Differently Equal

* Have you ever stop and thought about how the different parts of your body are designed differently. Some are similar but it just not the same.
  + Hand and the foot a decent amount the same but I can't write with my feet. And even thought I might be able to scribble something, it's not beneficial and if I had to stand on my hands all day my wrist would be wrecked.
  + Scripture in 1 Corinthians 12 says that we need each member of and all are important. And we need each part to be able to fully function
* You think of roles that we have here at GSM. Who is more important the speaker (me) or Dustin our tech guy.
  + Both bring different value nobody is more important. Both have a major impact because the reality is if he wants to, he can derail the entire thing. Or if he does his job well nobody notices him
* We all have different roles but we function together to make up a better picture of what church.
* That’s the reality for us as well. As men and women, we have different roles but together we make up a better picture of what God looks like.
* If you hear nothing else today hear this… The perfect creator intentionally designed you as a male or female for the purpose of reflecting the character and image of God!
* God has created you in his image
  + Psalm 139:13-14
    - We were designed with intentionality and care
  + Genesis 1:26-27
    - IN his image
    - Male and female. There is a distinction between male in female but no distinction between whose image they were created in
* We make up a better picture of God together
  + God has given us different roles that have been distorted since the fall
    - Men
      * 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
        + Watchful, stand firm, be strong, love
      * Proverbs 31
        + Trusting
        + Wise, well thought of
        + encouraging
    - Women
      * Ezer- Genesis 2:18 Helper
        + Now many times we can think of a helper being secondary but the helper is not something that is secondary.
        + Think of a Dr. who calls a college for help. Someone who is more specialized in certain areas
        + 21 times this word shows up in the Old Testament 19 give reference to God. And most of those times are references to God helping in a critical time in life including life or death situations.
        + Life or death situations I'm calling someone who I trust the most
        + He is their help and shield, our help comes from the Lord
      * Proverbs 31
        + Her hope is not in a husband
        + Her hope is not in her looks
        + Her hope is in God
        + Vs 25 strength and dignity are her clothing and she laughs at the time to come
        + She is not concerned about what life will throw her way because her hope is in God
        + She doesn’t run, not naïve about what coming. She is not scared

Men this is good to read because it also talks about what her husband is like and that should be who you strive for as well

* There is no difference in Value
* So what do we do?
  + Learn who God has created you to be
    - Write it out, read, pray
  + Pursue who God has created you to be
    - Create daily disciplines, stive to be that
  + Celebrate who God has created you to be
    - Don’t feel bad about it and don’t back down from it