

How to Win the Battle of the Sexes

Series: "*The Jesus Way: How God Informs Every Season of Life*"

Genesis 1:26-27; 3:16b (1808)

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I. Do you ever wonder why God made us so different?

a. Men and women simply don't function in the same way

Video "A Tale of Two Brains" (Start at 0:14—Stop at 7:06)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3XjUFYxSxDk>

b. God did not make a mistake in making both men and women

Genesis 1:26-27 NLT ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us."

...²⁷ So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

c. Where did the battle of the sexes begin?

Genesis 3:16b NIV *Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.*

Genesis 3:16b NLT *And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you."*

The VOICE *You will desire your husband; but rather than a companion, He will be the dominant partner.*

II. Practical tools for "winning" the battle of the sexes

a. Begin by defining winning correctly

Romans 12:9-10 NLT ⁹ Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. ...¹⁰ Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.

Matthew 22:36-40 NLT ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" ³⁷ Jesus replied, "'*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.*' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: '*Love your neighbor as yourself.*' ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

b. Men and women both must work at understanding one another

Ephesians 4:25 NIV *Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.*

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c. Commit to entering in to one another's world



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- d. Understand what happens if we don't deal with our problems**
- e. Accept that is isn't complicated but it may be difficult**