



## Session 10 – God's Fifth Rule of Relationship: Sexual Intimacy

**Introduction:** All of these other laws of relationships may seem operating in other areas; this one is absolutely unique in the marriage relationship. And that is the physical, sexual relationship between a man and his wife.

- **What does God say about sex?**

**Answer: Genesis 1:27 (ESV)** – <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God made it. He designed the male and female body with sexual capacity. And in Gen 1:31 says all he has created is GOOD and that includes sex.

- **What importance does God place on the marriage sexual relationship?**

**Answer:** God says adultery is a ground for ending the marriage. It is very important.

**1 Corinthians 7:3-5 (ESV)** – <sup>3</sup> The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

**Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)** <sup>4</sup> – Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Mr. Hatch shares, “My friend, you’ll never know sex as it really is, as it is really meant to be, really exciting and fun, until you know Jesus and do it His way.” The reason God says “no fornicators and adulterers” is not that He’s trying to keep us from having fun, it’s just the opposite; it is for our good. Young people find that very difficult to believe, but that’s true.”

- **How has God designed sex to operate best?**

**Answer: Genesis 4:1 (ESV)** – <sup>1</sup> Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.”

Mr. Hatch describes this ‘knowing’ in this way, “May I suggest to you for our redefinition of this. Sex is not the union of two bodies. Sex is the union of two persons, expressed in a physical union...Here are two persons – man and woman. And they’re committed to each other forever. They’re not going to say, “Well, man, if I can’t please him sexually, he’ll leave me.” They’re committed. And you know what that does to your sexual function? And even

if you can't respond right now, he'll still stay with you. You know what that does to your sexual function? It enables it to function... These things that make for sex at its best are commitment, mutual respect, shared values, and meaningful intimacy; and those are the things that make the world move... We ought to scream it from the housetop. This is God-made. It is good. It is very important. It is designed only for marriage and never will be what it ought to be unless it's there. And it is essentially, a relationship between two persons. And you will find if there's any break in the relationship the wife will say, because she's at odds with her husband, "I can't stand for him to touch me." Why? Because she can't stand him. If you close the door of your heart to your partner, it'll affect your physiology. Your sexual function will not go. But I'll tell you, you open yourself to your partner and you're committed to him and you're trusting him. God has made the physical function just to respond like that."

- **What are God's purposes for sexual intimacy in marriage?**

**Answer:**

- ◆ Mutual sharing, knowing – being one.
- ◆ To enjoy and have fun.  
*See Song of Solomon*
- ◆ To meet needs He has given to men and women.  
*Proverbs 5 and I Corinthians 7 – Satisfy one another's needs*
- ◆ Make new life.