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Sex & Sexuality

Part 4

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God designed sexual intimacy as part of a covenant marriage relationship between a husband and wife.

...Is there any man who has betrothed a wife and has not taken her? Let him go back to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her.'

Deuteronomy 20:7

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When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be liable for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken.

Deuteronomy 24:5

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15 Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well.

16 Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets?

17 Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,

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19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe.

Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

Proverbs 5:15-19

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Sex-positivity is "an attitude towards human sexuality that regards all consensual sexual activities as fundamentally healthy and pleasurable, encouraging sexual pleasure and experimentation."

-Wikipedia

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"...sex is like fire. In the fireplace, it keeps us warm. Outside the fireplace, it burns the house down... Proverbs 5 is saying, "Keep the fire within the marital fireplace, and stoke that fire as hot as you can."

-Ray Ortlund Jr.

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Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! For
your love is better than wine;

Song of Solomon 1:2

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As an apple tree among the trees of the forest,
so is my beloved among the young men. With
great delight I sat in his shadow, and his fruit
was sweet to my taste. 4 He brought me to the
banqueting house, and his banner over me was
love.

Song of Solomon 2:3-4

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I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or the does of the field, that you not stir up or awaken love until it pleases.

Song of Solomon 2:7

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God has created us in such a way that love is powerful; sexual passion is powerful. It is not something to be toyed with. Yet neither is love or sex something to be denigrated or denied because it is somehow dirty or unspiritual. There is a proper time for love and sexual passion, a time when it will be appropriate and right to release its overwhelming power. Until that proper time comes, however, it is something to wait for, not to rush into. -Ian Duguid

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1. God has set boundaries around sexual intimacy.
 2. Covenant commitment precedes sexual intimacy (My beloved is mine, and I am his; he grazes among the lilies.
Song of Solomon 2:16 & 6:3).

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 2. Covenant commitment precedes sexual intimacy.
 3. Sexual intimacy in marriage is to be celebrated and enjoyed.

1 Corinthians 7:1

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” ESV

or

...it is good for a man not to touch a woman. NAS

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Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.” 2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband.

1 Corinthians 7:1-3

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Fundamentally, in the Bible there are only two types of sex: sex within marriage and sexual immorality. 1 Corinthians 7:2 makes it inescapably clear that while there may be a number of types of the latter, the only valid alternative to them is the former.

-Brian Rosner

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4 For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:4-5

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Marriage removes all barriers and replaces them with a comprehensive oneness... Marriage is distinguished by the all-inclusive scope of its claims upon the man and the woman. The two become “one flesh”—one mortal life fully shared—with total openness, total access, total solidarity, for the rest of their earthly days...

A biblical marriage today offers the comfort of being known intimately by another and not embarrassed or ridiculed for any reason, but only welcomed and put at ease and embraced. Married couples still experience this aftertaste of Eden’s perfect shalom in their gentle intimacy today.

-Ray Ortlund

“...my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, fountain of living waters, and hews out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.”

Jeremiah 2:13

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7 Go then, eat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God had already approved your works. 8 Let your clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head. 9 Enjoy your life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

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