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By David Currie

Currie:

Well, thank you so much, again. I really appreciate it this morning, the way that you at least politely listened. You have me fooled that I'm communicating, but I want you to know something. Tonight in that interactive session, I like to call it a hot seat on the sexual issues tonight. I know there's a lot of questions out there, and I don't pretend to be Canadian version of the Bible answer man. But I have done a lot of these in college settings and I trust that I can be encouragement to you tonight.

So as we anticipate a session a half hour after I'm done, you want to come and join me? Just jot those questions down and we'll collect them over there and I'll try to answer any question that comes my way in the area of sexuality. And sometimes the written questions are easier to ask because it's a little hard to ask some of the questions that need to be asked publicly. And we'll leave that with you.

Just by way of commercial, the ministry that I work with in Canada, weekly, I speak to four to five hundred college students every Wednesday night. Matter of fact, it's going on right now. I have a guest speaker from Campus Crusade speaking up there, and there'll be four hundred and fifty to five hundred students there tonight.

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And over the five, almost five and a half years that I've been ministering there, variety of the series that I've taught have been taped and recorded and made available to a lot of different areas. And so if you kind of like the flavor of what you're receiving here. Tonight is a little more topical. I actually have three different series's that I brought all about sexuality. Some of you were leading a little closer to marriage. I have one tonight called Turning the Marital Corner. Three parts in that one. I have running the sexual gauntlett entire series of five talks, not just one talk tonight. I have one called The Gift of Sex to the Trap of Sex. I got a new series I brought called The Issues that Men Face. Three tapes, believe me. Good for every man to to listen to. I have one on issues that relate to the spiritual growth and what it means to really have a dynamic walk with the Lord and one about self-worth. If you're working with people who are struggling with believing that God has placed him in this world for purpose and worth, it's a great series there. So those are just there to encourage you. They're actually spoken live to audiences from your age group and designed exactly for your ass. I hope their encouragement. Some even work with churches may want to grab them for you youth group to have as resources. And I think that will be all that I need to say.

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I'd like all the people on the aisle here inside aisle to stand. OK. You're standing and you're just fine there in that wheelchair. You're perfect. That's great. All right.

Now, what has to happen is I need you to visualize something that we're running the gantlet I first experienced in high school football, where if you were late for practice, if you were sloppy

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at a game and didn't do responsibilities or some version of irresponsibility as a player, you would run the gauntlet. Any players ever did that? Is this something that's done here as well? Run the gauntlet means the entire team lines up, creates an aisle like this and you're asked to run through the team and they all take a shot at you.

And you don't forget next time to do it, you're asked to do because you don't like to do this, especially when you know and I was the wide receiver in football and and I played at a very light weight. And I'm not very heavy now. And especially when they put those big defensive ends and defensive tackles in the front of this gauntlet. You know, you didn't have a prayer to get by the first two, you'd be on your back because they had to get up again and you had to go to the right through the whole worse, no matter how many times you were hammered.

So you can picture it along the way as as the person to be hammered and jostled and and cracked and all the way through this entire gun. No, I don't want you to do it, especially you. He was a....anyway. Bottom line is you can see the gauntlet here and what happens is I've coached hockey and we do that with hockey as well. When a person is intimidated by taking a hit in a hockey game, they have to be learned that the body can take hits. It doesn't hurt them. So what happened is we'd line up the entire team along the boards and the player has to skate along the boards and he has to go through the entire team and every player takes a shot at him, hammering him into the boards to to get used to the fact that being hit is part of the game.

In life you need to understand that we run a sexual gauntlet, we walk through life, run through life, and we're jostled side to side, pushed, shoved towards the type of sexuality that is not honoring to God because we walk through this gauntlet from every side. There's pressures

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pushing, jostling us, attacking us, running at us, and they're affecting who we are. That's what I want to talk about tonight and how the world has pressured us through this gantlet experience to be representative of the world's values instead of God's. Thanks very much.

In God's word, there's a lot of different places that talk about sexual issues tonight as we look at running the sexual gantlet, you understand in this experience there's some battles going on. Every time a person would step to the first situation, receive that first crack, whether it's a linebacker or whatever, there's a battle between this person and that person. And there's these battles in life going on. And the first battle I want to talk about is the battle of the mind. I call it pornographic indoctrination, you see, you and I really have little choice of what goes on in our life in a lot of ways.

My son and I were talking on the way to the airport yesterday, and because I was sharing with him the different topics that I was going to be sharing and I got to this one and I kind of just give a little summary of it. And and I was explaining to him that that son, you're growing up with a different generation than I did.

