



# Sex, Gender and Identity



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Discipleship, Spring 2023



# Three Divorces



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# Three Marriages



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# Gender Dysphoria

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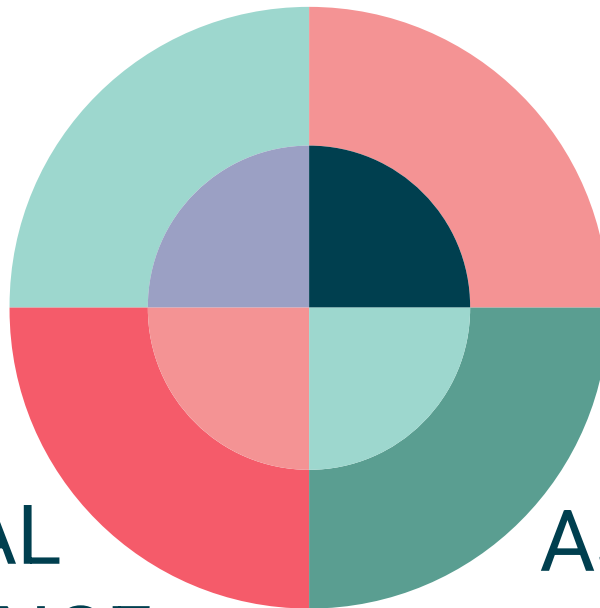
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FEMALE

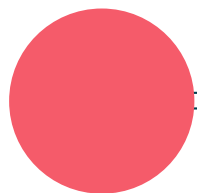
BI-SEXUAL

PERSONAL  
DISSONANCE  
between

Assigned &  
Desired  
GENDER



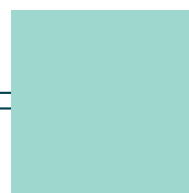
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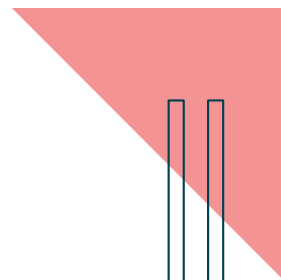
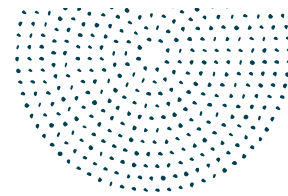
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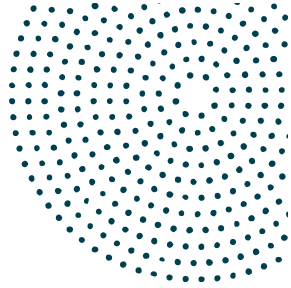
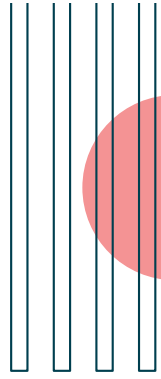


**HORMONE THERAPY**



**SURGERY**





# Sex Reassignment Surgeries

11% growth

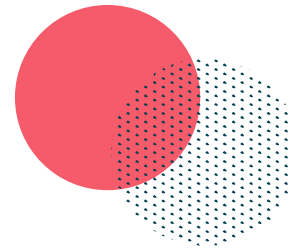
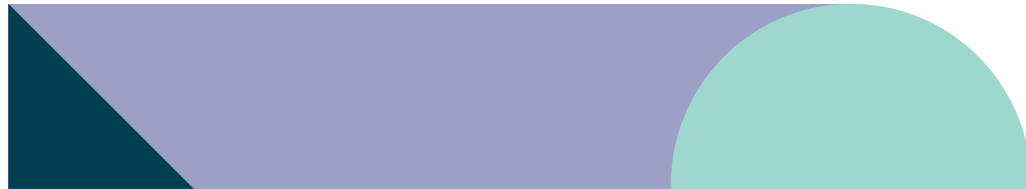
8,986

