

Making Sex an Act of Love

Study Questions

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Pastor shared a number of statistics on the benefit of waiting to engage in sex until after marriage. Why do you think those who wait are find the physical relationship more satisfying?
3. Some that were raised in the church grew up with a perspective the sex was evil but it is not. What do we learn from passages like Genesis 2:25?
4. Many parents fail to educate their children about advantages of waiting until they are married. What do we learn from Solomon's instruction for his son? (Proverbs 5:15-19)
5. What insights can we glean for our own marriages from Solomon's words in Proverbs? What would be some temptations to be aware of and to avoid?
6. Read Deuteronomy 24:5. What statement is God making by establishing these commandment for his people to follow? How could we apply this today?
7. Pastor shared four ways that the husband and wife are different. What there one that stood out to you? Why?
8. It is easy to make demands on our spouse when we become frustrated. We can use guilt and even the Bible to force them to change. What was Pastors emphasis in discussing 1 Corinthians 7:3-5. Why is this important?
9. It is easy to get stuck in the emotional phase of love. What are some of the dangers of not moving to the commitment phase? How does the commitment phase change a marriage for the better?

Digging Deeper

10. Make a commitment to be the best spouse. Begin by asking God for his help. If you are willing then ask your spouse to help you.

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Happily Ever After

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God Created _____ - It is _____

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

Genesis 2:24-25 ESV

God Created _____ to be _____ in Marriage

"Drink water from your own cistern, flowing water from your own well. Should your springs be scattered abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be for yourself alone, and not for strangers with you. Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love."

Proverbs 5:15-19 ESV

Helps for Making Sex an Act of Love

1. Making Love takes _____

"When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be liable for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken."

Deuteronomy 24:5 ESV

God _____ Husband and Wife Differently

_____ Differently

Different _____

Respond to the _____ **Differently**

2. Making Love is _____

“The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.”
1 Corinthians 7:3–5 ESV

3. Making Love is a _____

“However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.”
Ephesians 5:33 ESV

Two Stages of Love

Stage 1— _____

Stage 2— _____