

Think It Over: This section is about turning what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take your own next step. If you are leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

- Maintaining sexual purity can be a significant challenge, especially in our sexually charged culture. It would be easy for us to think sexual purity is impossible or no big deal but fortunately God hasn't left us as prisoners to ourselves or our environment. Look up and read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. What motivation and steps do these verses give us to combat this challenge?
- What are some specific situations or places you may need to "avoid" in order to prevent temptation and help you maintain sexual purity?
- King David found himself humbled and broken after being confronted by a friend and realizing he too had bought into the timeless lie. Psalm 51 gives us an amazing picture of how David then came before God asking for forgiveness and processing the realization of his sinfulness. As you read this Psalm, underline or write down the statements and thoughts that you see as important to understand when it comes to dealing with any of your own sins.
- How do the following passages help you further understand God's grace and process your shortcomings with Him? Isaiah 59:1-3; 53:6; 55:6-7; Jeremiah 33:6-9
- What other strategies does God give us to help in maintaining sexual purity? Read Psalm 119:9-11; Luke 22:40; Hebrews 2:17-18; 10:24-25. Is there one of these that you need to add or re-apply to your life?

Next Steps: Here are some resources that you may find to be helpful: fightthenewdrug.org, tindellbaldwin.com, and xxxchurch.com. Remember, what is online will become offline. What steps will you take to make Proverbs 28:13 and 2 Corinthians 10:5 a part of your life?

Changing Your Mind: Choose one of the verses listed in the Message Guide and commit it to heart.



If you missed a message, visit www.scc.website or request a CD at Guest Services.



Why we need to _____ desire
that was _____ for _____:

¹³You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you. Proverbs 28:13 GNB

➔ A _____ Lie

Genesis 3:1-5 NIV page 2

- Sex is not just a _____ .

¹⁶There's more to sex than mere skin on skin. Sex is as much spiritual mystery as physical fact. As written in Scripture, "The two become one." 1 Corinthians 6:16 MSG

The word pornography originates from two words: *prostitute* and *writing*. It is anything that is written, painted, filmed, or produced to arouse sexual desire in the way a person would hire a prostitute, to fulfill their sexual desires. It is designed to function the same way a prostitute would function.

- You're not _____
if you're not _____.
- A great lover is not someone
with _____.

➤ A _____ Story

Proverbs 7:1-27 NIV page 442

- God created sex to be a _____.

- Sex is powerful enough to _____.

➤ A _____ Problem

⁵Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. ⁶Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Proverbs 3:5-6 MSG

- Can I _____ enough to give Him _____?
- When God says "No," it is to _____ and _____.

God created sex for our pleasure and for our good, but He also gave us boundaries for sexual purity. Sex is to be enjoyed between a man and a woman within the covenant of marriage. If you're single, sexual purity is not having sex. If you're married, sexual purity is having sex with your spouse and no one else.

What to do when your _____ and _____
_____ what you know is _____:

²⁸But don't think you've preserved your virtue simply by staying out of bed. Your heart can be corrupted by lust even quicker than your body. Those leering looks you think nobody notices—they also corrupt.

Matthew 5:28 MSG

➤ _____.

³¹But I made an agreement with my eyes not to look with desire at a girl. Job 31:1 NCV

➤ _____ your _____.

⁵...We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5 NCV

Philippians 4:8 NIV page 820

➤ _____ for your _____.

⁷Don't assume that you know it all. Run to GOD! Run from evil! Proverbs 3:7 MSG

Genesis 39:12 NIV page 29

➤ _____ healthy _____.

³The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. ⁴Marriage is not a place to "stand up for your rights." Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out. Don't refuse to give your bodies to each other... 1 Corinthians 7:3-4 MSG, ERV

➤ Be _____ with God's love.

⁸Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see— how good GOD is. Blessed are you who run to him. Psalm 34:8 MSG

Psalm 90:14 NIV page 413

³⁰At the resurrection we're beyond marriage. As with the angels, all our ecstasies and intimacies then will be with God. Matthew 22:30 MSG

Bottom Line:

Intimacy is not a _____ you _____.

It is a _____ you direct from a full _____.

Resources for this series include messages from Life Church, CenterPoint Church-Concord NH, NewPointe Church-Dover, OH, Principle of the Path by Andy Stanley, and C3Church-Ironton OH

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