



TALK IT OVER

Stewarding Sexuality

BOTTOM LINE

Our sexuality is a metaphor of God’s covenant of love.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What’s your favorite fictional love story – book or movie? What’s your favorite for-real love story besides your own?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointeorg/daily
- [Designer Sex](#) by Andy Stanley

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it – we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are. 1 John 3:1 MSG

In Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek, slave and free person, male and female. You are all the same in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:28 NCV

Therefore if any person is in Christ he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17 AMPC

You are complete in Him. Colossians 2:10 NKJV

“If you understand the why, it will clear up the why. This is why it is so important to understand the why behind our sexuality. God created us sexual beings for procreation, and also to experience pleasure. But most important of all, our sexuality is a metaphor of God’s covenant love with people – an exclusive relationship.” – Dwight Mason

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What does an exclusive love covenant with God look like? What does an exclusive covenant relationship look like humanly? Is it possible to have a mutually exclusive relationship with God if you don’t maintain an exclusive relationship with your spouse? Explain and discuss your answers. We are always living our identity. How does accepting God’s identify for us impact your life decisions, including sexual choices? Exclusivity is an invitation to know and love each other more deeply. How is this true? What’s the difference between activity and intimacy? Our God is a redeeming God. How does this speak to our often-hurtful interpretation of the call to purity? The sexual metaphors through the Old Testament and New Testament are intended to show us God’s heart for His relationship with us and in our corresponding human relationships. Maturity is inviting God to help us reclaim that metaphor in our own lives. What will that practically look like for singles? For married people?

ACTION STEP

I will examine my identity and order my life to an exclusive love covenant with Christ first, and then to an exclusive covenantal relationship personally. I will explain my choices in the “why” of my identity and covenant. _____