2019



9,985

2020



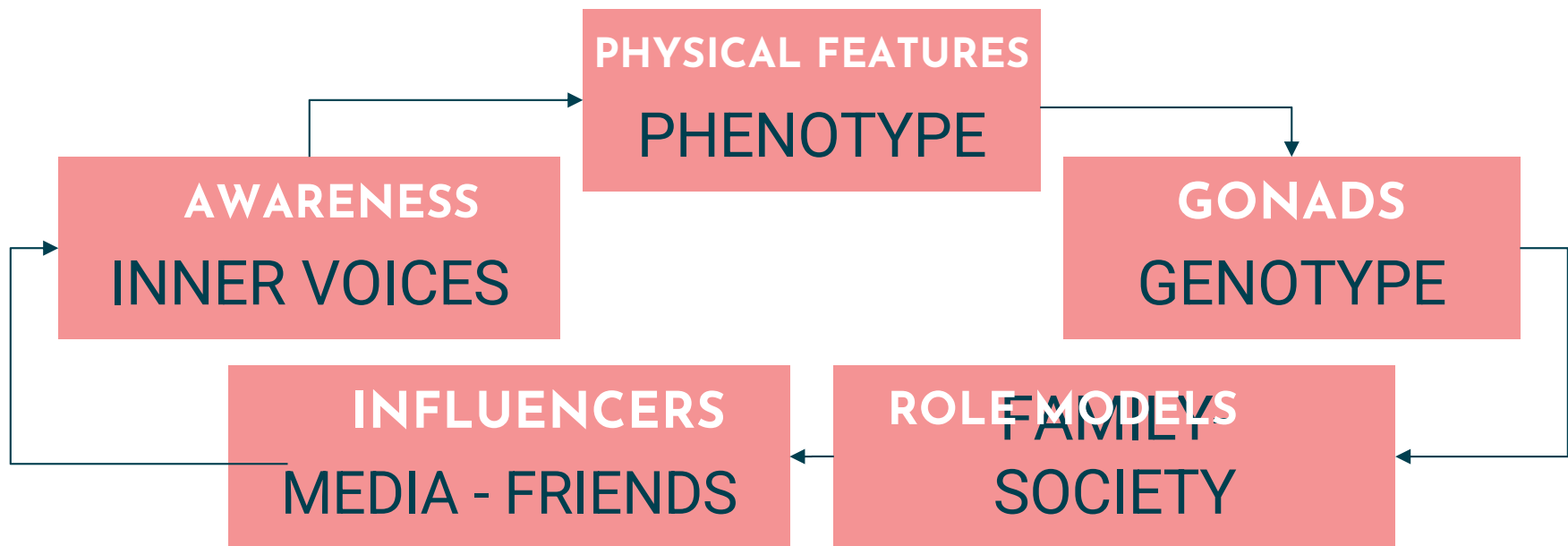


# 1,600,000

Age 13+ identify as Transgender - Williams Institute

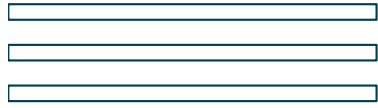


# Development of Gender Identity

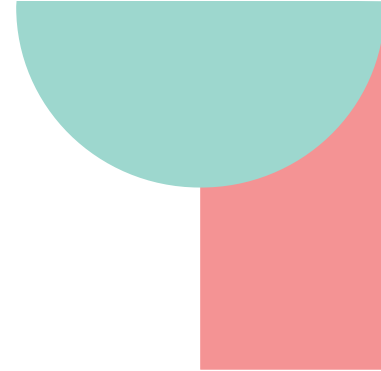


# Younger Folks are surrounded by **DISCORDANT VOICES**

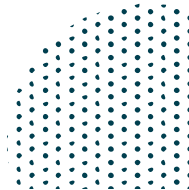




# THREE MARRIAGES



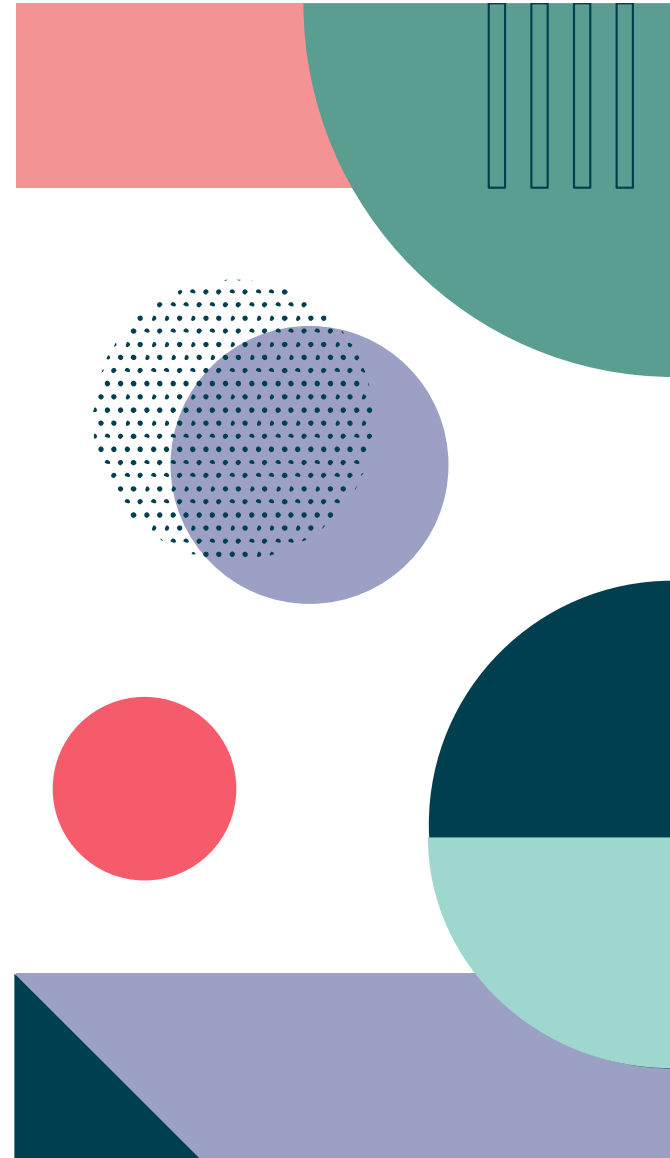
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| <b>1</b> | <b>MAN &amp; WOMAN: 1</b>  | Genesis 1     |
| <b>2</b> | <b>MAN &amp; WOMAN: 2</b>  | Genesis 2     |
| <b>3</b> | <b>US as the CHURCH</b>    | Ephesians 5   |
| <b>3</b> | <b>GOD &amp; HIS BRIDE</b> | Revelation 21 |



