



Title | Ethics & Identity
Series | Conversations about Faith,
Sexuality, and Gender
Text | Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:3-6
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Sermon Notes

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his father
and his mother and hold fast to his
wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Matthew 19:3 And Pharisees came up
to him and tested him by asking, "Is it
lawful to divorce one's wife for any
cause?" **4** He answered, "Have you not
read that he who created them from
the beginning made them male and
female, **5** and said, 'Therefore a man
shall leave his father and his mother
and hold fast to his wife, and the two
shall become one flesh?' **6** So they are
no longer two but one flesh. What
therefore God has joined together, let
not man separate."

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Big Idea:

Text questions during the sermon: 623-850-8809

Genesis 1:27

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Genesis 1:27. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? How does this relate to our identity and who determines it? What does “male and female” have to do with being made in the image of God?

Tuesday:

Read Genesis 3:1-7 and Romans 5:12. How did the fall of Adam affect all humankind? How does the fall affect the reliability of our own feelings and desires as a guide for determining our ethics and identity? How are we to determine our ethics and identity?

Wednesday:

Read Genesis 2:24. According to this verse, what are the key elements of the institution of marriage? What does “become one flesh” mean, and what are the boundaries for it? Now read Matthew 19:3-6. In this passage, Jesus alludes to both Genesis 1:27 and Genesis 2:24. How does Genesis 2:24 relate to the question posed by the Pharisees? How does Genesis 1:27 relate, and what does this indicate about the relationship between gender and marriage?

Thursday:

How do you feel about the statement: God designed sex to be enjoyed exclusively in the context of a marriage between a man and a woman; all other sexual activity is out of bounds?

Friday:

Read Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, and 1 Timothy 1:9-10. These are the primary biblical passages that specifically mention homosexuality. To what extent do these texts speak approvingly? Do these passages speak of homosexuality as a behavior or an identity? Why is the distinction important?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the honor of being created in your image and for the blessing of your word as my guide for determining who I am and what is right. Amen.