



God's Design for Sexuality is Very Good

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Embracing the Truth

- **Sexuality is God's design and it is very good**

Genesis 1:26-28

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it ..."

Genesis 1:31

31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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- **Female and male are a reflection of the image of God (The Imago Dei)**

Genesis 1:27

27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

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- **Sexual intimacy in the biblical context is about fruitfulness and faithfulness**

Genesis 1:28

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it ..."

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- **In perfect paradise, God made a man and a woman**

Genesis 2:20-22

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then

closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

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- **God gave life-giving boundaries, from the very beginning**

Genesis 2:15-17

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

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- **God made women and men to be different and complementary in a beautiful and equal way**

Genesis 2:18

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:21-22

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If me and my wife were identical, one of us would be unnecessary, and I'm pretty sure it would be me! - Garth Megargee

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- **One flesh intimacy is both physical and spiritual**

Genesis 2:23-24

23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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- **Sexuality (in its biblical context) is a place of "no shame"**

Genesis 2:25

25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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- **God lets us choose**

Engaging in God's Good Life

- **Recognize, celebrate, and affirm God's good design for us**

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- **Beware of the costs and consequences of living outside of God's design**

Proverbs 5:3-5

For the lips of the adulterous woman drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; 4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death;

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- **The gift of confession and repentance**

Psalms 51 (David's Confession after serious sexual sin)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

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- **Walking like Jesus, in a balance of grace and truth**

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 8:9-11

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."