

Relationships Week Four: Biblical Sexuality



Name _____

Part One: Our Cultural Moment

How did we get here?

Genesis 1:26-28 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, **so that they may rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female** he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 2:24-25 ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

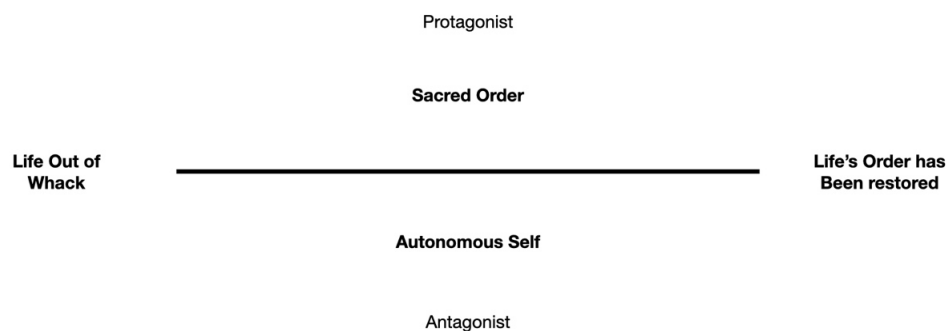
Everything in the garden before the fall was good. It is only after the fall that we see the devastating effects of sin.

Work is not a curse, it was cursed. Laziness/Sloth is the same as Workaholism. This leads us to the point when it comes to our sexuality. We do not live in a world where there is a selective group of people with a broken sexuality and then everyone else is “normal”.

No! Everyone is broken in some way when it comes to sexuality.

The West as a culture has made an idol out of romance and romantic relationships. This came out of the rise of individualism.

Almost All Previous Generations



1st Generations in History



Matthew 5:27-30 ²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ **If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body** than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

Jesus always attacks the area of our self-righteousness. Jesus is not trying to weigh people down with the law but wants to crush us with the law in the hopes that we look to Him as savior.

We believe Sex is about self-expression.

Jesus didn’t invite his disciples to express themselves, he invites them to deny themselves.

Questions:

1. How much does the topic of sexuality seem to pop up in our day to day lives.
2. How comfortable were your parents or guardians ,growing up, talking about sex and sexuality.

Part Two: Tackling some of the hard topics

A King and a kingdom. His ways are better than are ways.

Part Three: Questions and Answers