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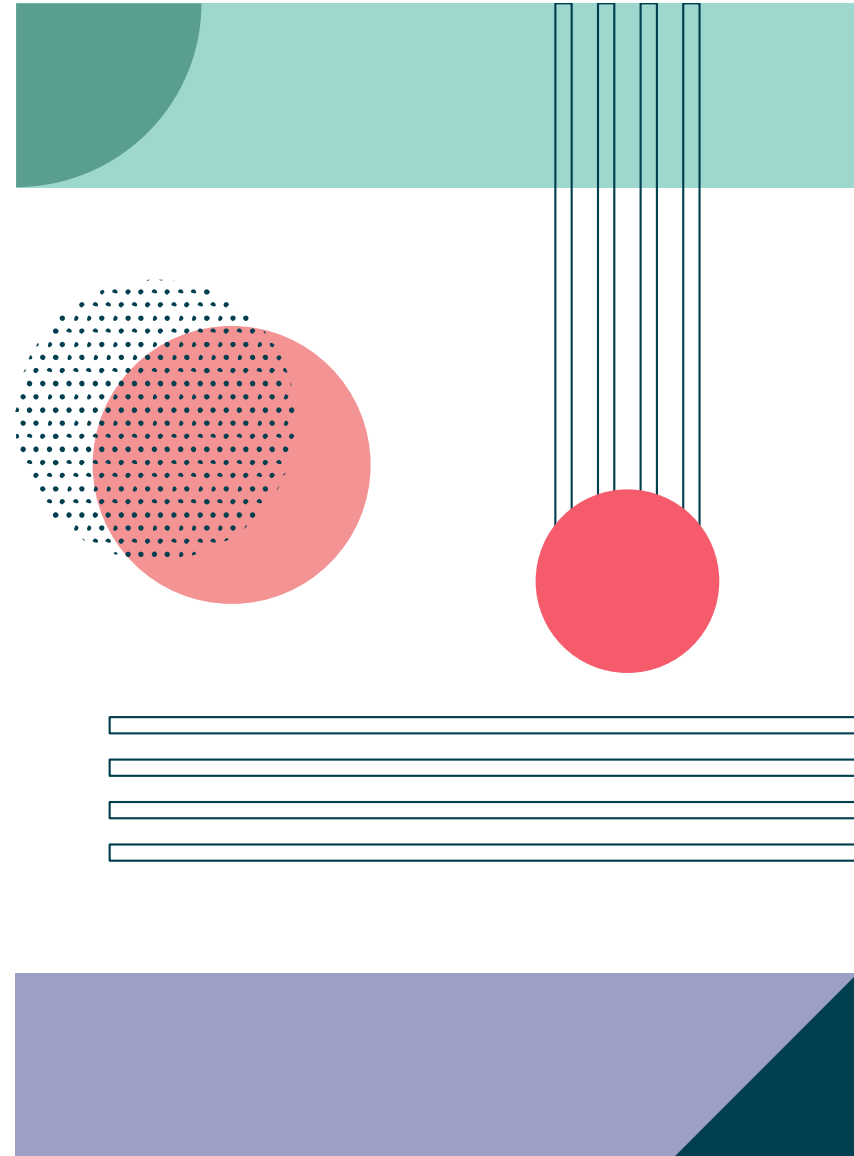
# Man & Woman