I recall TV in Saskatchewan, where I grew up, north of North Dakota. If you can't picture Saskatchewan, picture North Dakota, flat wheat fields in the winter. It's frozen tundra. That's where I grew up. And in Saskatchewan, I grew up, there was one TV station. I remember the time that they started to broadcast the second, and I remember when they actually made it strong enough. You actually had a choice. I'm going to the other station. New power. Now I'm going back. I don't like that program. Yeah, one was kind of fuzzy because in snowstorms and all that,

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we kind of get snowy like outside. And so you have to stick with the one that was the strongest. And I remember growing up, too. It was black and white. And I had some of the the favorite shows growing up. And I don't know about you, but come listen to this new story, about a man named Jed [inaudible 00:07:40] , but his family kept him fed. One day you get some food and up from the ground becomes a bubble and crude oil, that is black gold, Texas tea.

I want you to know, you just saw the reruns? I saw the real thing. Man, life was great.

You ever saw rerun called Bonanza? I lived through the real Bonanza era. I was Little Joe. And I remember practicing in my little place story gunfights as a kid, shooting, diving and rolling like he always did. But you remember if you ever saw one of those almost humorous reruns because it wasn't too profound, the drama and the storyline you could kind of tell after three minutes, say what was going to happen, you know, but there wasn't a show of bonanza that I watched that a man was ever disrespectful to a woman.

I grew up with a program that, like you wasn't real when you seen, it is called Father Knows Best. It was unbelievable family sitcom that that had a story about a husband and wife. And a matter of fact, you might be familiar with, of course, Leave It to Beaver. I went through many shows of one of my favorites was Hogan's Heroes. I said nothing, nothing. [inaudible 00:09:16] that was Chelsy. If you have never seen it. But, you know, here you have a complete military prison camp setting and you had no swearing. And yet, if you go and watch the latest Arnold Schwarzenegger, you know, some kind of platoon version, there's a couple of swear words, I think. You've been there, you know.

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At 15, all the programs that I grew up on, I could let every one of my kids youngest right down to the 10 year old now watch every program I ever watched growing upto 15, and it would be not even an embarrassing moment, not even a situation where I'd really have to explain. You know, it was CD in those days. There was an implication that a man would grab a woman's hand and be walking towards the bedroom. Then it would cut for commercial.

You wonder?

I don't know.

And it would show the next morning her in a house caught making eggs.

And that was the implication that they likely slept together. I can't believe they did that on TV. And then we have today. You don't have to wait till nine o'clock at night anymore to hear gross obscenity, to see blatant sexuality. The ratings are so questionable that they're getting a little computer chip. They've called it the v-chip that's supposed to be allowed to program out certain programs so that kids can't just have access to everything. But of course, it's a funny thing. You know, there's always the watchdog groups to try to stop the big swathe of society, but they just keep pushing the envelope bigger and bigger and allow more and more. And you and I grew up with this generation, and we don't know any different because we're part of it.

It's kind of like my wife and I were in Haiti on missions trip. And during that time we had a couple of days to herself and we went to this one resort that showed us how to snorkel. And there not a lot of chance to snorkel in Saskatchewan where I grew up. And and so they thought I saw a snorkel. And it was really fun because he actually told us how to hold a breath, push out as we

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dove and I'm a bit of a swimmer and enjoy it. So I did a bit of diving and it wasn't much to see where we were really, although we saw a lot of fish and some coral and different things. In Hawaii we saw some really nice stuff in a new bay. But it was really nice stuff. I dove once and I brought this shell up. It wasn't very pretty and it was kind of worn and it kind of had a lot of crustaceans on it. But I figured, well, it's the only shell I saw. At least I got something. I dove down and I got it. And you know what? It's still on the the ledge in our bathroom back home is a little memory of our time together in Haiti.

I bring this up for a reason. You know how those shells that once had a live creature in them are very beautiful and and often the ones you see people blow through to make noises and different things and and they're very pretty colors of peach and coral and and just beautiful colors. Well, this one here had been sitting on the bottom, had been washed around for some time, various other once the life had gone out of this shell, various other animals had attached on, barnacle type things and and then had been washed around the beaches in the shores and across the bottom of the coral many times over. And all the beautiful pointy edges were well worn off. All the ends that gave definition were all rounded. The surface, instead of being smooth, had become something that was kind of rough and ugly. And even inside, that's usually really pretty.

Was this kind of bone white, you see? Why did you keep it? Well, it's the only shell I found. But it also reminds me, you go to many sea shores and there's many here. I've I've swum here because my my wife, her sister, Oceanside, someplace south of here. She lives in Fallbrook and many times swam here. All Right.

