

# Season Five - Week 3

## Loving the Feminine and the Masculine

As disciples, we share in Jesus' mission of saving love and are challenged to put our love and service into action.



Male and female we have been created. In God's image we have been created, but how do we relate with one another? The Spirit is calling us to more mature relationships of mutuality and respect. Both the masculine and feminine have unique gifts, gifts that are of equal worth. Now is a good time to renew our attitudes and values toward both, to develop right relationships between men and women, thereby working to end discrimination and bring about equality in our world.



- ◆ **Genesis 1:27** God created us in his own image, loving and lovable. Our identity as male and female is directly connected by the Scriptures to the fact that we are made in God's likeness.
- ◆ **Genesis 2: 21-25** The Bible speaks of the equality between man and woman.
- ◆ **Genesis 3: 16f** Disharmony between man and woman is a direct result of original sin.
- ◆ **Ephesians 5: 21-32** St. Paul is conscious of the dignity and love which should always prevail between married Christians.

“Man and woman have been created, which is to say, willed by God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. ‘Being man’ or ‘being woman’ is a reality which is good and willed by God: man and woman possess an inalienable dignity which comes to them immediately from God their Creator. Man and woman are both with one and the same dignity ‘in the image of God.’ In their ‘being-man’ and ‘being-woman,’ they reflect the Creator’s wisdom and goodness.”

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 369)*

## Reflect

In God's image we have been created.  
How do we relate with one another?