

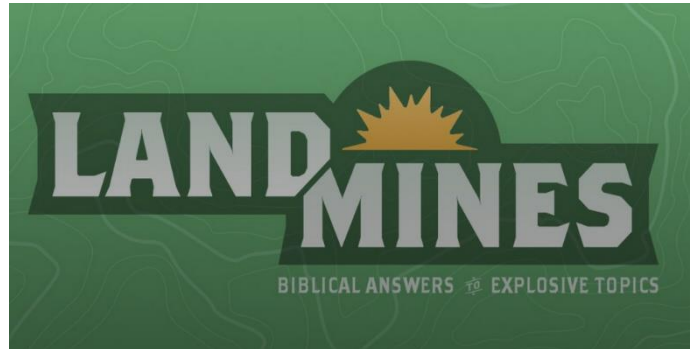


# VILLAGE BIBLE CHURCH SUGAR GROVE CAMPUS

## LANDMINES: Biblical Answers to Explosive Topics

### Sanctified Sexuality

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Turn to 1 Corinthians 6 this morning. Last week we started a new sermon series for the month of May called “Landmines,” exploring biblical answers to explosive topics that are commonplace both in our world today and in our church. The reason they can be explosive is there are varied opinions on the way we should deal with these situations and circumstances. Each week we’ll look at a different landmine which has created a culture war in our country. There is no more explosive topic in either the world or the church than that of human sexuality. Just so you know, I got a lot of sun recently, so I don’t want you to think I’m blushing the entire time—even though I might be blushing at times.

This is a serious topic that needs to be addressed by the church more than it normally is. Quite frankly, sex is everywhere—or at least it seems that way. It’s in movies, on television and on the internet. It’s the central theme of most sitcoms and even commercials. It’s deep in our political interactions and impacts our community life. Everyone has opinions on this topic. Whether you’re single or married, young or old, a believer in Christ and His Word or an unbeliever, all of us are impacted by this subject, and it runs incredibly deep. It’s not unusual for people to believe our sexuality is the center of our identity. Who we are, how we live, and how we view others is primarily determined by how we understand sexuality and gender.

It’s also an issue that has caused our nation to be so divided and so passionate that we find ourselves yelling at one another concerning our beliefs. It cuts to the core of who we are as a society and impacts how we do business with each other and how we relate to one another. It even shapes our laws and the way we legislate morality. It’s true that God created sexuality to be central to who we are. But it’s not all of who we are, nor is it even the defining element. Rather, our definition is that of created beings under a holy and righteous God.

As we look today at the issues of sexual immorality and how to identify healthy sexuality, I might be tempted to bring in some humor, but I’m not going to do that. Nor am I going to try to push the envelope. I’m not going to offer you a “birds and bees” discussion on the various elements of sexuality. Rather, I want to look at what God’s Word has to say on the subject and that we have to make a choice. Will we believe what God says about our sexuality or are we going to believe what culture tells us?

As a pastor, there are two ways to do this. A lot of pastors simply scream at culture. They’ll find a group whose lifestyle is not consistent with that of the church and demonize them as being the problem. And yes, that kind of sermon can be fun to preach. It’s easy to preach. It’s easy to point out the sins of others as a sort of modern-day Pharisee, but while it might get some applause from the pews, God is not impressed.

The approach I want to take this morning is to speak to you, as followers of Christ, with the goal of helping you understand what a healthy and God-honoring view of sexuality is. Further, I want to look at how we can then successfully navigate our way in a fallen world where holy sexuality is no longer the norm, but rather represents a minority view.

However, none of us have the ability—as a church or as individuals—to stand in judgment against one another. Does that mean we don’t speak the truth? No, we should indeed speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). But we can’t act as though we’ve

completely figured out sexuality and no one else has. What's more, we ourselves—and I include myself—have all fallen in this area and are in need of the grace of God just as much as the world is. We need God's clarity on this.

We're going to read a passage of Scripture this morning and I want you to see that the overarching theme in this passage finishes with the idea of glorifying God with our bodies. That is the end game. That's what we as Christians are called to do. Our primary concern should not be to pursue pleasure or satisfy our appetites. We are creatures of a Creator Who has established rules for how we are to live, and we need to follow Him.

