

### Beauty and Brokenness<sup>1</sup>

#### WRONG PERCEPTION, WRONG ACTION

- In Genesis 3:6 Eve’s perceptions do not match reality. In the columns below list true reality in the left column and Eve’s perception in the right.

REALITY	EVE’S PERCEPTION

#### THEIR STORY AND OUR STORY

- The sin of Adam and Eve changed them immediately. The Bible lists the first result in Genesis 3:7. How did Adam and Eve perceive their bodies and what was their emotional response?

#### A BROKEN STAGE (Read Genesis 3:16-19)

- How did the Fall effect the human body?
- How did the Fall effect human relationships with each other?
- How did the Fall effect human relationships with God?
- How did the Fall effect the earth/creation itself?

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<sup>1</sup> Based on the book *God and the Transgender Debate: What Does the Bible Actually Say About Gender Identity?* (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) by Andrew T. Walker, 2022, The Good Book Company. (Chapter 6)

### WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR HEARTS?

- Describe/explain the war Peter mentions in 1Peter 2:11.
- Jeremiah 17:9 diagnoses the condition of the human heart. What kind of problems result from this kind of heart condition? Be specific and concrete.

2 segments (5:55 – 6:33 and 7:55 – 8:11) cut out

### FROM TRANSGENDER TO TRANSFORMED <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSh1EgozXBY>

- How did feelings play a role in Arianna's self-perception and her understanding of truth?
- Which desires changed when Arianna was converted?
- How did Arianna explain the change in her desires? What caused them to change?

### THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIN – JAMES 1:14-15

- What part does personal desire play in the development of sin?

### THINKING IT THROUGH

- In Ephesians 4:17-18, which words or phrases describe the mindset of those who reject God's authority in favor of their own opinions about what is right and wrong? Circle these words or phrases below.

*"Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart." (Ephesians 4:17–18, ESV)*

### CAN A MAN CHANGE HIS HEIGHT? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfO1veFs6Ho&t=1s>

- Why are these students so hesitant to answer Joseph's questions?
- Why are they willing to accept the idea that Joseph is a Chinese woman?

- Why are the students reluctant to agree that Joseph is 6' 5", but unwilling to tell him that he is wrong?

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## THE BLUEPRINT PERSISTS

- “Adam and Eve did not cease to be creatures under God’s rule simply because they had decided not to live that way anymore” (Walker, 82).
- “We can change our form, but we cannot change our formatting. ... In truth, there is no such thing as ‘transgender,’ because you cannot change your gender. The word exists, but not the reality that it seeks to describe” (Walker, 83).
- Paul McHugh (University Distinguished Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University): “Transgenderism: A Pathogenic Meme,” *The Public Discourse*, June 10, 2015, [www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/06/15145](http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/06/15145) ○ “Transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All (including Bruce Jenner) become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they ‘identify.’” ○ “In fact, gender dysphoria – the official psychiatric term for feeling oneself to be of the opposite sex – belongs in the family of similarly disordered assumptions about the body, such as anorexia nervosa and body dysmorphic disorder. Its treatment should not be directed at the body as with surgery and hormones any more than one treats obesity-fearing anorexia patients with liposuction. The treatment should strive to correct the false, problematic nature of the assumption and to resolve the psychosocial conflicts provoking it.”
- “We all sin. To transition is *a* sin—but it is not *the* sin” (Walker, 85). In 1Cor. 6:9-10 it is listed among other sins like idolatry, adultery, theft, greed, drunkenness, reviling and swindling – “... sins that middle-class heterosexual guys try to explain away or excuse themselves for” (Walker, 85).
- “None of this is to say that we should suspend judgment on the severity of transgenderism’s attempt to nullify the Creator’s blueprint, but rather to bring us to a place of humility that means we avoid pouncing on others while ignoring the log in our own eye” (Walker, 85).