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7. Take time to pray for one another as a group.

SEQUOIA NOTES Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

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Proverbs 5

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor



Big Idea: When we <u>choose</u> to do <u>sex</u> God's way life will <u>work</u> better.

When the sexual sin steal your life?

My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel. ² Then you will show discernment, and your lips will express what you've learned.

³ For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. ⁴ But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword.

⁵ Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

⁶ For she cares nothing about the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail and doesn't realize it. ⁷ So now, my sons, listen to me. Never stray from what I am about to say:

⁸ Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house!

⁹ If you do, you will lose your honor and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved.

¹⁰ Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labor.

¹¹ In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body.
¹² You will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings!
¹³ Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to my instructors?

¹⁴ I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace." ¹⁵ Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife.

¹⁶ Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone?

¹⁷ You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers.

¹⁸ Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

¹⁹ She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always.

May you always be captivated by her love. ²⁰ Why be captivated, my son, by an immoral woman, or fondle the breasts of a promiscuous woman?

²¹ For the LORD sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes.
 ²² An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him.

²³ He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness.

How do I handle sexual temptation & ensure my sexuality is fulfilled in God honouring ways?

G **<u>Flee</u> sexual temptation.** *v*. 8

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Fulfill sexuality in God honouring ways. v. 15-20

Follow God. v. 21

Grace is available and change IS possible when I submit my sexuality to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11