



Today, we bring our series of talks about sexuality to a conclusion. The foundational scriptures for these messages have come from Genesis...

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness..." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26-27, NIV)

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...Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man...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.'" This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. (Genesis 2:18-25, NLT)

THE EXTRAORDINARY POWER OF SEXUAL SIN

1 Corinthians 6:12-20, You say, "I am allowed to do anything"—but not everything is good for you. And even though "I am allowed to do anything," I must not become a slave to anything. You say, "Food was made for the stomach, and the stomach for food." (This is true, though someday God will do away with both of them.) But you

can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies. And God will raise us from the dead by his power, just as he raised our Lord from the dead. Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one." But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body. (NLT)

Sexual sin (*fornication, immorality*) is the Greek word **porneia**.

It is a sin against the whole **Trinity**.

It is a unique sin against your own **body**.

Sexual sin will abuse and confuse you.

THIS IS GOD'S WILL

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7, It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. (NIV)

To be sanctified means to be **set apart**.

I must not "**mess up**" another believer's sanctification.

HELP! I'VE REALLY MESSED UP

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Those who sin sexually, worship idols, take part in adultery, those who are male prostitutes, or men who have sexual relations with other men, those who steal, are greedy, get drunk, lie about others, or rob—these people will not inherit God's kingdom. In the past, some of you were like that, but you were washed clean. You were made holy, and you were made right with God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God. (NCV)

God has a more powerful F-word than the world has.

It is **FORGIVENESS**.

God can restore your **purity**.

Jesus offers you a fresh start. Take it!

John 8:11, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again." (GN)

Make the radical changes to walk free

1. Date only **like-minded believers**.
2. Steer clear of **alcohol**.
3. Get away from **sexual temptation traps**.
4. Make a commitment for **sexual purity**.