

More than Biological Urges

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- I will ask God to reveal the truth about me to myself.
- I will examine my life with an open mind and a humble spirit.
- I will not compare someone's public self to my private self.
- I will look for the glory self in others and in myself.
- I will encourage others to become their glory self.

SERMON SUMMARY

Pastor Matt's sermon, "More Than Biological Urges," delves into the intricate nature of human sexuality, emphasizing its depth and spiritual implications, particularly in the context of marriage. He addresses the powerful influence of sexuality in today's world, touching on the prevalence of sexual addiction and the emotional scars caused by violations.

Pastor Matt stresses the importance of sexual faithfulness in relationships, highlighting its role in fostering deep connections and trust. Ultimately, the sermon offers a message of hope and restoration, reminding listeners of God's grace and the opportunity for healing and redemption in this area of their lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do people pursue sexual gratification at a high cost? In your life, have you ever experienced or observed others sacrificing important relationships or values for short-term pleasure? How can this be avoided?
2. In what ways can sexual intimacy outside of marriage lead to negative consequences? What are some practical steps that can be taken to commit to God's design for sexuality within the context of marriage?
3. Why is marriage more than just a piece of paper? How can those preparing for marriage or already married work towards strengthening the bond between their body and soul to better honor God's design for sexuality?
4. What does it mean when people do not experience guilt or shame after engaging in sexual activity outside of marriage? How can being honest with ourselves about our feelings of guilt or shame help us in making better decisions and aligning our choices with God's design for sexuality?

5. How can we find hope and restoration after making mistakes in our sexuality? What steps can you take to seek God's healing and restoration in your life or support those who have made mistakes in this area of their lives?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

- Genesis 1:27
- Genesis 2:24
- 1 Corinthians 6:13-18

Next Steps

- I will honor God's design for sexuality.
- I will reserve sexual intimacy for marriage.
- I will make whatever changes I need to make to get in harmony with God's intent.

Prayer Request(s)

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