



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT OUR SEXUALITY?

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Introduction

The purpose of this Bible study journal is to give a clear understanding on what the Bible teaches about our sexuality. Each chapter starts with a big idea and then will have some bullet points to ponder. At the end of each section I give a place to: journal what you learn from God's Word, write down any questions you may have, and to write down a personal application.

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1. How Is Our Sexuality Determined?

The Big Idea:

God created us as male and female. Marriage was ordained by God between one man and one woman to become one in flesh and to create a family that loves God and others. Our bodies are anatomically designed perfectly to fit together for pleasure, comfort and procreation. Although not everyone will get married or have children, this union is the only natural way for the human race to continue to the next generation.

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.”

Genesis 1:27-28a (NLT)

➤ *What does the Bible teach about the creation of mankind?*

“Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is **just right for him.**”¹⁹ So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one.²⁰ He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening.²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and **He brought her to the man.**²³ “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’”²⁴ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and **the two are united into one.**²⁵ Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.” **Genesis 2:18-25 (NLT)**

➤ *Why did God create women?*

“Haven’t you read the Scriptures?” Jesus replied. “They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’ And he said, ‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’ Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together.” “Then why did Moses say in the law that a man could give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away?” they asked. Jesus replied, “Moses permitted divorce only as a concession to your hard hearts, but it was not what God had originally intended. **Matthew 19:4-8 (NLT)**

➤ *How does Jesus describe marriage?*

➤ *Why did Moses allow divorce?*

➤ *What was God’s intention for marriage?*

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” **Psalm 139:13-16 (NIV)**

➤ *How does the psalmist describe conception and the value of life?*

“Moses said to the LORD, ‘O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.’ The LORD said to him, ‘Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD?’” **Exodus 4:10-11 (NIV)**

➤ *How does God address Moses' excuse to not go to Pharaoh because of his speech impediment?*

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. ² “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?” ³ “It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. **John 9:1-3 (NLT)**

➤ *How does Jesus respond to his disciple's questions about deformity?*

2. How Does God Intend Us To Use Our Sexuality?

The Big Idea:

Sex is designed by God to be a mutual beautiful expression of love, intimacy, pleasure, comfort, affection, and procreation that belongs in a monogamous marriage between a man and a woman as husband and wife. Sex is not neutral, but connects us physically, emotionally, and spiritually to the other person.

“Now regarding the questions you asked in your letter. Yes, it is good to live a celibate life. But because there is so much sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman should have her own husband. The husband should fulfill his wife’s sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband’s needs. The wife gives authority over her body to her husband, and the husband gives authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won’t be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control. **1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (NLT)**

➤ *How does Paul describe marriage?*

➤ *How does Paul describe sexual intimacy in marriage?*

➤ *What is the only reason for refusing to be physically intimate with your spouse? How long should you agree to abstain? Why?*

“But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. But God gives to some the gift of marriage, and to others the gift of singleness. So I say to those who aren’t married and to widows—it’s better to stay unmarried, just as I am. But if they can’t control themselves, they should go ahead and marry. It’s better to marry than to burn with lust.” **1 Corinthians 7:7-9 (NLT)**

➤ *How does Paul address the question to get married or be single?*

“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

➤ *How does the writer of Hebrews describe the importance of honoring marriage?*

“God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will **control** his own body and live in **holiness and honor**—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the **Lord avenges** all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.”

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NLT)

➤ *What is clearly part of God’s will for every Christian?*

➤ *What will be the Lord’s response for those who violate this warning?*

“Someone else will say, ‘Food is for the stomach, and the stomach is for food.’ Yes; but God will put an end to both. The body is not to be used for sexual immorality, but to serve the Lord; and the Lord provides for the body. God raised the Lord from death, and he will also raise us by his power. You know that your bodies are parts of the body of Christ. Shall I take a part of Christ's body and make it part of the body of a prostitute? Impossible! Or perhaps you don't know that the man who joins his body to a prostitute becomes physically one with her? The scripture says quite plainly, ‘The two will become one body.’ But he who joins himself to the Lord becomes spiritually one with him. Avoid immorality. Any other sin a man commits does not affect his body; but the man who is guilty of sexual immorality sins against his own body. Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and who was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourselves but to God; he bought you for a price. So use your bodies for God's glory.”

1 Corinthians 6:13-20 (TEV)

- *What happens to us when we have sex with someone? Is it more than just physical?*
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- *What is the significance of our sexual choices in our relationship with God?*
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“You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination. Also you shall not have intercourse with any animal to be defiled with it, nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it; it is a perversion.” **Leviticus 18:22-23 (NASB)**

- *What if we have physical urges that goes against what the Bible teaches? What should we do?*
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3. What Happens When We Misuse Our Sexuality?

The Big Idea:

When we sin sexually it breaks God's heart and creates a wall where God will not listen to our prayers. Marriage between a man and a woman is designed by God and is to be honored for a lifetime. This beautiful relationship should have a foundation of love, honor, and mutual respect toward each other. When we fail to practice these foundational truths in our relationship it has a spiritually, psychologically, and socially harmful effect on us, our children, and future generations.

