

Let's Talk About Sex

God created us male and female (1:27) and brought Eve to Adam to be his wife (2:22). He instituted marriage and stated that a husband and wife should be one (2:24-25). God commanded Adam and Eve to be fruitful and to multiply (1:28). Human sexuality and marriage are gifts from God. Sexual intimacy within the safe and God-given, loving boundary of marriage is God-ordained. Marriage is an institution established by God in Paradise, even before sin entered the world. The Bible speaks a great deal about human sexuality and marriage. Therefore, it is not wrong to think or talk about human sexuality in God-honouring and appropriate ways.

When we misuse God's gift of human sexuality, however, and think and talk about, or engage in sex outside of marriage, then it is wrong. Sexual jokes and lewd comments, sexual advertising and pornography, provocative dress and flirting—in short, God clearly forbids all sexual stimulation and activity outside of marriage. When we think and/or talk about sex in these ungodly ways, then we sin.

Many young women have been deceived and seriously hurt by thinking that a young man was attracted to them and loved them, but the truth was that he was interested in them for his own pleasure. Many young men have been deceived and seriously harmed by pornography. They thought that pornography was fun and exciting, but painful memories and destructive habits plagued their future lives and marriages.

God knows that we have sinful minds and hearts. To protect us, our Creator placed all expressions of sexual intimacy within the loving bounds of lifelong commitment in marriage. God plans that the gift of sexual intimacy be reserved for the one, special wife or husband God has provided, who has vowed before God, family, and community to love through all of life, including both health and sickness, until death separates us. Sex is beautiful and special within marriage. But sexual intimacy outside this loving bond of marriage is sinful and destructive.

Allowing transgender identities also contradicts God's Word and is sinful. God has created us male or female. One's gender

is not a person's choice. Same-gender sexual relationships contradict God's Word as well, and such acts are also sinful. God instituted marriage as a special union of one man and one woman and stated that therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave unto his wife, and these two shall be one flesh.

Do you know the story about the goldfish who thought he wanted to enjoy the "freedom" of swimming outside of the fish tank that his owner had prepared for him? He tried to jump out many times, and finally, one day, he succeeded, but died on the floor.

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