



Don't Get It Twisted **How far is too far? (Mar 17)**

Series Summary: This series will challenge us to have God-honoring and pure relationships. We can find what type of person we should be “looking for” as we see the path God wants us to stay on. Our identity is in Christ and we should strive to be holy in every aspect of our relationships. The series will conclude with the awareness that God loves us unconditionally and we should live for him because of that.

Get Them talking: Have you ever heard the phrase good fences make good neighbors? The idea behind the phrase is that healthy relationships have healthy boundaries, and it's true. What boundaries do we need in our dating relationships?

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. **19** Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; **20** you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

What is Paul trying to teach us in this passage?

What did he mean when he said to flee from sexual immorality? What does it look like to flee from sexual immorality?

Leader Note: Too often we try to see how much we can get away with in regards to sin. We flirt with the line so to speak. But Paul commands us to flee from sexual immorality.

(8-12) What does it look like to flee from sexual immorality with what we see on our phones and on the internet?

(8-12) What is “the why” behind Paul’s command to flee sexual immorality (see vs 19-20)? Why does “the why” matter?

Leader Note: The why is so important when it comes to boundaries and purity. God did not put sexual boundaries in our lives simply because he wanted to. God put sexual boundaries in our lives because He loves us and knows what is best for us. That love was proven by Jesus’ death on the cross (What Paul is referencing when he says “you were bought at a price”).

GOD'S COMMAND

Ephesians 5:3-4 But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. 4 Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving

How do you take this command (this advice)?

1. A rule to be bent: Like someone in authority giving out a rule just because. If you are finding ways to skirt around it then this is you.
2. An authority figure to ignore: if you are having sex right now this is you.
3. An appearance to be saved: if you are more concerned about being caught having sex than actually honoring God this is you.

Transition - Or do you see the why behind the command. The Why matters. The why changes if and how you obey the rule

Ephesians 5:1-2 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

4. OR are you taking the approach that this command came from a loving father...
 - a. Who gave everything for me
 - b. Wants what is best for me
 - c. And I can honor him through this

Wrap up: It's only when you view this command in this light do you have any chance of honoring it.

Part of how we flee from sexual immorality is by taking steps to not put ourselves where we are going to be tempted beyond what we can resist? What steps can we take to avoid being tempted beyond the point that we can resist sexual temptation?

What would the teenager who is committed to purity in their life do and/or not do?