

NOTHING BUT SEX

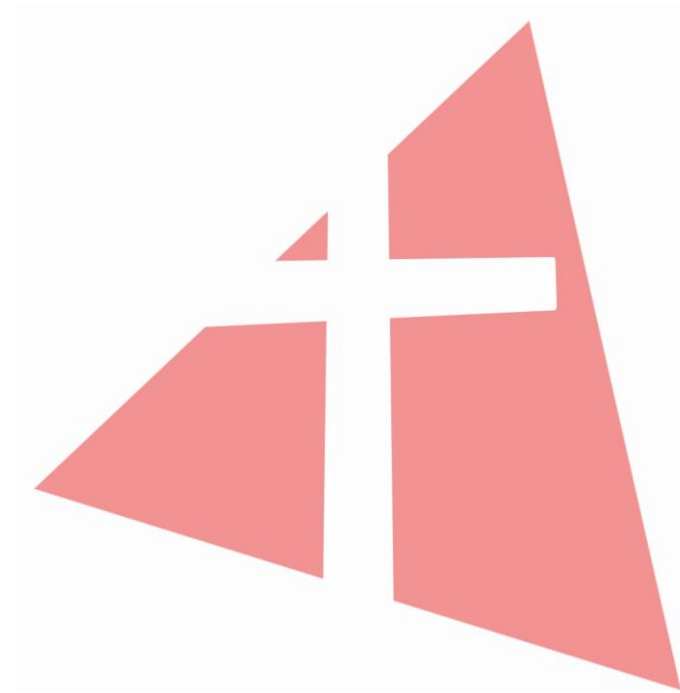
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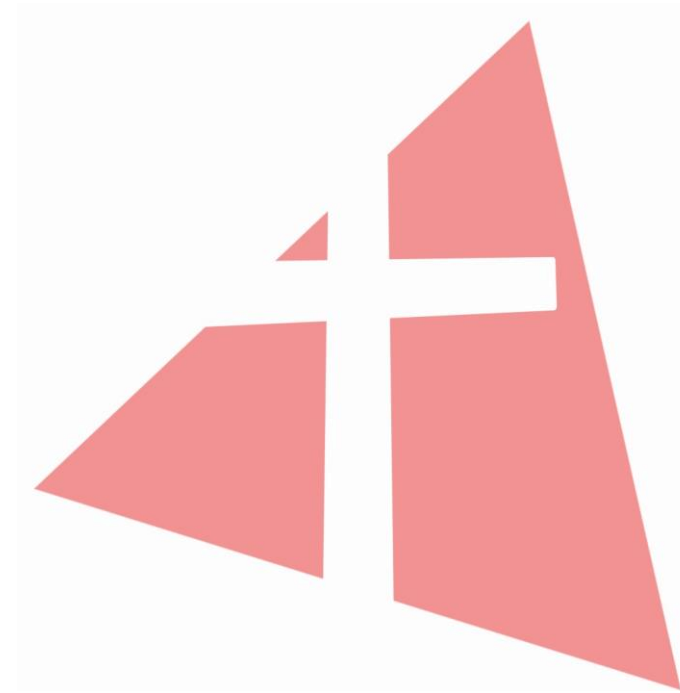
LAST COUPLE OF SERMONS

- **Differences between men and women**



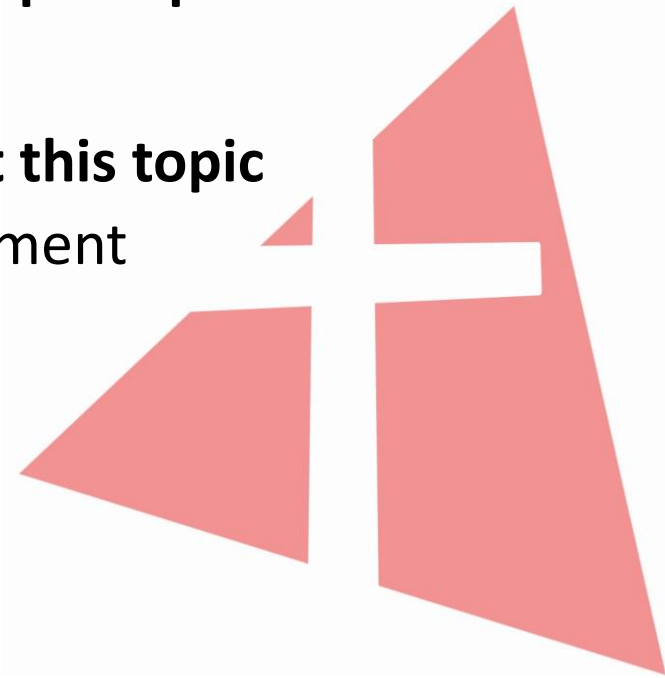
TODAY'S TOPIC

- **What the Bible says about sex**



THE BIBLE ON “SEX”