Genesis 1



## Genesis 1: 26-28

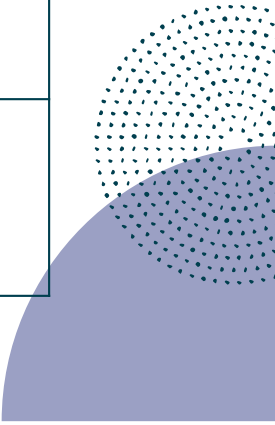

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in **our image**, after **our likeness**, so that they may rule ... So God created humankind in his **own image**, in the **image of God** he created them, male and female he created them. And God blessed them and said to them, “**Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it!**”





# Why Male and Female?

|                  |                                       |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| REPRODUCTION     | <b>“Be fruitful and multiply!”</b>    |
| RESPONSIBLE RULE | <b>“Fill the earth and subdue it”</b> |
|                  |                                       |



# Be Fruitful and Multiply! Fill the Earth and Subdue it!

Multiplying  
throughout the  
earth

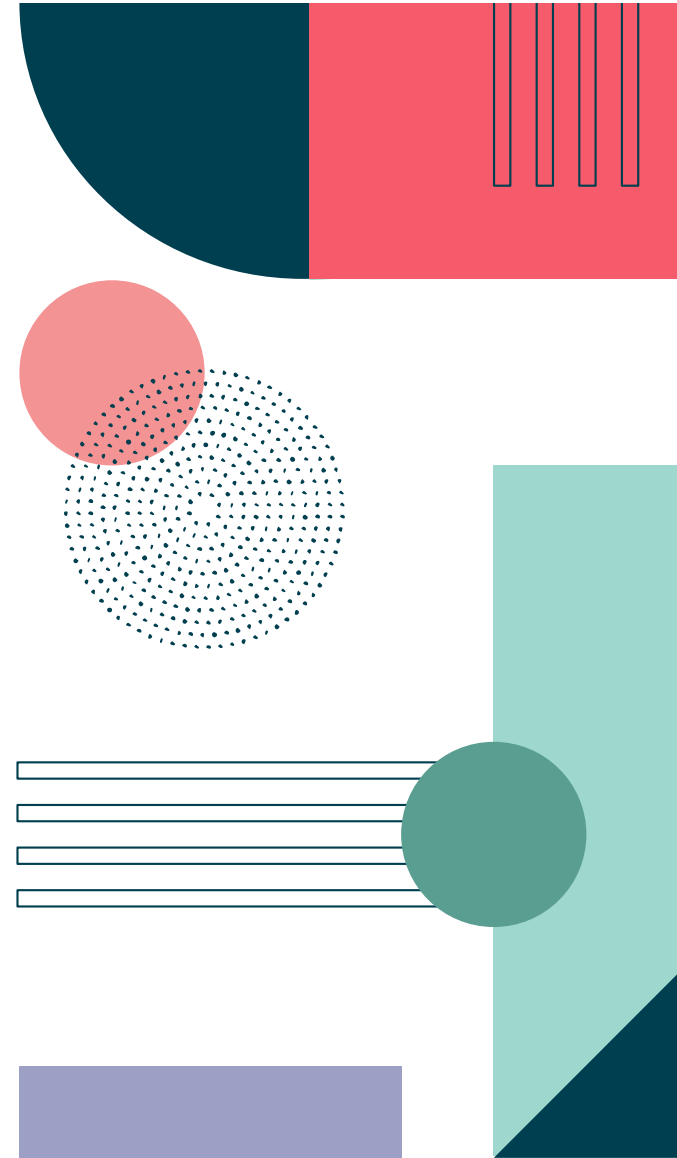
- Building Cities
- Cultures
- Centers of Attraction