We also need to remember that He is a loving and gracious God, and He gave us our sexuality both for His glory and for our good. On the other hand, the world has one approach to sexuality: if it feels right, do it. Feast on it. Stretch it as far as it can go. Pursue it in every possible way. Push the barriers and break the molds. As every day goes by, we move farther and farther from God's truth about how we were created as sexual beings. Instead of obeying Him and treasuring His ways, we have made ourselves gods. We believe everything that feels good should be our right to have. To the extent we've departed from God's ways, we as a society find ourselves unfulfilled, seeking for a sexuality that never delivers. God longs for each of us to experience, embrace and enjoy our sexuality, but it must be brought under the lordship of Jesus Christ and His Word.

As I read and discuss this passage, I want to speak biblically, graciously and truthfully. My goal is not to demonize any person or group of people. Rather, I want to preach God's Word as it is plainly written. I know there will be some in here who will think, "He has no idea what he is talking about." At minimum, then, if that's what you think, stop listening to me—but hear what the Bible says. Then you're welcome to make your decisions and choose how you will live.

This is what the Apostle Paul told the church at Corinth 2,000 years ago, and it would be good for us to hear these words—not as being old-fashioned or outdated—but as truths that can transform us, including our sexuality. We'll begin in 1 Corinthians 6:9:

<sup>9</sup>Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

<sup>12</sup>"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

<sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

<sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

In a world where we're told to "Do, do, do" whatever we like sexually, I want to give you some "Don'ts." These are not the kind of don'ts you might expect from the church; rather they're don'ts that will help us navigate the cultural landmine our sexuality has created.

## **Don't be too quick to judge—we are all flawed.**

Our text begins with some sobering words. Twice we are told there will be people who will not inherit the Kingdom of God. In other words, they won't have a relationship with God. They won't enjoy His blessings. They won't experience life change in Christ. They won't live eternally in heaven, a place where all their desires would be fulfilled because of the work of Jesus. That should give us pause.

Paul includes a list of sinful activities that indicate which people will be found in this group. Right away we might make a bee line for the one that makes headlines today. There are other things in this list we might be tempted to wink at, but there's one that's huge: homosexuality.

Right away, I want to be very careful. You'll hear in the media that the Bible never addresses this subject, but it does—right here, in black and white, in 1 Corinthians 6:9. The Bible is clearly against that particular activity. It's one thing that specifically keeps people from inheriting the Kingdom of God.

But before we get on our high horse, pointing to 3–4% of the American population, we need to realize that's not the only behavior or lifestyle in this list. If we're honest, none of us can read that catalog of sins and not admit we've fallen into at least one of them. Because of that, we would not inherit God's Kingdom on our own. We are revilers, sexually immoral, idolaters, and adulterers. We're thieves, greedy, drunkards, and swindlers. There are many other sins not listed here that also keep us out of God's Kingdom.

As Paul wrote in Romans 3:23, all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. So why should we point to one person's sin and call it worse than our own? Even though there is a variety of sins listed here and in other places, the outcome is always the same. Those who sin in any way will not inherit the Kingdom of God. They will be kept from God's blessings and from a relationship with Him; they will fall short of His glory.

You and I must always realize we can never be salt and light in this world until we are honest and humble enough to admit that we are also broken and lost apart from the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. If you agree that all of us live in and love and embrace our sins, then here are some things we need to remember.

### As human beings, we are easily confused.

Paul tells us in Romans 1 that sinful humanity has traded truth for a lie and nowhere is this more evident than in the matter of our sexuality. We know the truth and we could be set free by that truth, but time and again we pursue a lie instead. To be sure, this lie has been attractively advertised. It's shared by our celebrities and politicians. We are told everywhere that the sexually immoral life is the normal way to live.

Paul is not saying, however, that our sexuality itself is the problem. Sexuality is God's wonderful gift to us. Rather, it's how we live it out that makes the difference. We are prone to sinful choices rather than following God's ways. Paul even writes in 1 Corinthians 6:12 that we're "enslaved." Our ideas about sexuality have us thinking we can't live unless we live as the world tells us.