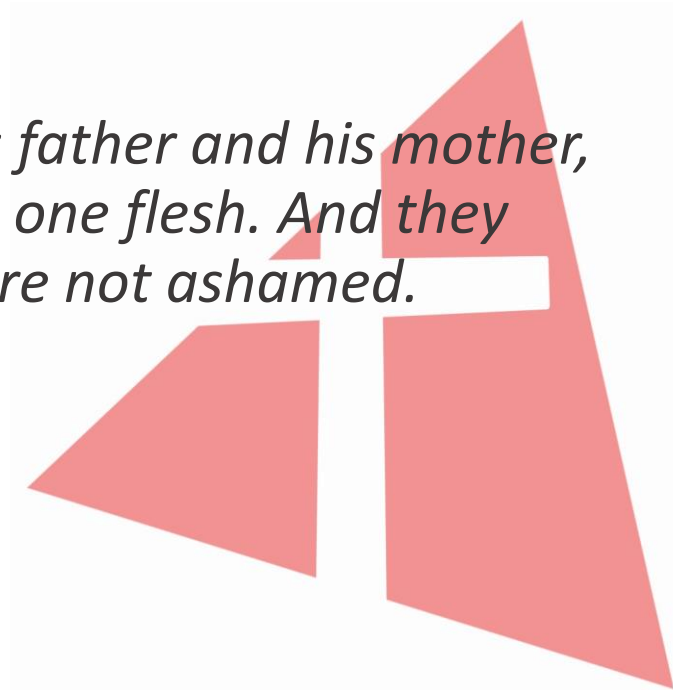
- Many people get offended about the Biblical principle that “Sex belongs in the context of marriage only”
- But the Bible has so much more to say about this topic
 - And gives good reasons for this commandment



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

- **God is the author of Sex**

Genesis 2:24-25 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



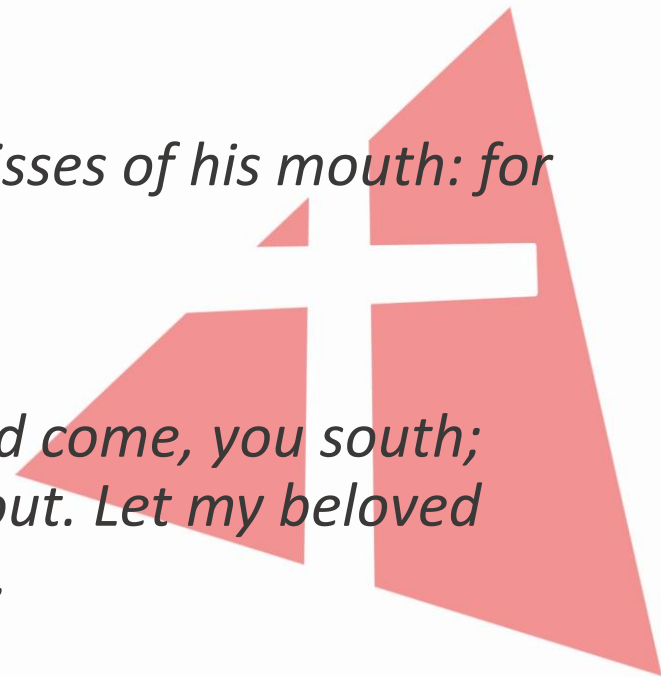
WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

- **Sex Is meant to be enjoyed**

Proverbs 5:18-19 Let your fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of your youth. Let her be as the loving deer and graceful doe; let her breasts satisfy you at all times; and be ravished always with her love.

Song of Solomon 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for your love is better than wine.

Song of Solomon 4:16 Awake, O north wind; and come, you south; blow upon my garden, that its spices may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat its pleasant fruits.

