

LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS



WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

# Life in a sex-obsessed society

## 1 Thessalonians 4.3-6

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Jesus' **ways**, his works, his words

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband."

(John 4.16-17)

Jesus' **ways**, his works, his words

As she stood behind Jesus at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is - that she is a sinner." (Luke 7.38-39)

Jesus' ways, his **works**, his words

“Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

**And that is what some of you were.”**

(1 Corinthians 6.9-10)

Jesus' ways, his works, his **words**

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery.

... Jesus said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ... At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time ...

Jesus asked her, "Has no one condemned you? ... Then neither do I condemn you. **Go now and leave your life of sin.**" (John 8.3-11)

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Sex as *gross*

Sex as a *god*

Sex as a *gift*

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## Sex as a *gift*

“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. 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; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies.”

(1 Corinthians 6.18-20)

## Sex as a *gift*

“Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”  
(Hebrews 13.4)

## Some threats to sexual purity:

### Pornography

“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.” (1 Thessalonians 4.3-6)

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## Jesus is a great healer

“Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. **But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**” (1 Corinthians 6.9-11)