One of the great arguments used in our days is, "This is who I am." But we need to realize who we are is who God says we are. We are allowed to do what He allows us to do. But we're either enslaved to God or we're enslaved to our own appetites and pleasures. Because of this, our lives, our families, our communities, our society, and our world are filled with sins, such as these which are cataloged in our text, that will bring on God's wrath and will deprive us of inheriting His Kingdom.

### As human beings, we lack compassion.

Especially as believers, all too often we lack compassion. We are the ones who have been cleansed and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. We're His followers who are called to glorify God in our bodies. We were bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:19–20) and have been made one in the body of Christ. So what should our response be? It's not to point to the sins of everybody else and point out how good we are, something we commonly do. We have short memories about where we were before Christ rescued us. Paul thus reminded the Corinthians specifically, "*And such were some of you...*"

If we were to be honest, we all still struggle with a sexuality that doesn't honor God, both before we came to know Him and after we came to know Him. Even as one who preaches against the sins of our culture, it's not my place to cast the first stone. I am still facing sin myself. I am not living out God's best all the time and I expect you're not either.

We need to have compassion. Even as our culture lives in the futility of their own thinking, seeking to make a god out of sexuality, we should see them as broken people, not that much different from ourselves. We should have compassion on those who struggle with their gender identity. We should have compassion for heterosexual sinners, as well as LGBTQ individuals. Our calling is to show them the love of Christ, while holding true to God's Word.

As Christians, we know that since the fall of Adam, we are a broken humanity. Our decisions and activities are futile, ever since we chose a lie over the truth. When we encounter someone who is struggling, even if they are celebrating their sin, our hearts should be full of compassion, just as Jesus was filled with compassion for the broken people around Him.

A second reason we should show compassion is that many people—including people here—are struggling with their sexuality and these struggles run the gamut in our world today. For many, we began to deal with our sexuality prematurely. We might have been introduced to pornography at an early age—an age at which God never intended us to encounter these things. As our bodies and

brains developed, these inappropriate images short-circuited our natural development. Thus, we need to remember that for many, brokenness has not been of their own making.

Beyond this, we must also realize that sexual abuse is rampant in our day. Quite possibly a person who is now struggling with their sexuality wasn't looking for this kind of lifestyle, but something perhaps in their younger years was done to them. Many people today are completely confused about what they experienced and what they should now be doing. Our hearts should be filled with compassion for those whose sexuality has been turned upside down through abuse. It's estimated that one third of the women and one fourth of the men in our world today have been sexually abused—and it's not all taking place outside the church.

Finally, as Christians we must realize that the fallen world is being held captive by the evil one. People are simply not aware of the truth. Their eyes haven't been opened to the truth. Rather, people by nature are inclined to rebel against the truth. We need to love, pray, and minister to those around us who are broken—often in ways we can't ourselves understand. We need to show compassion.

### As human beings, we lack clarity.

Last week I showed you a slide about where our minds are. As we learned last week, our thinking leads to behaviors and, in the same way, what we think about our sexuality will inevitably lead us to certain behavior. No wonder our sexuality is so often restless, confused, deluded, and sinful. We need help. We need someone to guide us, but not the celebrities of our culture. It's not the Supreme Court. Only God can bring us the clarity we need.

Paul tells us why we can no longer live with this warped mindset. We are Christians who have been bought with a price and are now directly connected with our Creator God. We must now turn to His Word for clarity, because our sexual desires must no longer be supreme. God is supreme. But in our culture, sexual desires rule and therefore are an idol to us, whether it's within or outside of marriage. The greatness of our existence as sexual beings is to showcase the ultimate greatness of God. Anything else leads to trouble. We have to look to God to understand our sexuality.

### As human beings, we need change.

If there was ever a place where we need grace, this is it. We're broken, dirty and guilty sinners who are seeking fulfillment in the lesser at the cost of the greater. Yet, what does God do? He's clear that in our present state we cannot inherit His Kingdom. No entrance. No admittance. We're not allowed to enjoy the things of God. But praise Him, He doesn't leave us there. Through the work of Jesus Christ, we can be washed clean. On our own, our sexuality leads us to a dirty life. But through salvation, we enter the on-going process of cleansing called sanctification. Our sexuality isn't fixed instantly when we're saved. Rather, day by day, Scripture by Scripture, God begins to reveal to us the mind of Christ regarding all things, including sexuality.

