

- ❑ 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
 - ❖ This is a gospel agenda, not a “women's issue”
- ❑ 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 |