“In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.”

1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)

➤ *How does God want husbands to treat their wives?*

➤ *What is the consequence if we fail to give honor and understanding?*

“However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.” **Ephesians 5:33 (NIV)**

➤ *How does the Bible describe a healthy relationship between a husband and his wife?*

“Another thing you do: You flood the LORD's altar with tears. You weep and wail because He no longer pays attention to your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. You ask, ‘Why?’ It is because the LORD is acting as the **witness** between you and the wife of your youth, because you have **broken faith** with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.” **Malachi 2:13-14 (NIV)**

- *Why is God refusing to hear the prayers and accept the offerings of His people?*
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“Has not [the LORD] made them one? In flesh and spirit they are His. And why one? Because He was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth. ‘I hate divorce,’ says the LORD God of Israel, ‘and I hate a man's covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,’ says the LORD Almighty. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.” **Malachi 2:15-16 (NIV)**

- *What does God do spiritually when a man marries a woman?*
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- *Why does divorce affect the future outcome of our children?*
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- *Why does God care about the future outcome of our children?*
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- *How does God feel about divorce and why?*
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“When you **follow** the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone **living** that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.” **Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)**

- *We all have desires that are sinful. What is the outcome if we decide to choose a lifestyle that is against what God teaches?*
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“Don’t be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.”

Galatians 6:7-8 (NLT)

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor *the* covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NASB)**

- *Why is choosing a lifestyle so important?*
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- *How does God address our past sins?*
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“So God abandoned them to do whatever **shameful** things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. ²⁵ They **traded** the truth about God for a lie. So they **worshiped** and served the **things** God created **instead** of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.” **Romans 1:24-25 (NLT)**

➤ *What is the danger when we fail to truly worship God as God?*

“That is why God **abandoned** them to their **shameful** desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did **shameful** things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.” **Romans 1:26-27 (NLT)**

➤ *What is God’s response when we choose a behavior against His design?*

➤ *How does the Bible describe homosexuality?*

4. What Does God Want Us To Do?

The Big Idea:

Here is some Good News: God knows you and still loves you. He knows all your wrongful decisions and still sent His son to die on the cross for you. Although salvation is offered to everyone, it is not automatic. We must individually accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We must consciously choose to commit all our life and will over to Christ's care and control. After we begin a relationship with Jesus, He gives us His power through the Holy Spirit to live a new life. Everyone struggles with temptations, but God is on our side. He is faithful and wants to help us overcome. Nobody has their act all together, but as a Christian we make an endeavor to resist sin and seek to gain victory over it.

“Then Jesus said to the crowd, ‘If any of you wants to be my **follower**, you must **put aside** your **selfish ambition**, **shoulder** your cross daily, and **follow me**. If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will **find true life**. And how do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose or forfeit your own soul in the process?’” **Luke 9:23-25 (NLT)**

➤ *How does Jesus describe what it means to be a follower of Him?*

➤ *What does it mean to put aside our life for His? What does that mean for you?*

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 (NLT)

➤ *Have you accepted Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?*

“For the **grace** of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. And we are instructed to **turn** from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. He gave his life to **free us** from every kind of sin, to **cleanse us**, and to make us his very **own people**, totally **committed to doing good deeds.**” **Titus 2:11-14 (NLT)**

➤ *How does God’s salvation instruct us to live?*

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have **died** to sin, how can we **continue** to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.” **Romans 6:1-4 (NLT)**

➤ *Why should we change our lifestyle to honor Jesus?*

➤ *Have you followed Jesus in baptism as a believer?*

5. What Can We Do If We Struggle With Our Sexuality?

Big Idea:

God has given us His Holy Spirit to provide power for us to overcome. It is important to remember that temptation isn't sin. Some struggles will be harder than others. God wants us to replace the old behavior with a new behavior. Depending on our past history and the amount of time we have spent in a sinful behavior can make overcoming an issue more difficult, but not impossible.

“At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated, and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His **mercy**. He saved us through the washing of **rebirth and renewal** by the **Holy Spirit**, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”

Titus 3:3-7 (NIV)

➤ *What happens when we are saved?*

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.” **Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)**

➤ *How does knowing Jesus faced temptation help us?*

“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” **1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)**

➤ *How does God promise to help us in our temptations?*

“So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in **conflict** with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.” **Galatians 5:16-18 (NIV)**

- *How does understanding the spiritual tug-a-war help us in our battle to do the right thing?*
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“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.”