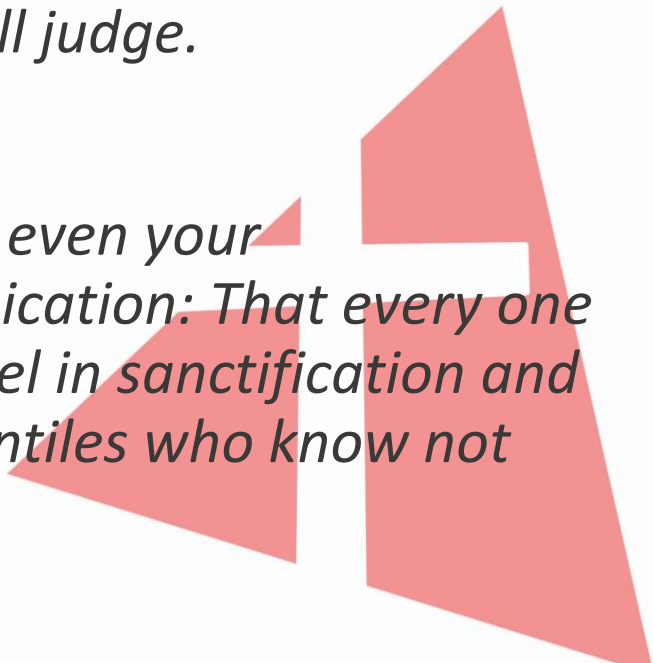


THE CONTEXT

- **The Bible clearly commands that any kind of sexual practice is reserved for the context of marriage only**

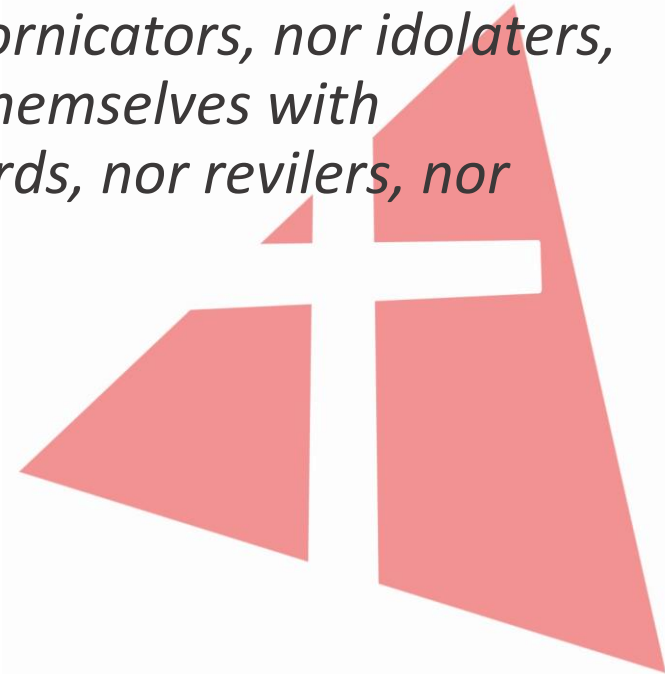
Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and the bed undefiled: but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor; Not in the lust of passion, even as the Gentiles who know not God:



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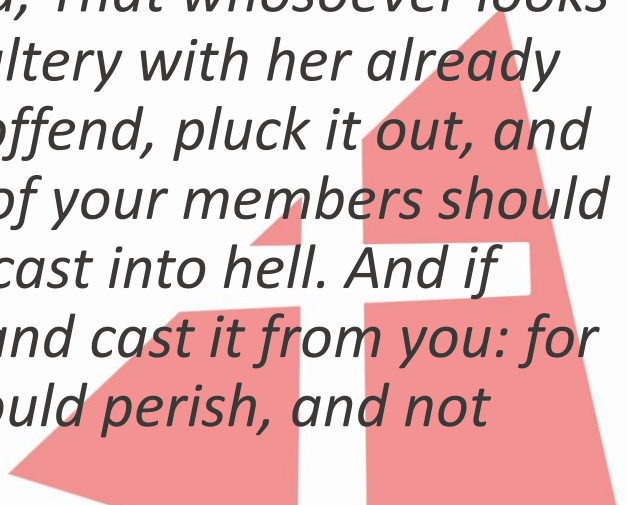
1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.



