



## Gender Differences

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## Self-Reflection

Where do you and your spouse most often experience tension?

How do you normally handle it?

How often is it tied to gender differences?

## Sanctifying Tension

- Reframe your marriage as a key sanctifier in your life.
  - What has your marriage exposed about your character?
  - Your strengths? Areas to grow?
- Realize this tension is not a problem to be solved but something to be managed.
- Sanctification lasts our entire life. (the never-ending remodel project)

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## The Call of Scripture

*“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord...Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word...” Ephesians 5:22-25*

- **Wives** – what is the cost to you of submission to your husbands?
- **Husbands** – what is the cost to you of loving “even as Christ loved” your wives?
- Our daily interactions will present the Gospel to others.

## Reflection Questions

Based on the list generated by the opposite gender group during the Gender Differences section of the seminar, what surprised you the most? Talk with your spouse about how this specific gender difference affects your marriage?

Specify one area in your relationship where gender differences cause issues. Identify one thing you can do to manage this difference in a healthy, God-honoring way.