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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.

HEAVEN – IT'S LIKE A WEDDING CELEBRATION!

I CORINTHIANS 6:9-20



MARRIAGE: The Assurance of a Secure Future.

1. **Wedding Metaphor** > Jesus told stories and offered pictures (John 14:1-4). When Jesus wants to assure His followers that they're going to be okay, that their future is secure, that they shouldn't let their hearts be troubled, He uses the wedding metaphor. To describe heaven, Jesus uses an event they had all experienced and basically says, "It's like that."
2. **My Father's House** > The story of a first century marriage. See Matthew 25:1-13.
3. **NOT the Ultimate State** > Jesus affirms the one man, one woman marriage bond, the "one flesh" of Genesis, adding "Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate (Matt. 19:6). Jesus has no problem with marriage and sex. However, He sees marriage, and therefore sex, as not the ultimate state.



MARRIAGE IS NOT THE CURE ALL!

1. **Union with God** > The “Christian Ideal” for sex and marriage is not the answer for everybody. According to Jesus, some people are so devoted to God that they don’t need to be married. They have transcended the married state, moving past it to a place of union with God in which having a spouse is simply unnecessary. Now, obviously if everybody did this, we would have no future “anybodies”, but the point is, Jesus states this matter-of-factly. So according to Jesus, there’s being married, and then there’s something else. See Matthew 19:1-12.
2. **Temporary** > Sex, marriage, husbands, and wives—all appear to Jesus to be quite temporary, not in this life but in the next one, the one after this. See I Cor. 7:7-40. Paul doesn’t seem concerned about whether a person is married. It you aren’t, great. You’re more free to serve God. If you are married, splendid. Love the person well, and the two of you get on with your life together. After all, it’s better to marry than to burn.



SEX – is it a Picture of Heaven?

1. **Wedding Celebration** > Of all the symbols and metaphors and images he has to draw from, John describes the end of the world as we know it as a wedding celebration. See Rev. 21:1,2. The vision John has is not of people leaving earth and going somewhere else. It's a vision of God coming here and taking up residence in our midst. See Rev. 21:21-27.
2. **Being Known** > Living in the light. Light is freedom. There is nothing to fear because everything is shown to be exactly what it is. This is what a man craves in sex! To be known fully and still loved, still embraced, still accepted. See Rev. 21:27 > this is what sex is supposed to be for people in its greatest moment. When it is free from power and coercion and manipulation and agendas and fears, when it is simply two people giving all of themselves to each other, holding nothing back.
3. **Brief Moment** > Sex is a brief moment when everything is okay with the world. A brief moment of abandonment and oneness and ecstasy. It's the greatest, purest, most joyful and honest expression of eternity.



The Glory of Sex—a Taste of Heaven!

1. **Glorious** > Sex literally evokes shouts of joy and praise. From all eternity, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have been adoring and glorifying each other, living in high devotion to each other, pouring love and joy into one another's hearts continually (John 17:20-26).
2. **Reflection** > Sex between a husband and a wife points to the love between the Father and the Son (I Cor. 11:1-9). It is a mirror of the joyous self-giving and pleasure of love within the very life of the triune God.
3. **Eternal Delight** > Sex points to the eternal delight of our hearts that we will have in heaven, in our relationships with God and one another. Romans 7:1 tells us that the best marriages are pointers to the deep, infinitely fulfilling, and final union we will have with Christ in love.
4. **Ecstatic** > Sex is most breathtaking, daring, scarcely-to-be-imagined look at the glory that is our future.



ACTION: JOURNAL THIS!

1. What makes you feel secure? Insecure?
2. Where do you go when you hurt?
3. Will you go to Heaven when you die?