JESUS' STANDARD

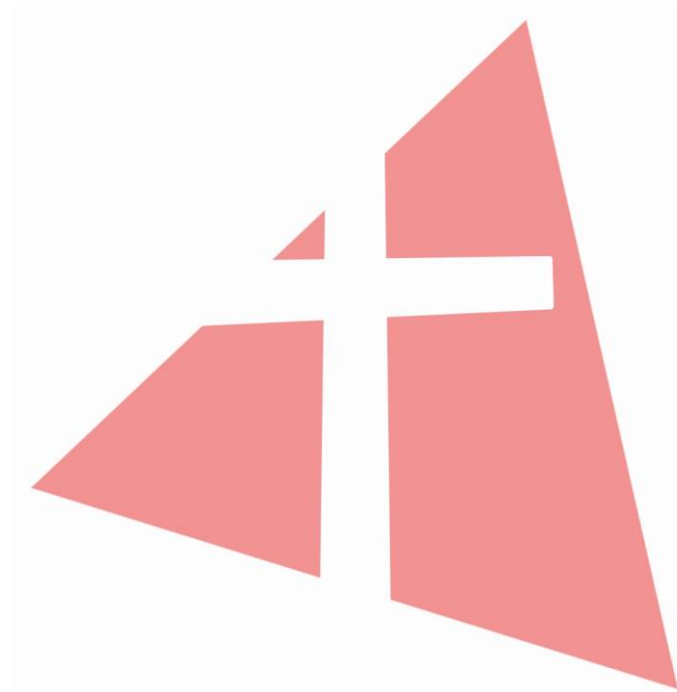
- Jesus equates sexual thoughts with physical acts

Matthew 5:27-30 You have heard that it was said by them of old time, You shall not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if your right eye causes you to offend, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is better for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to offend, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is better for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into hell.



THE “SEXUAL REVOLUTION”

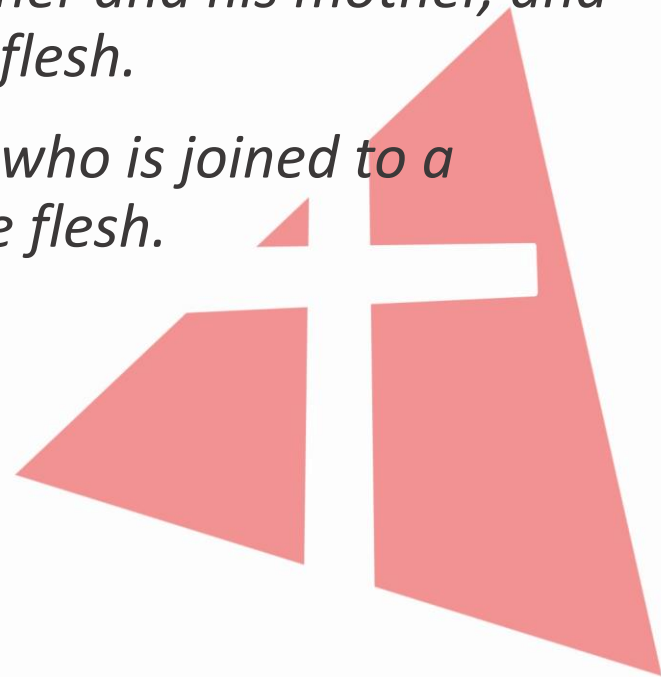
- Started in the 1960s



WHY IS SEX OUTSIDE MARRIAGE WRONG?

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1 Corinthians 6:16 What? know you not that he who is joined to a harlot is one body? for two, says he, shall be one flesh.



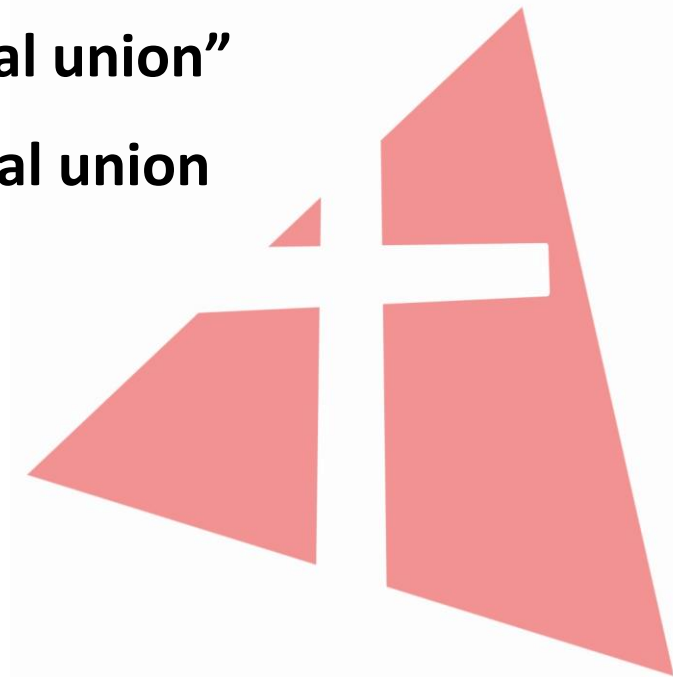
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Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.