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# Man & Woman

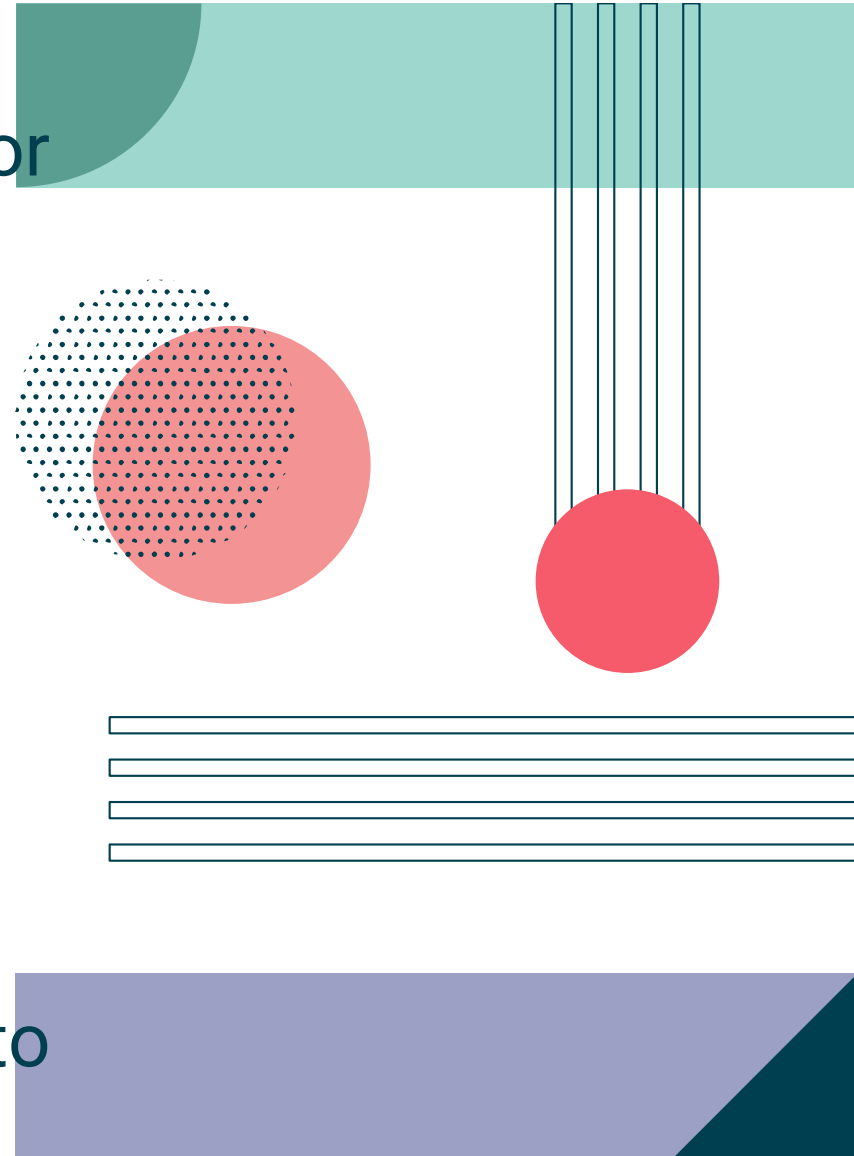
Genesis 2





## Genesis 2: 18-24

The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a **companion** for him who **corresponds** to him.” ... So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep, and when he was asleep, he took part of **the man’s side** and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the part he had taken out of the man and he brought her to the man.



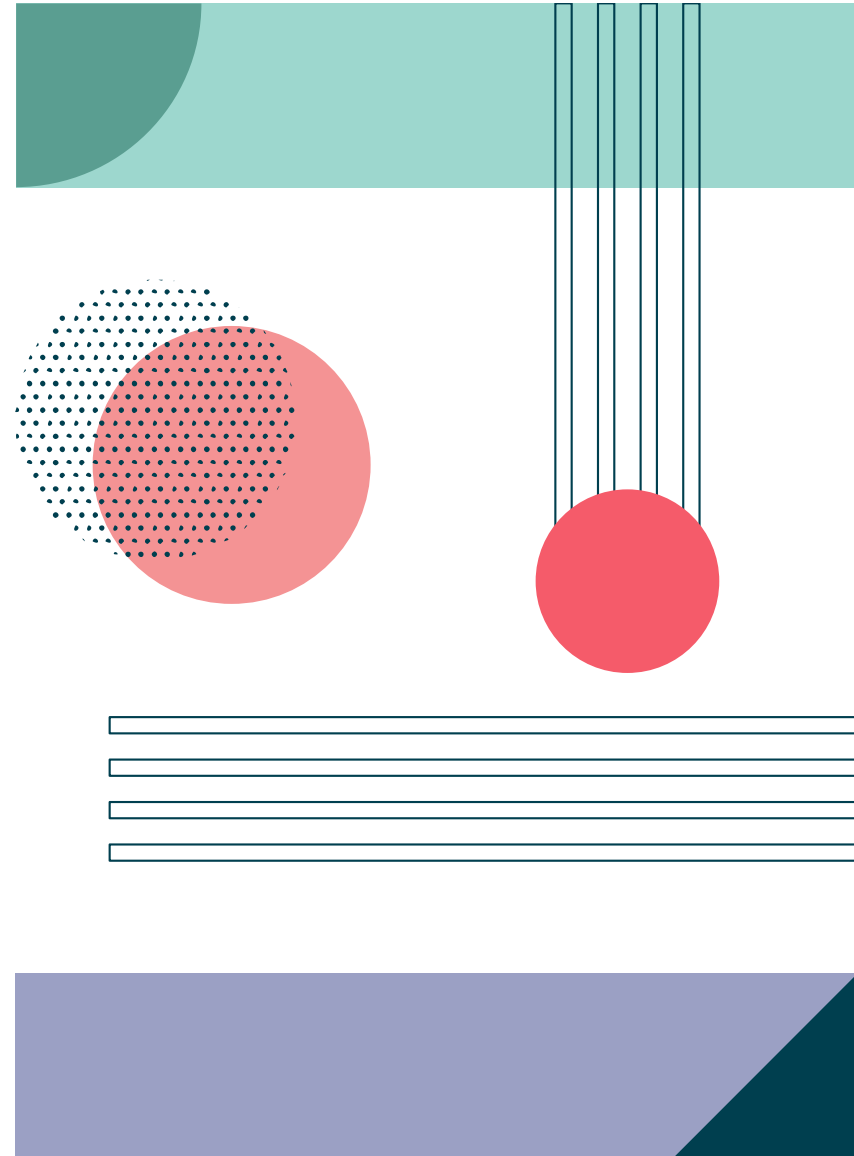
## Genesis 2: 18-24 (cont)

