We need to think and act in light of eternity

- We cannot take our cue from the world
- Rather, we need to hear the gospel and live the gospel of eternal salvation

God’s creation is very good
  - so our gendered relationships are a good gift from God
    - The Bible: Gen 1:27, 2:18–25; 1 Cor 11:8–12; 1 Tim 2:13
    - When it comes to relationships between men and women, both equality and order are true and must be affirmed

Human sin is serious and devastating
  - especially when it comes to relationships between men and women
    - The Bible: Gen 3:12–17; 1 Tim 2:14
    - We have a real problem on our hands, and we can’t be naïve

Christ’s redeeming work really makes a difference
  - to the way we relate to one another as men and women
    - The Bible: Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:3; Eph 5:1–2, 22–31; Col 3:12–19; 1 Pet 2:13–3:7; 1 Tim 2:5–6, 8–15
    - Christ brings life and order
    - Christ brings service, love and respect
    - We seek to redeem complementarity, not obliterate it

The world needs more than anything to hear the gospel
  - through men and women working together
    - The Bible
      - Women involved in ministry in the New Testament: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, Lydia, Priscilla with Aquila, Phoebe, Mary, Junia with Andronicus, Tryphaena and Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus’ mother
      - Word ministries of women: 1 Cor 11:2–16; Titus 2:3–4; 1 Tim 3:11
      - Complementary roles of men and women: 1 Cor 11:2–16; 14:26–35; 1 Tim 2:8–15
    - This is a gospel agenda, not a feminist agenda
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As God’s fellow-workers, we must keep struggling through the Spirit against our sin and weakness
  - in our efforts to work together for the gospel as men and women
    - The Spirit is at work, yet we are still in the flesh
    - Our flesh will default to Genesis 3
    - We need to struggle against many sins—and to forgive

The 6 principles expressed in 6 key phrases:

- eternity
- creation
- sin
- Christ’s redeeming work
- the gospel
- struggling