

# (IR)RECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES!

## 1. Men & women are different

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**Genesis 2:18** And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*

**Genesis 2:20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; **but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.**

**Matthew 19:4** And he answered and said unto them, **Have ye not read, that he which made *them* at the beginning made them male **and** female,** **Matthew 19:5** And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? **Matthew 19:6** Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

This is such a commonsense observation as to be...!

Pastor Warren – isn't this all socializing? A social construct?

## 2. God created men and women different!

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### Thoughts:

- God created us male **&** female
- God created **both** in the image of God
- God made both to become one flesh

### Here is the rub:

- We know & like the differences – biological & physical...
- We like the differences that attract us such as... hair, smell, soft. . .
- We usually fail to realize that everything is different!

### The iceberg phenomenon:

10%

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90%

### 3. God created these differences to complete and not compete

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“A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle!”

### 4. Those God-given differences can make all the difference!

**Proverbs 31:15** She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

**Proverbs 31:18** She perceiveth that her merchandise *is* good: her candle goeth not out by night.

**Proverbs 31:22** She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing *is* silk and purple.

“Do you ever wake up cranky?”

What will help us?

- **Knowing we are different**
- **Accepting the differences**
- **Putting our differences to work**
- **Allowing our partner to be different**
- **Not trying to change the differences!**

“My Pen” has 2 parts:

Cap

Pen / body

Cap has no value apart from the pen

Pen / body has no use apart from the cap

There is no value in my “capness” / “bodyness!”

If we work together – we can be quite useful & valuable

### 5. Differences that can seem irreconcilable!

Do you think it is OK to divorce for irreconcilable differences?

Probably NOT for what most people think!

Certainly not for our God-given differences!!!

<b>Pastor DaDa:</b>	<b>PDDD:</b>
He is quiet	She is talkative
He makes money	She spends money
He teaches	She shops
He needs some love	She rubs his head
He is reserved	She is demonstrative
He cries... less	She cries

Are we discussing dangerous, illegal criminal behavior, drunkenness, won't work, pervert, a traitor, abusive,...?  
We could at least talk!