

CONNECTED TO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

GOD – SEX – ROCK & ROLL

In order to be a Godly Man, you need to know how you were made and how you can't do that without talking about sexuality. And that thought will inevitably lead you to "who made you?" Therefore, the journey of knowing yourself as a man leads to talking about God and Sex. They are connected – they can't be separated. This study will not be so much a moral journey as it will be about connection—the connection you have with God and each other, and how that connection can suffer damage when you have little understanding about the divine nature of your body and the true power of sexuality. This series will challenge you to connect with God and your own sexuality in a journey toward wholeness. You will be challenged to ask hard questions about God, Sex, and Yourself! You'll need some good music for such a journey – some good Rock & Roll. Turn on the music and let's Rock.

A Man understands the value of a woman.

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She's Worth Dying For!

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Bible Verses: I Corinthians 6:9-20; Ephesians 5:21-33; John 3:16; Song of Solomon 6:3

Music: "I can't Tell You Why" – The Eagles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O43ymqly4TU>

Resources: The Meaning of Marriage by Timothy Keller.

Video: Jack's Death - Titanic 1997

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3pg27yqk3s>

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Bible Verses – The Message

I Corinthians 6:9-20 - ¹² Just because something is technically legal doesn't mean that it's spiritually appropriate. If I went around doing whatever I thought I could get by with, I'd be a slave to my whims. ¹³ You know the old saying, "First you eat to live, and then you live to eat"? Well, it may be true that the body is only a temporary thing, but that's no excuse for stuffing your body with food, or indulging it with sex. Since the Master honors you with a body, honor him with your body! ¹⁴ God honored the Master's body by raising it from the grave. He'll treat yours with the same resurrection power. ¹⁵ Until that time, remember that your bodies are created with the same dignity as the Master's body. You wouldn't take the Master's body off to a whorehouse, would you? I should hope not. ¹⁶ There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, "The two become one." ¹⁷ Since we want to become spiritually one with the Master, we must not pursue the kind of sex that avoids commitment and intimacy, leaving us more lonely than ever - the kind of sex that can never "become one." ¹⁸ There is a sense in which sexual sins are different from all others. In sexual sin we violate the sacredness of our own bodies, these bodies that were made for God-given and God-modeled love, for "becoming one" with another. ¹⁹ Or didn't you realize that your body is a sacred place, the place of the Holy Spirit? Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for? The physical part of you is not some piece of property belonging to the spiritual part of you. ²⁰ God owns the whole works. So let people see God in and through your body.

Ephesians 5:21-33 - ²¹ Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another. ²² Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. ²³ The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. ²⁴ So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church - a love marked by giving, not getting. ²⁶ Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, ²⁷ dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. ²⁸ And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor - since they're already "one" in marriage. ²⁹ No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how Christ treats us, the church, ³⁰ since we are part of his body. ³¹ And this is why a man leaves father and mother and cherishes his wife. No longer two, they become "one flesh." ³² This is a huge mystery, and I don't pretend to understand it all. What is clearest to me is the way Christ treats the church. ³³ And this provides a good picture of how each husband is to treat his wife, loving himself in loving her, and how each wife is to honor her husband.

John 3:16 - ¹⁶ "This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life.

Song of Solomon 6:3 - ³ I am my lover's and my lover is mine. He caresses the sweet-smelling flowers

"I Can't Tell You Why" by The Eagles

Look at us baby, up all night
Tearing our love apart
Aren't we the same two people
Who lived through years in the dark?

Every time I try to walk away
Something makes me turn around and stay
And I can't tell you why

When we get crazy
It just ain't right
(try to keep your head, little girl)
Girl, I get lonely, too
You don't have to worry
Just hold on tight

(don't get caught in your little world)
'Cause I love you
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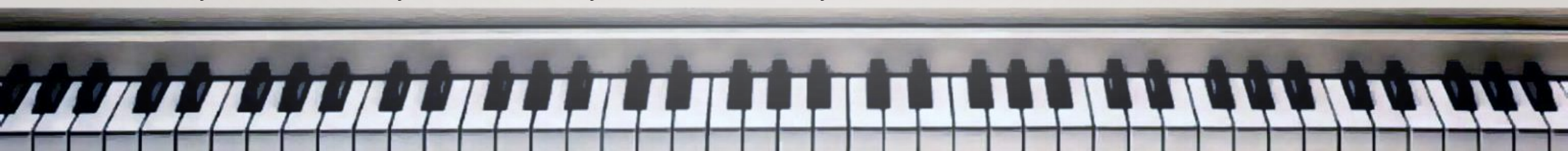
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