

LIVING A **GOOD LIFE** DURING **EVIL TIMES**

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7

"For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them." 1 Corinthians 9:19

1. You Must REJECT Culture's Call (5:1-5)

**SEXUAL IMMORALITY HAS OFTEN
BEEN CELEBRATED AND ACCEPTED
BY CULTURES**

**GOD'S DESIGN FOR
SEXUALITY IS
TYPICALLY EXACTLY
OPPOSITE CULTURE'S
STANDARDS**

GOD DESIGNED SEX

"Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

2. You Must EMBRACE God's Design (7:1-5)

GOD OFFERS US TWO PATHS:

1. Sanctified Singleness

"I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord." **1 Corinthians 7:32**

2. Godly Marriage

"Each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband." **1 Corinthians 7:2**

TAKING SEX OUTSIDE OF GOD'S BOUNDARIES DAMAGES US IN PROFOUND AND UNIQUE WAYS

"not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one. For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? God judges those outside. 'Purge the evil person from among you.'" **1 Corinthians 5:10-13**

WE ARE CALLED TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE PAST, BUT JESUS OFFERS YOU A NEW FUTURE

JESUS BOTH CONFRONTS YOU WITH TRUTH AND OFFERS YOU GRACE

"Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. 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**