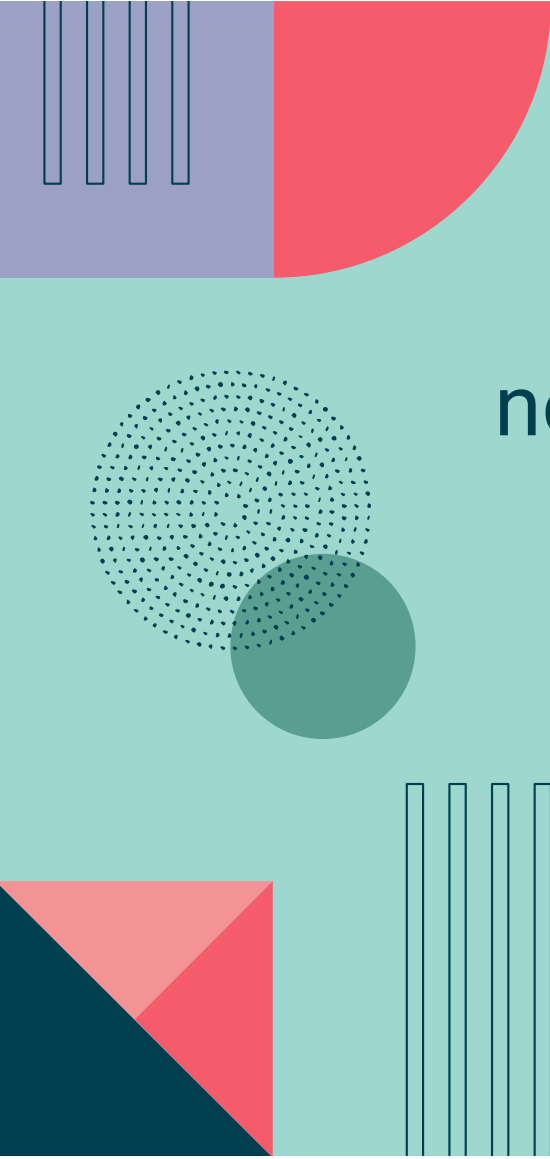
Then the man said,

“This one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;

This one will be **called woman**, for she was taken out of man.”

That is why a man leaves his father and mother and unites with his wife and they become one family.





“The woman was made ..  
out of the side of Adam,  
not out of his head to rule over him, nor  
out of his feet to be trampled by him,  
but out of his side to be equal to him,  
under his arm to be protected,  
and near his heart to be loved”

