

# open heart

a sermon series on relationships

Intimacy: Lessons learned

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# In marriage, 2 people becomes 1



- (Gen 2:24) Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
- (Mat 19:5) and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?
- (Eph 5:31) “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”



# God encourages marital intimacy



- (Pro 5:18) Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
- (Pro 5:19) a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.
- (Pro 5:20) Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a forbidden woman and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?

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- (1Co 7:5) 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.



What is the plan of the enemy for intimacy?



## When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:1) Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her.
- (2 Sa 13:2) And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her.

# When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:3) But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And Jonadab was a very crafty man.
- (2 Sa 13:4) And he said to him, “O son of the king, why are you so haggard morning after morning? Will you not tell me?” Amnon said to him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.”



# When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:5) Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, ‘Let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.’”



# When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:6) So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. And when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, “Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.”
- (2 Sa 13:7) Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, “Go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him.”

# When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:8) So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked the cakes.
- (2 Sa 13:9) And she took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, “Send out everyone from me.” So everyone went out from him.



## When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:10) Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand.” And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.
- (2 Sa 13:11) But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.”



# When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:12) She answered him, “No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing.
- (2 Sa 13:13) As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you.”

## When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:14) But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.
- (2 Sa 13:15) Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Get up! Go!”



## When love is not love



- (2 Sa 13:16) But she said to him, “No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me.” But he would not listen to her.
- (2 Sa 13:17) He called the young man who served him and said, “Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her.”



## When 2 becomes 1 there is always a “bond”



- (1 Co 6:15) 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!
- (1 Co 6:16) 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.”

**When 2 becomes 1 there is always a “bond”**



- (1 Co 6:17) But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

# Jesus came to forgive and restore you



- (1 Pe 3:18) For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,



# **Jesus came to forgive and restore you**



1) Jesus the pure one, died for each unrighteous sinner who would call on His name

# Jesus came to forgive and restore you



- (Joh 19:23) When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom,

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- 1) Jesus the pure one, died for each unrighteous sinner who would call on His name
- 2) Naked and shameful, the perfect Jesus died, to cover every shame in your place



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- (Mat 27:46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

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- 1) Jesus the pure one, died for each unrighteous sinner who would call on His name
- 2) Naked and shameful, the perfect Jesus died, to cover every shame in your place
- 3) Jesus was rejected from community with the Father, so that your community may be restored