

# PROTECTING YOUR INTIMACY.

"THEREFORE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND HOLD FAST TO HIS WIFE, AND THEY SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH."

**GENESIS 2:24** 

## GOD DESIGNED RELATIONAL INTIMACY

- 1. God designed INTIMACY with GOD.
- **2.** God designed INTMACY with NEIGHBORS.
- **3.** God designed INTIMACY with your SPOUSE.

## GOD'S DESIGN FOR MARRIAGE

- MARRIAGE is between ONE MAN and ONE WOMAN.
- MARRIAGE is an OUTLET for RELATIONAL INTIMACY created by GOD.

# FINDING RELATIONAL INTIMACY

- Reminder: Our TRUEST intimacy needs are MET in RELATIONSHIP with Jesus.
- *Design*: We must PROTECT God designed INTIMACY by setting up BOUNDARIES.
- Warning: When BOUNDARIES are CROSSED and INTIMACY is SOUGHT outside of God's DESIGN, it can cause BROKENNESS.

### RELATIONAL BOUNDARIES

	Emotional	Spiritual	Physical
	Emotional INTIMACY	Spiritual INTIMACY	Physical INTIMACY
Protections	Time TOGETHER	False ACCOUNTABILITY	Future RELATIONSHIPS
	Building DEPENDENCE	Misguided INTENTIONS	Christ-honoring PURITY
	Protect your HEART	Protect your HEART	Protect your HEART
Practical	Limit your time TOGETHER	Avoid ACCOUNTABILITY	Avoid TEMPTATIONS
	Keep other RELATIONSHIPS	Keep it PERSONAL	Establish CONVICTIONS

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US TODAY?

- 1. PREPARE now for WHO you WANT to BE (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- 2. NURTURE your INTIMACY with GOD (Deuteronomy 6:5)
- 3. TRUST Him with your PATH and STORY (Proverbs 3:5-6)