–Matthew Henry



# Why Male and Female?



REPRODUCTION

**“Be fruitful and multiply!”**

RESPONSIBLE RULE

**“Fill the earth and subdue it”**

COMPANIONSHIP



**‘at last, bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh’**



# Why Male and Female?

**CHILD REARING**

**Responsible raising of children**

**CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION**

**Making a contribution to the world with our lives**

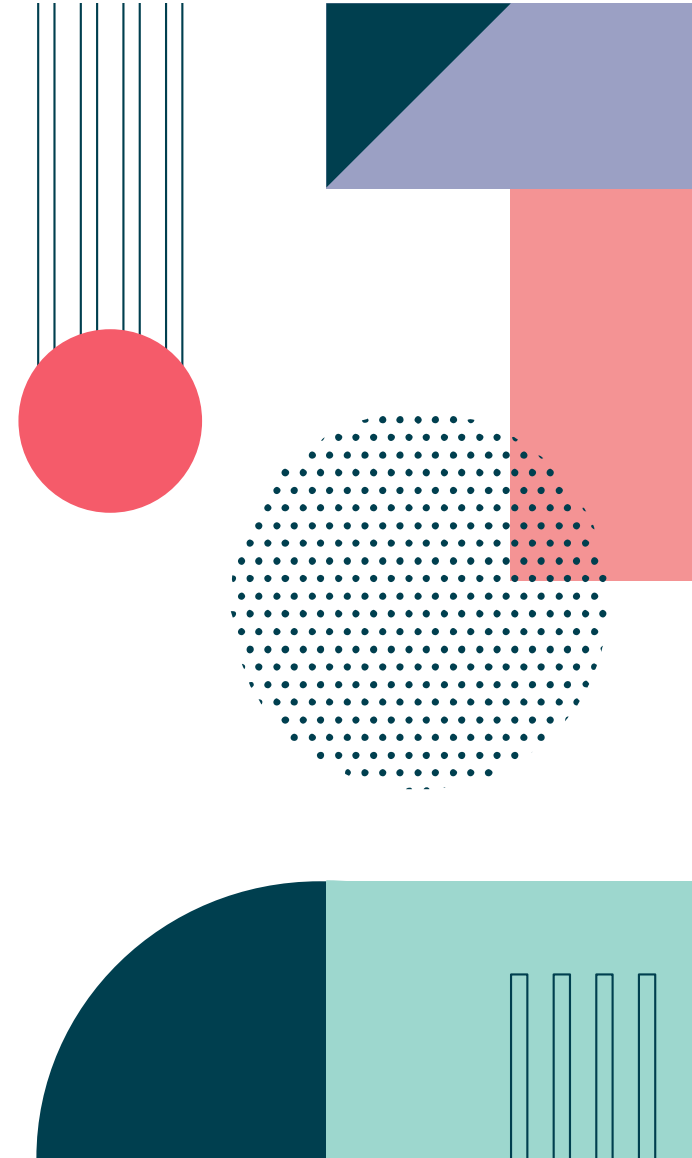
**COMPANIONSHIP**

**Walking side by side, together through the challenges of life**

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# Us as The Church

Ephesians



## Ephesians 5: 22-32

But as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her *...For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.* This mystery is great - but I am actually speaking with reference to the church.





