

NOT ASHAMED OF SEX

- Sex is designed for MARRIAGE between a man and a woman.
- Within marriage, sex is a good GIFT from God.
- Outside of marriage, sex is a twisted REJECTION of God's AUTHORITY.
- To those struggling with sexual brokenness, we ought to respond like Jesus, full of GRACE and TRUTH.



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. List several of the lies our culture tells us about sex. What are some ways our culture fosters shame about sexuality?
2. Read Proverbs 6:27-29. What does this teach us about sex and its proper context?
3. Read 1 Cor 7:32-35 and Matt 19:4-6. What are the two ways we can live out our sexuality in biblically faithful ways? What questions do you have about this?
4. Read the following and answer, what do these teach us about sexuality? 1 Cor 7:2-5; Song of Sol 7:6-13; Prov 5:15-23; 1 Cor 6:12-20; 1 Thes 4:3-8
5. How would you respond to someone who said that homosexual behavior is compatible with the teachings of the Bible? (see Romans 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Lev 20:13; Gen 2:18-25)
6. As you think about embodying Jesus' grace and truth to others, which seems harder to do? Can you separate grace and truth? Why or why not? (see 1 Cor 13:6; Prov 27:6; Rom 2:4; John 1:14; Luke 19:10).

RECOMMENDED READING

- Tim Keller. *The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God.*
- Joseph and Linda Dillow, et al. *Intimacy Ignited: Discover the Fun and Freedom of God-Centered Sex.*
- Kevin Leman. *Sheet Music: Uncovering the Secrets of Sexual Intimacy in Marriage.*
- Paul David Tripp. *Sex in a Broken World: How Christ Redeems What Sin Distorts.*
- Harry Schaumburg. *Undefiled: Redemption from Sexual Sin, Restoration for Broken Relationships.*
- Kevin DeYoung. *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?*
- Denny Burk and Heath Lambert. *Transforming Homosexuality: What the Bible says about Sexual Orientation and Change.*
- Becket Cook. *A Change of Affection: A Gay Man's Incredible Story of Redemption.*
- Christopher Yuan. *Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story.*

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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