

# IN HIS IMAGE

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**READ:** Genesis 1:26-27

**FOCUS:** God intended sex to be an image bearing act that reflects His faithfulness and self-giving love.

**OBSERVE:**

- In Genesis 1, God's creation is natural, physical and good. His creative work culminates in the creation of mankind. Five times the author states that mankind is made like God, to bear His image or show God to the rest of creation. Both men and women together reflect God's image, not one or the other. In both our internal and physical distinctions, we were designed by God to reflect His image. The most obvious distinctions are our physical bodies, designed in such a way that we can be both distinct and come together in oneness.
- In our sexuality and the act of sex we reflect God's nature in faithfulness. God is faithfully and perfectly united in love as one with the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. In marriage and the act of sex we can reflect God by our faithful unity with our spouse as one (Gen. 2:24-25).
- Our sexuality and the act of sex also reflect God's self-giving love. God perfectly gives selfless love within the Trinity in an eternal movement of love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Sex was never designed with self-gratification in mind; instead, a husband and wife experience pleasure in sex through the giving of oneself to the other.
- Our sexuality and the act of sex also reflect God's creative power. In the act of sex, God gave mankind the ability to procreate in their image. The family unit was God's design, beginning first with the husband and wife and then in the creative act of sex to bring children into the world.

**REFLECT:**

- Take time to reflect with God on your view of sex and sexuality and ask God to help conform your view of sex with His design based upon His Word.
- Receive God's forgiveness for your sins as it pertains to sex and sexuality and receive healing for hurts and wounds from sex and sexuality.

**TAKING ACTION:**

- Talk to your children about sex and sexuality and start young.
- Talk to those you are discipling or in your small group about God's design for sex and sexuality.

**PRAY:**

*God, thank you for creating all things according to Your purpose and design, including marriage, sex and sexuality. Forgive me of my sins in these areas, heal my wounds and help me to live according to Your design for marriage, sex, and sexuality. In Jesus' name, Amen.*