

Message Notes

What was God thinking?

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Public Service Announcement

Introduction: There is (too) much to say!

Last week: "It's just sex!" - The American Lie

Today's Message:

What was God thinking?

Two sides to the slippery slope

1. License (also immorality, irreligion) -
"I don't need to be saved."
2. Legalism (also morality, religion) -
"I will save myself."

Religious responses to sexuality

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

God's (better) narrow road

What and How God and his gospel teach us about sexuality

Union with Christ precedes union in marriage

Ephesians 5:31-32

The depth of covenant faithfulness

Genesis 15:17-18, 2 Kings 13:23

The commitment to love holistically

Matthew 22:34-40, Matthew 5:27-28

Sex as covenant renewal ceremony

Genesis 2:24-25

A word to those who are waiting for this

Galatians 4:4-5

Gospel Application:

Will you allow the gospel (not religion or irreligion) to shape your understanding of relationships and sexuality?

Ephesians 5:31-32

31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."
32 This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Genesis 2:24-25

24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Overall picture of God's plan:

The Meaning of Marriage by Tim Keller
Mingling of Souls by Matt Chandler
Intimate Allies by Dan B. Alexander and Tremper Longman III

For sex and heart intimacy:

The Language of Sex by Gary Smalley
Intended For Pleasure by Ed and Gaye Wheat

Celebrating the differences:

The Male Brain and The Female Brain by Louann Brizendine
For Men Only and For Women Only by Shaunti and Jeff Feldhahn

For wives:

No More Headaches by Julianna Slattery

For husbands:

The Christian Husband by Bob Lepine
When Good Men are Tempted by Bill Perkins

Amidst sexual brokenness:

What Are You Waiting For? by Dannah Gresh