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- Especially in a marriage relationship lying is not good
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- And lies are eventually found out, then you are in worse trouble than before. When you lie to each other in a marriage, trust is gone
- And difficult to rebuild



II. Don't Play the Blame Game



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- Eve blamed Satan, *“The serpent deceived me and I ate”*



- Genesis 16:1-5 Sarai didn't have children and gives her maidservant, Hagar to her husband Abram as a 2nd wife. Then she blames Abram for doing it!
- It is interesting that the person we love the most in life we blame for things that go wrong.
- Why is that?
- Have you ever done anything wrong?



- You want to think that you are better than your spouse
- You don't want to think that you are guilty
- That in some way you are innocent of any wrongdoing
- Or that it isn't my fault that I did it, you made me do it!
- Stop the blame game, take responsibility for your actions



III. Don't Desire Someone Else



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- Coveting is desiring someone so much that you will do whatever you have to do to get him or her
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- Often, a married person will covet or desire another person because their marriage is broken.
- Maybe the spouse works a lot
- Maybe you get yelled at and feel you can do nothing right
- Then someone at work is nice to you and you want to hear good words. And so you desire this new person



- Children who see their mom and dad go through this do not think that marriage is a good thing. They wonder if divorce will happen to them
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IV. Honor the Marriage Bed



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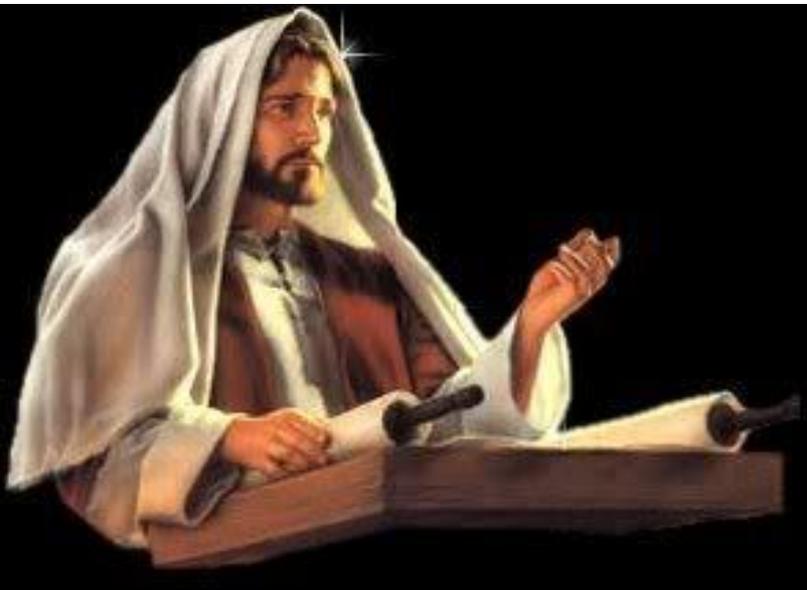
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- Shouldn't we all have perfect marriages with perfect love?
- Surely after 100s and 1000s of years we would be able to figure out how to get better and perfect marriage relationship, but mankind hasn't. Because we are sinful, we have the ability to say and do cruel things. Who can help us to be better? Who can fix our sin problem?



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- He died for your sins, he paid the penalty for your sins, death
- He came to forgive us of our sins and make us new people
- And that makes us better husbands and wives
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这样,夫妻不再是两个人,而是一体了.因此,上帝配合的,人不可分开.

Así que ya no son dos, sino uno solo. Por tanto, lo que

Dios ha unido, que no lo separe el hombre.

Hata wamekuwa si wawili tena, bali mwili mmoja. Basi

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सो व अब दो नहीं, परन्तु एक तन हैं: इसलिये जिसे परमेश्वर ने जोड़ा है, उसे मनुष्य अलग न करे।

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But there is hope of healing that we will talk about at the end

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Just tell the truth, it's a lot easier for everyone

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Have you ever done anything wrong?

You do something wrong and you blame them for making you do it!

And sometimes you blame your spouse for things that they didn't do!

Why?

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If you keep your desires good, that is a good thing

To love the Lord with all your heart, that's good

To love your husband or wife or children, that's good

To desire someone other than your husband or wife, that's bad

And it will not end well

Lives will be broken, families will be tore apart, and nothing good

will happen

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marriage is broken.

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For men, it may be different, it may be lust

Men are wired differently and when some really nice looking woman

gives some attention to you, you desire her

Realize that these are feelings, desires of the heart

And you must not feed these evil desires

Confess them as sin and make a commitment to love your spouse

But if you think about these desires more and more, you will do whatever it takes to satisfy this desire and it will not be good
God says don't do it!
It only tears a family apart and the children suffer for years
Parents who are divorced rebuild their own lives after a divorce and children get neglected often
If you have children, that relationship with them will be broken
Your child may even reject you
And children who see their mom and dad go through this do not think that marriage is a good thing. They wonder if divorce will happen to them
There was a study done on adults who had parents that divorced 25 years earlier, they still had a fear of loss, expected to fail in life, a fear of change and a fear of conflict.
And when these children of divorce who are now adults make relationship decisions, they make bad decisions and get out of a relationship when any conflict occurs
I realize that in divorce that came from adultery, there is usually an innocent party, God's grace goes a long way in healing lives
May the Lord heal in ways that we can not understand

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Do we talk about these things at church?
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And one of benefits of the act of marriage is that children are created
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We make marriage a priority and we keep the marriage bed pure
We don't want the opposite, because God does punish those people
Do not think you can commit adultery and get away with it?

So why are we different than animals?
Animals do not "make love", animals procreate
Animals make more animals
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We are more than animals we are people that God made special
And when you are married, God makes you one with your spouse for life
The marriage relationship was never meant to be torn apart

Marriage is the most intimate relationship on this earth
And yet this person that you love the most is also the person that you can hurt the most
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