# Why Male and Female?



CHILD REARING

**Raising of children**

CONSTRUCTIVE  
CONTRIBUTION

**Contributing to the world  
through our lives**

COMPANIONSHIP

**Walking together**

MODEL CHRIST

**Together - we represent  
Jesus to our community**

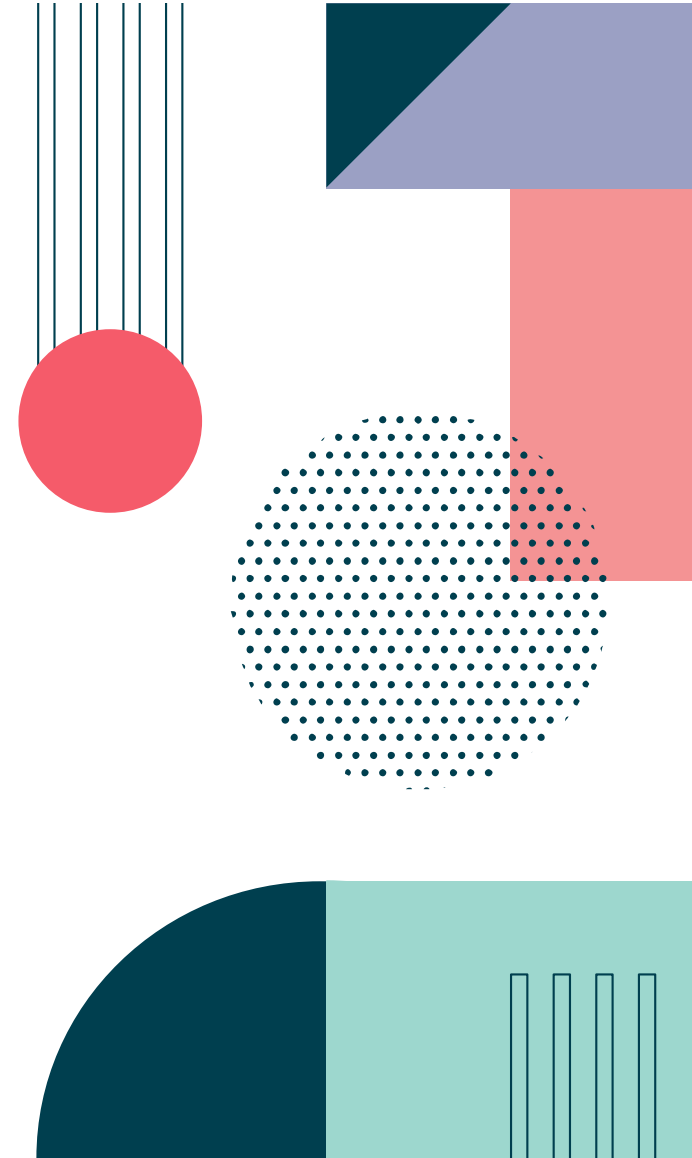




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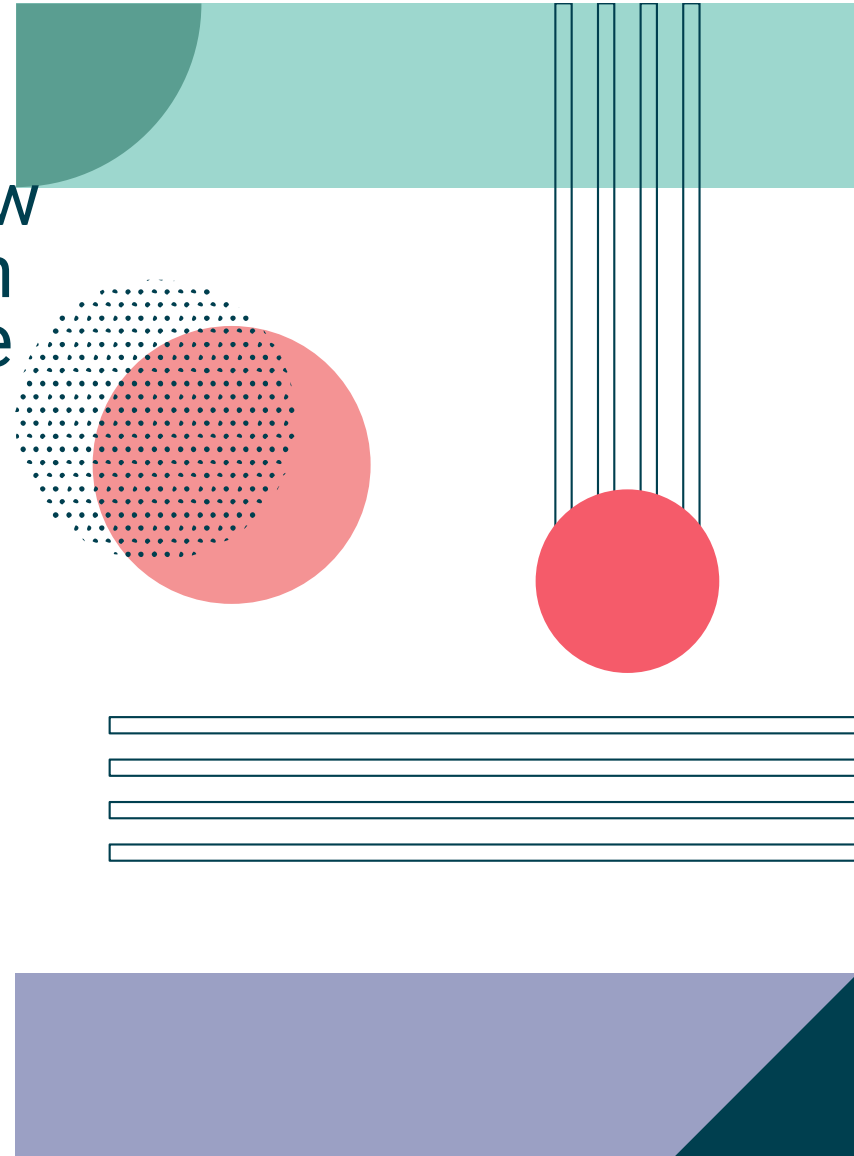
# God & His Bride

Revelation



## Revelation 21: 1-4

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had ceased to exist .. and I saw the holy city - the **new Jerusalem** - descending out of heaven from God, made ready **like a bride** adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice saying: "Look! **The residence of God** is among human beings. He will live among them and they will be his people .. He will **wipe away every tear** from their eyes .."

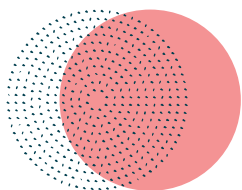


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# Worship, Music and Harmony



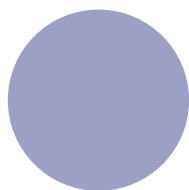
# Sex, Gender, Identity: CONCLUSION



MAN &  
WOMAN

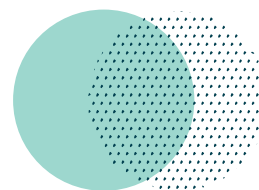


Be Fruitful!  
Fill the Earth!



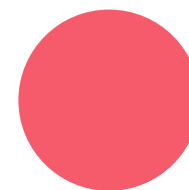
MAN &  
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“From his  
side”



US, as the  
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# Part Two: Sex, Gender, Identity - Three Marriages

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