Galatians 5:24 (NLT)

- *What should we do with a wrongful desire?*
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“For you died to **this life**, and your **real life** is hidden with Christ in God. And when **Christ, who is your life**, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. You **used** to do these things when your life was still part of this world. But **now is the time** to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹ Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your **new nature**, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like Him.” **Colossians 3:3-10 (NLT)**

- *What are we supposed to do with our desires that are contrary to God?*
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“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” **Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)**

- *What might be a reason why we are not experiencing victory in our struggle against sin? What does God want us to do?*
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“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” **1 John 1:8-9 (NIV)**

- *What does God promise to do if we truly confess our sins and seek Him?*
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“So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.” **James 4:7-10 (NLT)**

- *Sin is pleasant for a time but eventually it brings pain. Instead of celebrating our sin, how does God want us to come to Him?*
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- *If we truly come to God with a humble heart, what will He do?*
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“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops. My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.” **James 5:16-20 (NLT)**

- *Why is it important to have accountability? Who is a trusted friend that you could go to for help?*

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should **gently** and **humbly** help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ.”
Galatians 6:1-3 (NLT)

- *Why is it important to help each other with gentleness and humility?*

“No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us... But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.” **Philippians 3:13-15, 17 (NLT)**

- *What is the key to progress?*

“Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth.”

Philippians 3:17-19 (NLT)

- *What impact can we have on the lives of others? Why is it important to match up what we say and what we believe?*

“The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for ALL to come to repentance.” **2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)**

- *If God is going to punish sin, then why is He waiting?*

“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that His kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? ⁵ But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷ He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. ⁸ But He will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.”

Romans 2:4-8 (NLT)

- *What is the danger of ignoring God’s patience?*

“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”
Psalm 119:11 (NLT)

- *What is the purpose of memorizing scripture? How does changing the way we **think** about our sin help us?*
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“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you **think**. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”
Romans 12:2 (NLT)

- *Where will God help us begin our transformation?*
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“The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and **do not think** about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.” **Romans 13:11-14 (NIV)**

- *How does God want us to behave?*
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- *Why is our thought life so important?*
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“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.” **Hebrews 12:1-4 (NIV)**

➤ *How does focusing on Jesus help us gain victory?*

“So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer **live** as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their **thinking**. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the **hardening of their hearts**. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to **sensuality** so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more. You, however, did not come to know Christ that way.”

Ephesians 4:17-20 (NIV)

➤ *What effect can our thinking have on our heart?*

But God’s truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: “The LORD knows those who are His,” and “All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil.” **2 Timothy 2:19 (NLT)**

➤ *How should we live if we belong to Jesus?*

6. Where Does The Church Stand On Sexuality And Why?

The Big Idea:

Although there is much discussion on genetics, hormones, physiological, or psychological causes for why someone might feel a certain way sexually, the Bible clearly and consistently defines any sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman as husband and wife to be sin, a rebellious act against God's plan. The Church has a responsibility to teach a lifestyle of purity according to God's standard of morality among those who claim Jesus as their Savior. The church is to teach the grace and mercy of repentance; for those who turn to God will find grace and mercy and the power to live a new life. The church should be alert to those who would try to exchange the grace of God for a license of immorality and defend the truth of the Gospel. We should not expect the world to live as believers, but we as believers in Jesus have been called to a lifestyle of purity.

“Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to **defend** the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.” **Jude 1:3-4 (NLT)**

➤ *Why must the church defend our faith?*

➤ *Why is it wrong to teach God's grace allows us to live immoral lives?*

“Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord **delivered** his people out of Egypt, but later **destroyed** those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home--these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an **example** of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings.” **Jude 1:5-8 (NIV)**

- *Why does Jude make a comparison between “delivered” and “destroyed” in his example?*

“I have written you in my letter **not to associate** with sexually immoral people-- not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters. In that case you would have to leave this world. But now I am writing you that you must **not associate** with **anyone who calls himself** a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a slanderer, a drunkard or a swindler. With such a man do not even eat. What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. "Expel the wicked man from among you."

1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (NIV)

- *What was the confusion in the Corinthian church?*

- *What harm is it to associate with a so-called believer who is practicing a lifestyle contrary to what the Bible teaches?*

“If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won’t accept the church’s decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.”

Matthew 18:15-17 (NLT)

- *How do I approach another believer who is in sin?*

- *What if he/she doesn’t listen and continues to sin?*

- *What is the role of the church? Why?*

“You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. ⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and **love pleasure rather than God.** ⁵ They will **act religious**, but they will **reject the power** that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!”

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)

- *What is the significance of acting religious but rejecting the power that could make them “holy?”*

Our Purpose And Vision

When you come to Cornerstone, you will find a contemporary style of music with words that direct our hearts to celebration and **WORSHIP** our great God and Savior. You will hear relevant teachings from God's Word with a life application every Sunday. As we **CONNECT** with each other, it is our vision to go beyond the superficial and encourage each other to take our next right step with God. It is our aspiration to help people **GROW** into maturity through personal application of God's Word. We desire to lead the way with selfless generosity and **SERVE** as a way of life. It is our purpose to **SHARE** God's message of forgiveness through Jesus Christ and help people find and follow Jesus.

Service Times:

On Campus Sunday Worship Service: 9:15 & 11:00AM

Online Sunday Service: 9:15AM > <https://www.youtube.com/c/cornerstonepoway>

Weekly Sermon Notes> <https://www.cornerstonepoway.com/sermons>

Sermon Notes Bible Study, Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM (online Zoom)

Link> <https://zoom.us/join>. Meeting ID: 84983852091, Password: 355924

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