

DIFFERENTLY EQUAL

- Have you ever stopped and thought about how the various parts of your body are designed differently. Some are similar but it just not the same.
 - o Hand and the foot a decent amount the same but I can't write with my feet. And even though 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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
 - o Psalm 139:13-14
 - We were designed with intentionality and care
 - o 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
 - o God has given us different roles that have been distorted since the fall
 - Men
 - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14
 - o Watchful, stand firm, be strong, love
 - Proverbs 31
 - o Trusting
 - o Wise, well thought of
 - o encouraging
 - Women
 - Ezer- Genesis 2:18 Helper
 - o Now many times we can think of a helper being secondary but the helper is not something that is secondary.
 - o 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, strive to be that
 - Celebrate who God has created you to be
 - Don't feel bad about it and don't back down from it