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Enjoy, protect, and cultivate
God's good gift of sex to grow in
oneness as husband and wife.

God's Design – the beginning

Genesis 2:18, 23-25

1. Leaving
2. Uniting
3. Oneness

Question:

How do we live out a Genesis 1 & 2 design in a Genesis 3 world?

Words of Wisdom

- o *Proverbs 5:18-20*
 - Sex is for pleasure
 - Sex is exclusive

o *Song of Solomon 4*

- Sex is romantic (v.1-4)
- Sex is passionate (v.5-6)
- Sex is tender
- Sex is reciprocal/mutual (not self-gratifying) (v.12-16)
- Sex is fulfilling (5:1)

New Testament Principles

- o *Hebrews 13:4*
 - Sex is holy
- o *I Corinthians 7:1-5*
 - Sex is exclusive (v.2)
 - Sex is selfless (mutuality; equality) (v.3-4)
 - Sex is a gift (reciprocity)
 - Sex protects the marriage (against infidelity) (v.5)

Parent Prompts for This Week:

1. Do you think you'll be married someday?
2. Read Genesis 2:23-25, what words does the Bible use to describe this special bond between a husband and wife?
3. This is a perfect opportunity to introduce your child to a biblical understanding of sexuality. A helpful resource might be "The Talk" by Luke Gilkerson.



This is a great time to enjoy friendship and conversation in a Home Group. Consider signing up online at www.trinityonline.org.

FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE

Who, if anyone, talked to you about 'the birds and the bees'? Why are we nervous about talking about God's design for sex?

LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

Here's the challenge this week: Read through each passage and summarize the positive purposes of sex according to God's design.

Proverbs 5:18-20

Song of Solomon 4:1-5:1

Hebrews 13:4

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

DISCUSS TOGETHER

What are common discussions about sex? Do you ever have conversations with friends about sex? What are the usual reasons?

In your studies or the message last Sunday, what are the many purposes for sex?

How has "the fog" of sin blinded people to God's design for sex? How has this affected God's family?

How can God's design for sex help us bring truth and grace to the people in our worlds?

PRAY

- For the "Gathering at the Well" this Thursday
- For high schoolers reaching others on their campuses
- For your groups adopted global partners