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Day 1

Jesus' View of Sexual Sin

Let's start our study by looking at the teaching of Jesus. His words on this subject are surprisingly clear and direct. Jesus had positive things to say about sexuality. After all, God created sex.

Read Mark 10:6-8. Jesus is talking about Adam and Eve in verse 6. In verses 7 and 8, he talks about all couples. What does Jesus say is God's perfect plan for the expression of sexuality?

Read Matthew 5:27-30 looking for what Jesus has to say about the seriousness of sexual sin. The Pharisees focused on the externals. Jesus says true righteousness is internal. What is his definition of adultery? (v. 28)

Jesus is also serious about the solution. What is his solution? (v. 29a, 30a)
Any application for you?

What is his reasoning for this severe solution? (v. 29b, 30b)

Read Mark 7:20-23. Lest we think that the problem is outside of ourselves, what does Jesus say is the source of sexual temptation?

In these next days together, we are going to seek to have the mind of Christ about this issue. Write out a prayer at the beginning of this study for the Lord to work in your heart.

Day 2

Don't Quench Your Thirst the Wrong Way!

From Solomon's point of view, the beginning of wisdom involves a warning to his son against sexual immorality. There are three parallel passages in Proverbs 5:1-23, 6:20-35 and 7:1-27. Read Proverbs 5:1-23.

What does Solomon say in his appeal to his son? (5:1-2; 6:20-23, 7:1-5)
How important does he think these warnings are?

What is true of the forbidden women? Why is she dangerous? (5:3-6)

List all the regrets a man will have who participates in immorality. (v.9-14)

When Solomon was teaching his son about this area, he compared sexual desires to a thirst. What were the positive commands that he gave his son (and us)? How is this thirst to be quenched? Notice God's positive view of sexuality. Proverbs 5:15

Proverbs 5:16-17

Proverbs 5:18-19

Solomon finishes the section by giving his son many reasons to avoid sexual sin. List the many reasons he gives. What are the reasons to avoid being captivated by the adulteress and sexual sin? After writing out each Scripture, paraphrase it in your own words.

Proverbs 5:21

Proverbs 5:22

Proverbs 5:23

What is one application from this chapter for you? Write it out. And also write a prayer out to the Lord.

Day 3

Don't Get Caught in a Trap!

In Chapter 7 of Proverbs, Solomon describes a scenario that has entrapped many young men. Using the example of others, Solomon warns his son.

How is the young man described? (v.6-9)

How is the women described? (v.10-13)

Temptation is always like bait on a hook; the attractive bait hides the hook of sin. Now that the young man has actually taken the bait, to what does Solomon compare him? (v.22-23).

Why should Solomon's son avoid sexual immorality? (v. 24-27)

Do you believe that sexual immorality is like a trap, ensnaring the naïve?
How does viewing immorality like a trap change the attractiveness of it?

Write out a prayer asking God to help you see sin as a bait that hides the hook.

Day 4

Watch Out for The Adulteress

Men are certainly capable of committing sexual sin. In fact, this is one of our weakest areas as men. But Solomon goes to great length to warn his son of a certain type of woman who entices in sexual sin. Read over the following verses. What **names** are given to her? What **characterizes** her?

Proverbs 2:16-17

Proverbs 5:6

Proverbs 6:24,

Proverbs 6:25 26

Proverbs 9:13

Proverbs 11:22

Proverbs 23:26-28

How do these verses change your perspective on women who allow themselves to be used in pornography or inappropriate movies? How does the world see these women? Though physically beautiful on the outside, what is God's view of these women and others like them?

Write a prayer asking God to give you this perspective.

Day 5

Joseph - A Young Man with His Head on Straight

Let's look how one young man handles temptation. Joseph was single and handsome. He was somewhere between 17 and 30 years old. (See Genesis 37:7, 41:46) Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife. Let's look at how he responded. Read Genesis 39.

What two parties would this be a sin against? (v.8-9) What can you learn about your temptation to sin?

How did he handle his first temptation? (v.10) Is there a lesson for you to learn?

How did he handle the second temptation? (v. 12) Is there a lesson for you to learn?

What was the result of doing right? (v.20-21) How might resisting sexual temptation result in suffering?

How did God later bless Joseph? (See Genesis 41)

What can you imitate from Joseph's attitude? His example? His actions? His blessing? Write out a prayer to the Lord.

Day 11

A Band of Brothers Can Help

We were never meant to fight sin alone. Other brothers can help us fight sin in this area.

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-21. To be useful to the Lord, what does a person need to do? What will the results be?

How was Timothy to apply this personally? What are the three commands?

2:22a

2:22b

2:22c

Read Daniel Chapter 1. How did Daniel apply these verses?

How could you apply this?

Begin praying that God would give you a band of brothers, mentors, and a close relationship with your father to talk through these issues.