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And anyway, you've gone to beaches where if you look close, all the beaches are small pieces of shell that have worn. They're just little tiny fragments and you can see shells. So this would have been a pretty one, but it's been eroded by the waves and the sand beading on it. And I want you to know that you and I once had an intact, completely innocent sense of sexuality. But we went through the sexual gauntlet, like that shell that I have, like those little pieces of shell at the seashore. You and I have weathered the storms of life, have been just like this gauntlet, have everything, sexual subdatus, every commercial, every advertisement in a magazine, virtually most of the movies you see, most of the TV sitcoms you listen to, any of those things and all the way through, your subject from either side sexual innuendos or sexual explicitness that really fractures your view of innocence. And you really have no choice but to take it, because it's your culture, it's what you're part of, it's so different than Leave It to Beaver. It's so different than Hogan's Heroes.

You don't even know it, and my son, who's 17, he doesn't know it, but he's been pornographic indoctrinated to think that this is normal, to think that this is, well, it's life. And then when God drops into the scene and says, I want you to be holy, like I am holy, he who has opened himself, purifies himself. We have a situation where we go, well, what does that mean? And I guess I am because I'm a Christian. But the battle of the mind has to do with this pornographic indoctrination.

In John, Chapter 17, verses 15 to 19, Jesus talks about, I want you to be in this world, but not of this world. It's a beautiful little passage. And right within that passage, it makes an interesting statement verse 15 of John's 17. My prayer, father, is that you not take them out of this world,

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but you protect them from the evil one. They're not of this world, even as I am not of it.

Sanctified by them, by the truth for the word is truth. As you sent me to this world I've sent them into this world, may truly be sanctified, sanctified means set apart, holy, set apart for a purpose.

He wants us to be in this world, but somehow not of this world. It's a very hard thing. Imagine if

I had, okay a pencil is created for a purpose to be an instrument of writing. But if I took that pencil and I dip it in some hot wax and held it here for a minute as it dried, if I didn't soon start taking the wax off pretty soon, that pencil, if I kept dipping it, bring it out, would look more like a candle than a pencil. And the original purpose with a pencil for existing would be lost. And you and I every day are like a pencil being dipped into hot wax over and over again.

Every time we have sexual innuendoes, we're like this pencil in the wax and we're losing the original purpose that God created us to be because we haven't worked hard at getting this wax up now. So this pencil will work just like the shelf that has eroded. It disintegrated over time. The constant moving of the waves will friends. You have the constant moving of a sexual wave all the time and we wonder why we have problems sexually. It's because the waves, the dipping never stops.

Some of you are likely hikers and campers and things like that. I have a little story I need to tell you to illustrate. If I had a Coleman's stove. You know what a Coleman stove is? You got to pumper up. You turn it on, you light the burner, we'll just light one. And if I had a little aluminum pot here boiling with water. Now, you animal rights activists hang on for a second, OK, but if I have a pot boiling water and I drop a frog and he freaks, he wants to get out. Do you blame him? Same feeling as you get into a tub that's a little too hot. You get out of that thing, right? Well, the frogs feel the same way. I don't like this. You understand frogs. They're cold

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blooded animals. I don't mean they're killers. The frogs are cold blooded. They're bad frogs. No, no, they're they're cold blooded animals. What happened? Basically, a frog takes on the temperature of the environment around it. If it's in a cool stream, that would be the temperature they and the frogs blood, if it's sitting in the sun under the temperature of the animal's blood. And what happens is if you put that same frog in another plot of lukewarm water and slowly turn up the temperature, that frog's body temperature will slowly change with the water around it and it will actually boil to death and not even know it.

No different than you and I in the society. You don't even know how much this society has pressed you into its mold. Romans Chapter 12, 1 and 2, I beseech you, I urge you there for brothers by the mercy of God that you present your body as a living sacrifice wholly unto God with your reasonable service and be not conformed to this world. Don't let the world press you into this mold but be transformed, different. But the problem is you've got to identify that we're in a society that you've been a part of so long that you don't realize how many times you've been dipped in there. You don't know how many years the waves have been washing across your life. You don't understand that you've been in this environment. It's slowly, slowly changing you and you've been pornographically indoctrinated.

And the problem is how do we restore innocence again? My youngest son, his name's Mitchell. He's a great little guy. I had the privilege of coaching his Adam hockey team this year. We're Forno. It's interesting because Mitchell is right about the age within about six months, .Hen I talk to my sons about sex, the whole thing. He doesn't know it's coming because matter of fact, you know, he doesn't know a lot about sexuality, except that we have raised golden retrievers and

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kind of knows how they do it. [audience laughs] But he doesn't understand why. So we can't explain what happens. And it's kind of like over there, you know, don't talk about it, you know. Matter of fact, one time visit your father if you know what Temecula is. Bless you, bless you. Thank you. Some time, if you go to one of those outside tables that Temecula, Taco Bell, that's where I talk to my 17 year old when he was 11, all about sex. OK, so if you go there and I was writing notes on the back of it. So you had everything straight. OK, I was diagraming. I was doing it all. We went back for a refill after we were there three and a half hours. The poor guy at 11 was little. Oh, that. What's that? I mean, someone videotaping of the shoulders. What kind of porno data is this? [audience laughs] You know, but I had the sex stuff down here in Temecula with my son, right.

