

### **Opening Readings:**

Exodus 20:14

Ephesians 5:22-33

### **Ten Commandments Review**

- The Commands are summed up in this: Love God, love your neighbor (Matthew 22:40; Matthew 5)
- The Commands will "mess" with your life.
- This is a good thing if it drives you to the cross of Christ (Romans 3:23; Colossians 3:3)

**Main Point:** Marriage is to be held in honor by all.

### **Two Main Reasons:**

**1. Marriage is a blessing designed by God (Hebrews 13:4, Genesis 2:23-25; Proverbs 7:21-23)**

**Implication: Adultery is telling lies**

**2. Marriage is a picture of the gospel (Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Matthew 18:35)**

**Implication: The Gospel of Jesus Christ is your only hope for health and healing**

### **Applications:**

- **For husbands and wives:** Put to death whatever threatens your own faithfulness
- **For the yet to be married:** Learn faithfulness and self-control through gratitude
- **For those who will remain unmarried:** Honor the marriages around you

### **BONUS QUOTES:**

"Any action that threatens to undermine the marriage bond must be seen as endangering all human relationships. A society that diminishes the importance of marriage, the most intimate of all relationships, signals that it places a low priority on faithfulness in every other relationship." -T. Desmond Alexander

"Marriage has been, and is, to me, the best and dearest of temporal blessings..." - John Newton