

**→ Relationship Status: Whatever I Can Get – 1 Corinthians 6:12-7:1****1 Corinthians 6:12:7:1**

12 “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. 13 “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. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 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! 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.” 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 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, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 7:1 Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: “It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman.”

**Background**

Simply put, sexual immorality is any sexual act outside the context of marriage. There was a temple in Corinth sitting on the small mountain overlooking the city. There were prostitutes associated with the worship of that temple. A farmer would come to have sex with a prostitute with the hopes that the act of sex would stir the goddess to bless his harvest. Sadly, over time the access to prostitutes became a means for the locals and visiting sailors to have sex.

What did you put into practice from last weeks study and discussion?

What is one item that stood out from this weeks message?

Can you think of a recent time that you tried to avoid a person or a particular situation? Why?

**Read 1 Corinthians 6:12 – 7:1**

What does this passage tell you about Jesus?

What does this passage tell you about your responsibility as a follower of Jesus?

There are two extreme views on sex in this passage. What are they?

Some Corinthians were using the phrase ALL THINGS ARE LAWFUL FOR ME to justify their behavior of having sex with the Temple of Aphrodite’s prostitutes. The whole first sentence in verse 13 was their explanation. The first sentence should have parenthesis around it. Put parenthesis around that sentence and re-read it.

What were they saying by this sentence “*Food is meant...*”? This may be a tough one. The answer can be found in the second half of verse 13 and 14-15.

Vs. 16 - 17 Paul quotes from Genesis 2:24. Obviously Paul is speaking about more than just the physical act of sex when he speaks of oneness.

What does this oneness look like between Jesus and you, his follower?

What does it mean to be one in spirit with Jesus?

Verse 18 says - **Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.**

Why is sexual immorality a sin against our body?

Why are we commanded to flee from sexual immorality?

What are steps you can take to flee sexual immorality?

How should a follower of Jesus honor God with our bodies in the following situations?

- A couple who is getting married has decided to move in together for a couple of months to save on rent before the wedding date.
- Someone's girlfriend is coming in from out of town and they need a place to stay. The boyfriend decides to sleep on the couch and offers his bed to his girlfriend.
- A couple has made a commitment to each other, but is not yet married. They decide that having sex is a way to communicate their commitment to each other.
- A woman is fearful of losing her boyfriend initiates sex with her boyfriend as a way of keeping him.
- A married person traveling on business can have extended time with someone of the opposite sex. How should a follower of Christ handle the extended time with airplane travels, means, workout sessions, hotel rooms, etc.

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