



## The Meaning of Sex

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Jesus on the meaning of... well, *everything*... including *sex*.

<sup>27</sup> You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery'; <sup>28</sup> but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27–28

- ✓ Sexuality is not about what you do with your *"parts"*.
- ✓ Sexuality is about *the core of my being*, my *whole self* (note the absurdity of the idea of *"casual sex"*).
- ✓ Like "contempt in the heart", *lust in the heart* is destructive to us, our community... invites *Tohu Wabohu*

The Point: You can *keep the rules*, and still *badly miss* "MEANING."

↳ Less helpful question:

Where are the *lines, rules, boundaries*?

- ↳ More helpful: "God, what does this *MEAN*? How does one *live that out*? (The question of someone *actually planning to follow Jesus*.)

## THE MEANING OF SEX

- ▶ WE WERE *MADE FOR GOD*... who is *LOVE*!

<sup>27</sup> God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them...

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 1:27, 31

- ▶ WE ARE INVITED TO *UNION* and *COMMUNION*.

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19–20

- ▶ WE (all of us... without exception) are called to *wait* and *anticipate*. (Revelation 21:6-7,9,22; 22:20-21)

...Having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.

Romans 8:23

## HELP TOWARD MEANING

1. God *starts where I am*... so should I...
  - Question: What do I have to change for God to accept me? Answer: *nothing*
  - Question: What will change if I move toward meaning and Jesus? Answer: *everything!*
2. Try asking God: "OK, I am here. I want You in my life. *So what does this 'mean'?*"

[Clue: God only means *good* toward me. God will not ask me to *"miss out"* or be unfulfilled, but he just might — read surely will — redirect me as to the *source of my fulfillment*.]

3. As you are ready, give your *body back to God!*

[30 Seconds to wholeness... *ready, go!*]