

Victorious Masculinity

- A. We live in the midst of a confused culture wherein the most fundamental aspects of humanity are frequently blurred and distorted.
- B. What does it mean to be male as envisioned by our Creator?

I. “Have You Not Read...?” (Matt 19:4) - The Fundamental Facts

- A. In the beginning, God _____ (Gen 1:1-25)
- B. God created _____ beings (Acts 17:25-28; Isa 43:6-7; Psa 148)
- C. Human beings are created in God’s own _____ (Gen 1:26-27a; 5:1; 9:1-6; James 3:8-9)
- D. _____ is one of the most basic expressions of the image of God (Gen 1:27b)
 - 1. Gender is set, not by *my* decision in *my* mind, but by God’s design in my nature.
 - 2. *Romans 1:19-32* draws a parallel between the way nature teaches about God and the way nature teaches about masculinity and femininity; those who ignore are “*without excuse.*”
- E. Which means our responsibility is not simply to ask, “What makes a man or a woman?” but “_____ makes a man or a woman?” and “What does he _____?”

II. “Let Us Make Man...” (Gen 1:26) - What Did the LORD God Have in Mind?

- A. _____ (Gen 2:15) - work, keep, order, maintain
Requires vision, care, and endurance
- B. _____ (Gen 2:16-17) - learn, explore, enjoy, teach
Requires faith, humility, and wisdom
- C. _____ (Gen 2:17) - guard, contend, act, lead
Requires energy, discipline, and courage
- D. _____ (Gen 2:18) - connect, participate, commune, help
Requires character, availability, and love

Conclusion:

- A. Boys are born; men are made (1 Cor 13:11; 16:13-14).
- B. We have allowed our awesome dignity to be marred by sin (Rom 3:23; 6:23).
- C. Jesus is the answer (Eph 4:17-24; Rom 6:1-4).