Notice that 1 Corinthians 6:11 adds to cleansing and sanctification the reality that we are also justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God. That means when God looks at us now, He doesn't see people who can't inherit the Kingdom, but rather people who already have inherited the Kingdom. It's not by our own righteous works, but according to His own mercy that He has saved us (Titus 3:4-7). We need a change, and God is the One Who can bring it.

## Don't be fooled—counterfeits abound.

As we're changed, we live in a culture that tells us our change represents bigotry, that we're now intolerant and judgmental. I will say, yes, there are many times when Christians have been bigoted or intolerant or judgmental. But the Scripture makes God's position clear and we know He's neither a bigot nor intolerant. He's a God of love and justice. So the second thing we need to see is that because God has set a standard for our sexuality, we need to be careful not to be fooled by the many counterfeits in our world.

As our minds are bombarded with all sorts of options, we must decide if we're going to believe God and what He says is best for us, or if we're going to believe the many alternatives the world offers us. God has only one standard, regardless of public opinion, Supreme Court rulings, or the feelings in our own bodies. God demands that we bring Him glory with our bodies and He's the One Who has that right. We've been bought with a price and He's the only One Who is able to determine what brings Him glory.

Let's look first at some of the things that do not bring Him glory.

- First, there's fornication, which is sexual thoughts and activities outside the marital relationship. It's "going too far" as a boyfriend and girlfriend. It's lustfully meditating on sexual images.

- Then there's adultery, which is marital unfaithfulness. You're in a one-flesh relationship with your wife or husband, but you've now gotten involved sexually with another person. That's out of bounds and it does not bring God glory.
- Another thing that does not glorify God is transgenderism. God created us male and female. God said it in the Garden, and it was affirmed by Jesus in His ministry. It was also codified in the apostles' writings. I get that there's a lot of confusion and struggle here, but that doesn't change the fact that God created us male and female. To reject this is to reject God's best for us and gives Him no glory in our bodies.
- Then there's pornography, which is looking at the naked bodies of others for sexual gratification. God never intended for us to be voyeurs of someone else's sexual fulfillment. It was something to be privately engaged in between husbands and wives alone—never paraded or showcased. We are to be people of great modesty, which the Bible talks about over and over again. We must be careful to avoid erotic literature, even when it doesn't cross the line into pornography. We must be careful what we put into our minds through words. What often gets closer to home for us is sex and nudity in movies or on television. I'm blown away by the number of Christians who watch shows like "Game of Thrones," which is known for all kind of sexual immorality and nudity. It's pornography with a plot. It doesn't bring glory to God, nor does it bring us the fulfillment God desires for us.
- There's homosexuality, which is a sexual relationship between people of the same sex; or bisexuality, which is the desire to have sexual activity with both genders.
- Prostitution is paying for sex in any fashion.
- Self-gratification.

None of these choices brings God glory. If we're honest about it, we realize how much we all need a Savior. All of these counterfeits attempt to sell us something far less than the genuine joy God offers. Yet each of these start out sweet and alluring, as we see in the book of Proverbs. But God has created our sexuality for our good when we glorify God with it. How is this done?

### God-glorifying sexuality must be governed.

God has approved one arena in which we are to practice our sexuality, for all people and for all time. How do we know this? Some people might say I'm just getting these ideas from an old book and that they're old-fashioned and out of date. What we have to understand is that these social norms are not ours to create. We're too small of a sample group. We can't say all people everywhere should do as we do based on a poll of our opinions. If we take a poll in first service, that might not come out the same as one done in second service. Also, we live in Sugar Grove, but what would the people in New York say? What would the people in China say?

An authentic norm takes into account all people with all backgrounds in all places and at all times. The Bible covers thousands of years between Genesis and Revelation. Hundreds of years have passed from Adam to John's writing of the last book in the Bible. Also, the Bible spans a large number of locations—from Iraq to the Roman Empire. Lifestyles have changed. Yet over all that time, space, and people groups, in every case people affirmed how marriage and sexuality was to be defined. This is so important, because this generation we live in thinks we can define things differently than every other generation across history has. No matter what religion or culture you look at over history, the default position has been that sexual relationships were properly to take place between one man and one woman.