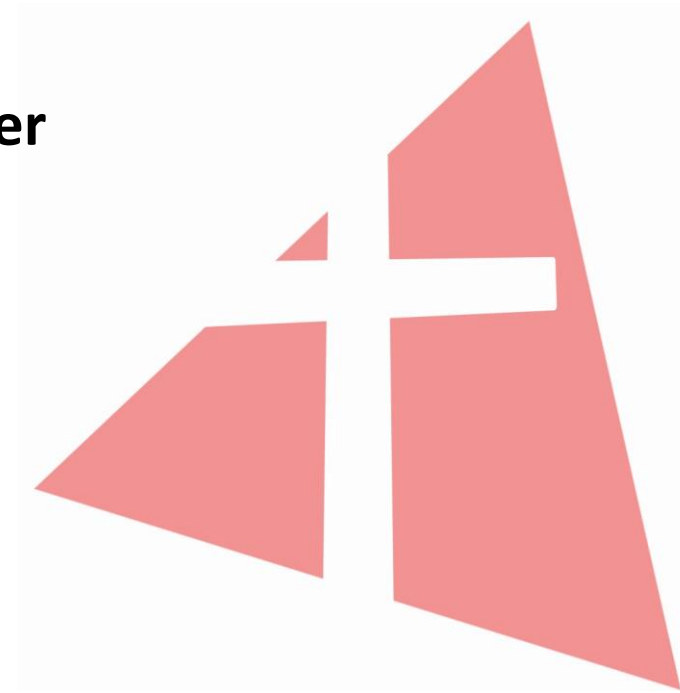
IN MY WORDS

- **Most people see sex as a “temporary physical union”**
- **The Bible teaches that sex is a lasting spiritual union**



