

Intimacy 101

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Truth #1

Married sex is not what
you think it is.



If you don't know the purpose of something, all you can do is misuse it.

Craig Groeschel

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE
OF SEX?

WHAT'S THE GOAL?

Contract vs. Covenant

CONTRACT

- Relationship based on agreement
- Works as long as both parties are satisfied
- Is based on a consumer mentality

COVENANT

- Relationship based on a promise
- Works as long as both parties honor their promise
- Is based on a commitment mentality

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A covenant is the solemn, permanent, whole self-giving of two parties to each other. It is a stunning blend of both law and love... a relationship much more intimate and loving than a mere legal contract could create, yet one more enduring and binding than personal affection could make.”

Timothy Keller

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What does God say about marriage and sexuality?

All of creation reveals the glory of God!

For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32

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How God Reveals Through Sex

GOD'S LOVE FOR US:

- God is faithful and calls us to exclusively love Him.
- God knows us intimately.
- Jesus died for us and asks us to die for Him.
- God passionately pursues us.

SEXUAL LOVE IN MARRIAGE:

- Is built on the foundation of exclusivity.
- Is a journey of intimacy.
- Requires mutual unselfishness.
- Is a passionate pursuit and celebration.

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TAKEAWAY:

Trying harder won't help if you don't see the big picture!