It started in Genesis 2:24. From the very beginning, God said, *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to..."* any woman? No. Any guy? No. The man is going to *"leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and not ashamed."* In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul quotes Genesis 2: *"And the two will become one flesh."* How can any two become one flesh? The answer is that a man finds a woman, they marry and the two become one.

But there are a lot of counterfeits. Paul says you are not to become one flesh with a prostitute. That's out of bounds. Jesus says in Matthew 19:5, *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."* It is in that union alone where our sexuality can be fully expressed for our good and without any guilt before God.

### God-glorifying sexuality must be guided.

God-glorifying sexuality has to be exercised under authority. If you agree with what I've been saying, you're agreeing that God is the authority over your sexuality. You're telling God, *"I'm not the authority. My culture is not the authority. My feelings or my past experiences are not going to determine what I do. Rather, I'm going to be governed and guided by Your Word."* Or you might

choose to say, “No, I don’t believe this intolerant drivel you’re speaking. This Book was written so long ago and I’ve given up on it. I’m going to go my own way.”

It’s your decision. Will you be guided by God, or will you be guided by your own emotions and feelings as the world encourages you to do? In His longsuffering, God has given us this choice. But you must realize that if you refuse God’s guidance, you will not inherit the Kingdom of God—not just regarding your sexuality, but in all aspects of your life. If we reject God’s ways, we will also be rejecting His blessings in this life and in the life to come.

### God-glorifying sexuality must be guarded.

There are many “dangers, toils and snares” along the way. We read in Proverbs 5:3–14 an extensive warning against adultery:

- <sup>3</sup> For the lips of a forbidden woman drip honey,  
and her speech is smoother than oil,  
<sup>4</sup> but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,  
sharp as a two-edged sword.  
<sup>5</sup> Her feet go down to death;  
her steps follow the path to Sheol;  
<sup>6</sup> she does not ponder the path of life;  
her ways wander, and she does not know it.  
<sup>7</sup> And now, O sons, listen to me,  
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.  
<sup>8</sup> Keep your way far from her,  
and do not go near the door of her house,  
<sup>9</sup> lest you give your honor to others  
and your years to the merciless,  
<sup>10</sup> lest strangers take their fill of your strength,  
and your labors go to the house of a foreigner,  
<sup>11</sup> and at the end of your life you groan,  
when your flesh and body are consumed,  
<sup>12</sup> and you say, “How I hated discipline,  
and my heart despised reproof!  
<sup>13</sup> I did not listen to the voice of my teachers  
or incline my ear to my instructors.  
<sup>14</sup> I am at the brink of utter ruin  
in the assembled congregation.”

Solomon continues with this advice:

- <sup>15</sup> Drink water from your own cistern,  
flowing water from your own well.  
<sup>16</sup> Should your springs be scattered abroad,  
streams of water in the streets?  
<sup>17</sup> Let them be for yourself alone,  
and not for strangers with you.  
<sup>18</sup> Let your fountain be blessed,  
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,  
<sup>19</sup> a lovely deer, a graceful doe.  
Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;  
be intoxicated always in her love.  
<sup>20</sup> Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman  
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?  
<sup>21</sup> For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD,  
and he ponders<sup>1</sup> all his paths.  
<sup>22</sup> The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him,

and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.

<sup>23</sup> He dies for lack of discipline,

and because of his great folly he is led astray.

You don't think ancient texts are relevant for us today? My goodness, if we would just receive their words as truth, the anguish we experience in our lives and in our world would be all but gone.

There are three reasons we need to guard our sexuality.

