

Introduction: Where would you have stood?

Fact #1: Free sex is costing us plenty!

Fact #2: Sex outside of marriage, under any circumstance is _____.

You shall not commit adultery.

Exodus 20:14 (NIV)

It is God's will that you 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. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you His Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NIV)

Fact #3: God is pro-sex! He invented it.

- It's sacred

Hebrews 13:4

- It's encouraged

Proverbs 5:15-20
Song of Solomon

- It's commanded

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

Fact #4: Cheaters never win!

- Adultery causes pain

But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself. Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away.

Proverbs 6:32-33 (NIV)

- Adultery destroys families
- “Living together” diminishes marital success rates and sexual fulfillment.

Fact #5: We don't fall into sexual sins, we “slide” into them.

- Adultery starts off in the heart

You have heard it said, “Do not commit adultery.” But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:27-30 (NIV)

- Common “situations” that lead to adultery

- Be as radical as you need to be!

_____ 2 Timothy 2:22

_____ Psalm 119:9, 11

_____ Ephesians 5:3-4

Fact #6: Adultery is not the unpardonable sin!

- An act of forgiveness John 8:3-11
- A testimony of grace

Discussion Questions:

1. Discuss the statement, "God is pro-sex!" What does that mean and how could you Biblically support it?
2. What is God's motivation in limiting sex to heterosexual relationships within the boundary of marriage?
3. What are some common myths about how people end up in sexual sin? Discuss the process and progression of sexual sin. What specific implications are there for you, your thought life, and your relationships?
4. What specific steps do you need to take to honor and obey the 7th Commandment? Who will hold you accountable?
5. Why is adultery not the unpardonable sin?