

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### Our Search for Intimacy

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Proverbs 5:15-23 (NLT) Drink water from your own well—share your love only with your wife. <sup>16</sup> Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? <sup>17</sup> You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers. <sup>18</sup> **Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.** <sup>19</sup> **She is a loving deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love.** <sup>20</sup> Why be captivated, my son, by an immoral woman, or fondle the breasts of a promiscuous woman? <sup>21</sup> For the Lord sees clearly what a man does, examining every path he takes. <sup>22</sup> An evil man is held captive by his own sins; they are ropes that catch and hold him. <sup>23</sup> He will die for lack of self-control; he will be lost because of his great foolishness.

- God designed sex to be good and for our good.

- God's design for sex includes intimacy and commitment.

#### What did Jesus think about marriage and sex?

Matthew 19:3-6 (NLT) Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him [Jesus] with this question: "Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife for just any reason?" <sup>4</sup> "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.'" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' <sup>6</sup> Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

- According to Jesus, marriage & sexual intimacy also includes sexual difference.

[diganddelve.ca](http://diganddelve.ca) Biblical Sexual Ethics: Repressive or Impressive?

Proverbs 5:1-6 (NLT) My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel. <sup>2</sup> Then you will show discernment, and your lips will express what you've learned. <sup>3</sup> For the lips of an immoral woman are as sweet as honey, and her mouth is smoother than oil. <sup>4</sup> But in the end she is as bitter as poison, as dangerous as a double-edged sword. <sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave. <sup>6</sup> For she cares nothing about the path to life. She staggers down a crooked trail and doesn't realize it.

- Sexual sin promises life but it leads to death.

Proverbs 5:7-14 (NLT) So now, my sons, listen to me. Never stray from what I am about to say: <sup>8</sup> Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house! <sup>9</sup> If you do, you will lose your honour and will lose to merciless people all you have achieved. <sup>10</sup> Strangers will consume your wealth, and someone else will enjoy the fruit of your labour. <sup>11</sup> In the end you will groan in anguish when disease consumes your body. <sup>12</sup> You will say, "How I hated discipline! If only I had not ignored all the warnings! <sup>13</sup> Oh, why didn't I listen to my teachers? Why didn't I pay attention to my instructors? <sup>14</sup> I have come to the brink of utter ruin, and now I must face public disgrace."

#### How do we experience human flourishing in regard to sex?

- Receive God's grace for sexual sin.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT) Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,<sup>10</sup> or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> **Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

- Flee sexual sin and submit to God's design for sex.

Proverbs 5:8 "Stay away from her! Don't go near the door of her house!"

1 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV) "Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body."

- Seek intimacy with Christ.

Romans 6:12-14 (NLT) "Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, **give yourselves completely to God**, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. <sup>14</sup> **Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.**"

**Big Idea: Seek intimacy with Jesus Christ to experience human flourishing in every area of life.**



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**#9 of 12 - March 6, 2022**

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- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? (Take some time for Listening Prayer). How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What does it look like for you to receive God's grace, flee sexual sin and submit to God's design for sex?
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