- First, when we pursue sexuality apart from God's design, we encounter disgrace. Proverbs 5:9 says we'll give our honor to others. How many of us who can't control our sexuality have fallen into grievous disgrace? We've seen this with politicians and with pastors, people who have lost everything because they couldn't control their lust.
- Second, if our sexuality is not guarded by God, it can lead to disease. In verse 11 Solomon says your body will be consumed. He's talking about the reality of sexually transmitted diseases that accompany a sexually immoral life. Yes, these were around 3,000 years ago, and they're around today. The Center for Disease Control says 50% of 18–25-year-old kids are carrying around a sexually transmitted disease. They weren't born with these. The CDC calls it the "pandemic of our generation." Here's the sad thing: many of them don't know they're carriers of STDs until it's too late. As a result, these diseases can cause cancer, damaged immune systems, and all kinds of other illnesses. While the Bible says no one sin is greater than another, Paul calls sexual sin a sin against our own body. We become enemies of our own vessel.
- Finally, in Proverbs 5:12–14, sexual immorality brings disappointment. Here's the lament of a man who says, "I wish I would have listened." I can't tell you how many times I've heard from people and seen in my own life the dramatic impact of sin. Some of you right now are screaming inside because of the disappointments you've had due to the decisions you've made. We wish we could go back to those times, then instead of saying yes to our bodies, we would have said no.

There are young people who have gone too far with their boyfriend or girlfriend and now have to explain to their future spouse what they did. There can be great sorrow when a person is caught in porn. There is great devastation after someone has an affair. We can carry this deep guilt day in and day out, but that's not what God desires for us. God wants our sexuality to be governed, guided, and guarded by His instructions, because we live in a world that has blown it so badly that it can never be righted. Instead of choosing God, we allow the blind to lead the blind. Sexual counterfeits abound.

## **Don't give up hope—victory is found in Jesus.**

In a world that sexuality is all about do, do, do, let me give you one more don't. Don't give up hope, because victory is found in Jesus. We're all sinners and we need a Savior. Why talk about sin? Because it reminds us that while we are broken and dysfunctional, we have a great Savior. He's the glorious One, the wonderful One, the perfect One. He's the One Who came to die on a cross for our sins. He's the One Who became sin on our behalf. He's the One Who took our pride, anger, gluttony, envy and lust—He took our broken-down, filthy sexuality—and He nailed all these things to the cross, canceling our debt.

### **Through Jesus we can be fulfilled.**

Because we have such a glorious Savior to Whom we can run, when it comes to our sexuality, we find our fulfillment in Christ and not in sex. Whatever sin you're dealing with, go to the cross. Cling to the cross. Pursue the cross, so you can be forgiven. That's why we worship and adore Jesus, not sex. He alone fulfills us and gives us our identity. He alone determines what is right and good for us. He did not create our sexuality to be a killjoy, but we need to experience it according to His design.

### **Through Jesus we can flee temptation.**

In 1 Corinthians 6:18, Paul tells us to "*flee from sexual immorality.*" He goes on to explain why. "*Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.*" As we leave today, we're going to be bombarded with all kinds of immorality. The Greek word for flee is *pheugo*, which means "You go!" Don't stand there. Don't knock on its door. Don't look through the peep hole. Run. Seek safety by flight. Whenever a temptation advertises sexuality that it not right for you, don't linger and try to resist it. Don't dip your toe in it. Get out of there as quickly as you can. Flee temptation.

## Through Jesus we can gain forgiveness.

Finally, we can gain forgiveness through Jesus. I'm talking now to a group of people who all have fallen sexuality. For some it was in the past, but for others, it's in the present. For some it may come in the future. If you are a sexually flawed individual, if you're sexually broken, you've come to the right place. It is here that we admit we all deal with sin and we all need God's help. It is also here that we're called into community, to help one another and confess to one another. We're to serve each other, no matter what our issues or struggles may be. We don't celebrate sin here at Village Bible Church—we stand opposed to it, knowing we have a Savior Who's conquered our sins once and for all.

It is because of this that we worship Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords. He's the only One Who can address these things, and He's the only One Who can enable you to find your fulfillment, to find your place and your identity, But when you and I fall, we can also find forgiveness through His blood. And one day, we will be welcomed into eternity by Him.

We have a huge landmine before us. In our world today, the sexual landmine is probably as big as they get. But let me remind you that as big as our sexuality is, God is bigger. As great as our sexuality is, God is greater. As wonderful as our sexuality is, God is even more wonderful. Because of that, brothers and sisters, let us pursue Him, acknowledging Him and Him alone in all facets of our lives, including our pursuit of sexuality.

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