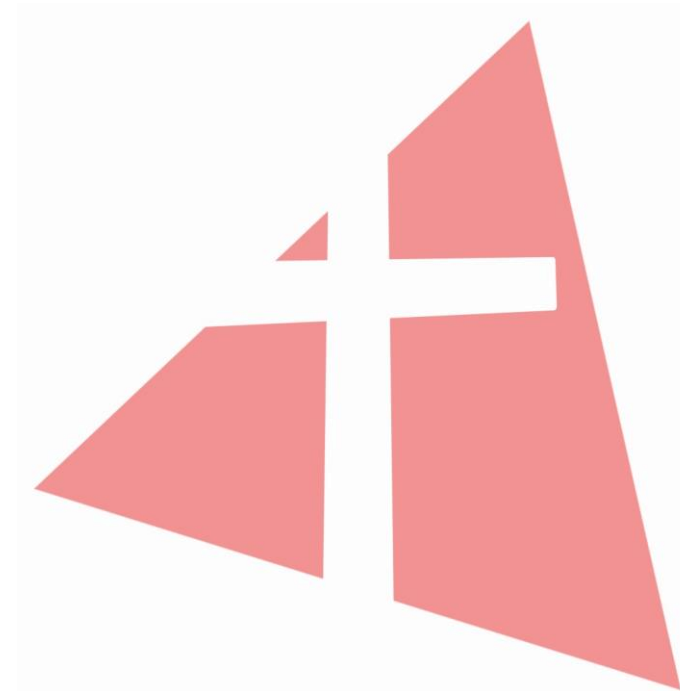
A FITTING ANALOGY

- Sex is like gluing two pieces of paper together



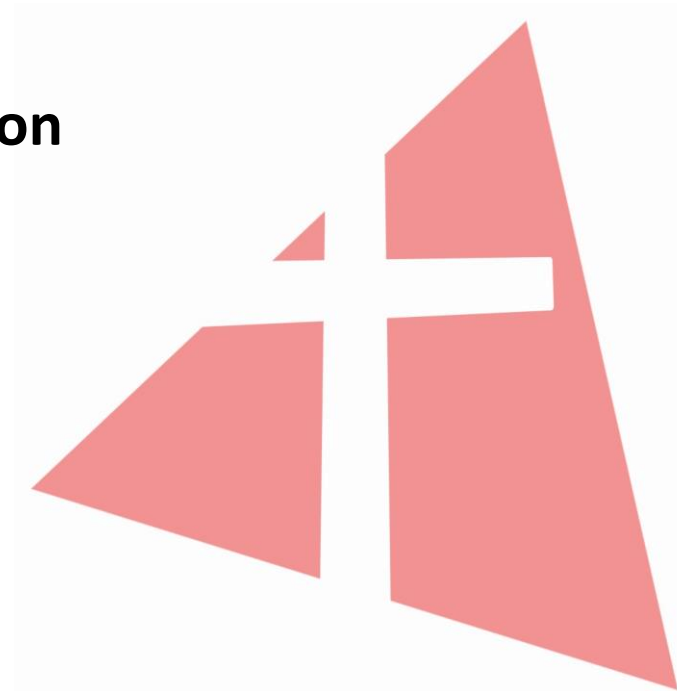
OUR EXPERIENCE

- **Sexual intimacy brings us closer together**



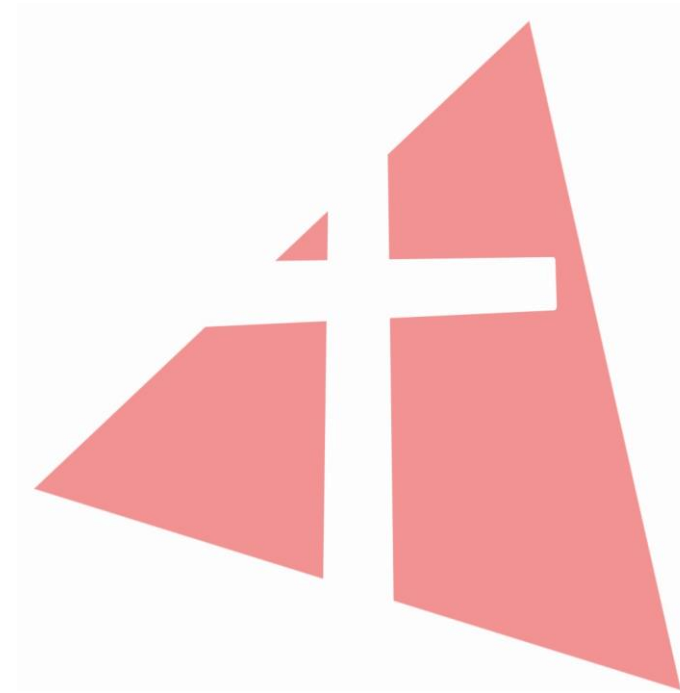
A REAL STORY

- **Sex leading to addiction instead of satisfaction**



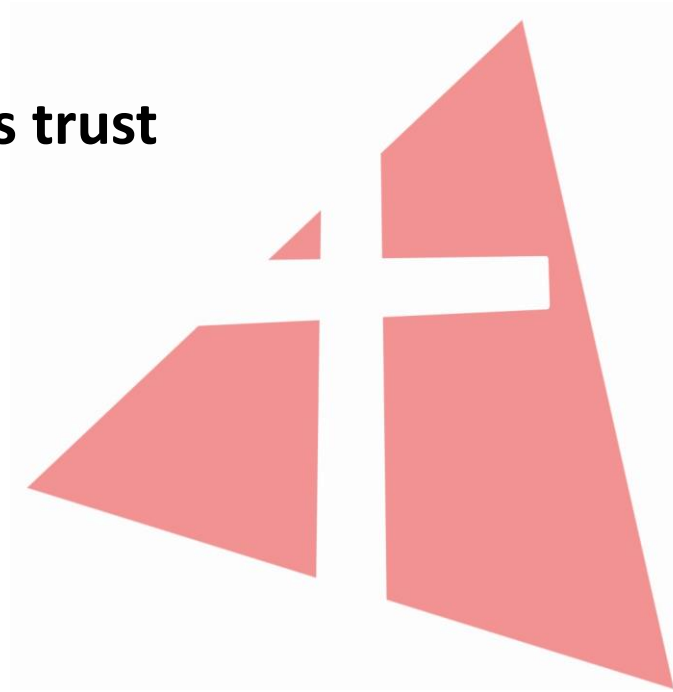
ANOTHER REAL STORY

- A couple that understood this reality later



THE OTHER SIDE

- **Waiting for the right time builds tremendous trust**



WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- Repent
- Seek help
- Set strict boundaries

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is outside the body; but he that commits fornication sins against his own body. What? know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have of God, and you are not your own? For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ONE MORE DETAIL

- **We went through all the stages we talked about today**



IN CONCLUSION

- **Sex is a great gift**
- **If we misuse it, we can ruin this life and our eternity**
- **If used properly, God blesses it and promises to give us great, great joy through it**

