triune nature. Men are designed to work and keep (Genesis 2:7-8, 15), and women are designed as a helper (Genesis 2:18). This is not based on marital status, not synonymous with spiritual gifting or individual temperament, not a specific list of tasks we do, not a personality trait or reflection of preference, and not automatically synonymous with service vocations or political ideology. Helper (ezer) defined biblically means defender (Exodus 18:4), supporter (Psalm 20:2), protector (Psalm 33:20), upholder (Psalm 54:4), deliverer (Psalm 70:5), rescuer (Psalm 72:12, 14), and comforter (Psalm 86:17). These verses show how our creation design as helper reflects the character of God. These descriptors are strong but also compassionate and relational/community centered.
- Corrie Ten Boom example

Life Giver

- Adam renames his wife Eve, mother of all living. In the context of all women, this is not about literal motherhood (Titus 2:1, 3-5). The covenant way is bigger and bolder in that every redeemed woman is a life giver. She must first lose her life in order to be a life giver. This extends to every relationship, community, and ministry (Psalm 113:9), and it increasingly reflects God's character in every relationship and life situation. As the

church is our covenant community (Exodus 19:4-6, 1 Peter 2:9-10), women are to pass the legacy of biblical womanhood to the next generation.

- “Unlocked your purpose” conversation with a friend after she had her baby...no, this is not dependent on marital status or physical children. It is dependent on our design and our calling in every area of our lives.