And and what happens is my 10 year old doesn't understand much about sexuality and any kind of has seen a few things on TV. And he's already started the indoctrination, a pornographic process the society shoves on him. But I want you to know something, I would to God that if one of you, including myself, could slide back to the era of my 10 year old and have that innocence again. Because I hear this all the time, you know what, Canadian college and career people are no different than U.S., I'm sure.

But I hear this time and time again. Well, I don't know how you get used to it after a while. Oh, it's no big deal, you know, they all went to this seedy, restricted movie together. It's no big deal because, you know, we're all Christians, you know, I've heard it's no big deal. We have an understanding here. We'd never bring a new Christian here. This is OK for adults, but I just don't want any younger people here, this is not good for the young people of the children. And what

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happens is we simply justify our indulgence because we have pornographically indoctrinated our society. The battle of the mind we have lost. We've lost the innocent eyes. We've got exposed eyes.

I don't know the first time you ever saw a welding torch, you seen a welding torch? You know, it's that blue light. I mean, you see it at a shop, you hear this noise [inaudible 00:22:54] you like that eh? But it's kind of a sharp sparking sound and your head is drawn by the noise. And then you look in here, guy underneath the car is spot welding something and you see this blue light in this man with this helmet on with the kind of what looks like a visor here. And he's under this car. And you see this bright blue spark in this blue light. You just, whoa, this is cool. And your dad says, don't look at that. Don't look at that. Don't look at that, it'll burn your eyes. Oh, dad, but it's so pretty. Don't look at that. Then your dad says, well, you'd hear your mom, we better go, dear, we can't stay here long. Why? He doesn't want to look at the light all the time. And of course, the kid doesn't really believe it's going to hurt his eyes. All he sees is a beautiful, beautiful blue light and this bright spark. He doesn't understand that that particular light is going to hurt his retina and cause damage in his eyes just by looking at the sun. What's the big deal? [Audience laughs]. You look at the sun. David, if you keep looking at the sun, you're going to go blind. I can still see you, I am not going blind. And we all went through those dumb experiences. Well, oh I guess, I did. [Audience laughs]. OK, that laughter was too big, you know. Loser. OK.

But the problem is we've seen so many things that are burned on the retina of our mind and the battle for the mind goes on, I'm going to talk tomorrow night to the men only about conquering

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the lust monster. And one of the things I talk about in the area of pornography is how two minutes is two years of working to get cleanliness again and freedom in your mind, because the image of that picture that you stare at, gentlemen, is burned on the retina of your mind, we've been pornographically indoctrinated. We've got to learn to restore innocence. So there's the battle going on in her mind. In this running the sexual gantlet, there is a battle going on in our body.

I need some help. Won't you come?. What's your name?

Carissa:

Carissa

Currie:

Yes, Carissa. Carissa prayed with me before. And I was pretty happy with that. This is just happens to be a letter that that Ron sent me and I just had in my briefcase. And I want to illustrate. So would you hold that, please? And you're going to be the eyes of this people. OK, I just have some regular masking tape, five eighths inch wide, going to take a strip about the length of the envelope to try to illustrate the battle we fight in our bodies. Just going to stick it on the front here, OK, and I've got a little longer so I can feel it off. OK, you hold the envelope, OK? I want you to try not to get this text. Don't use it again. What do you see? First of all.

Carissa:

I see little imprints in words that I can't read.

Currie:

OK, so there's little imprints of words that are off the envelope. What else do you see?

Carissa:

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I see part of the part of the envelope.

Currie:

Part of the envelope was stuck on there? OK, let's do it again. OK, same thing again, OK, I try not to get this messed up. Come on, Dave, you can do it. OK, so so what are you seeing if I can get this up? There we go.

Carissa:

I see more of the envelopes. I see your last name.

Currie:

OK...in reverse. Yeah.

Carissa:

Huhuh

Currie:

So it's a little more. A little more the ink and a little more that. OK, we keep going here. OK, what do you see now?

Carissa:

I see a lot of the..a lot of the envelope.

Currie:

Alot of the envelope.

Carissa:

And a stamp.

Currie:

Part of the stamp came off that time. OK. But basically more of the same.

Oops, whoops.

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C'mon, stay down there. OK. What are you noticing?

Currie:

It's not sticking very well onto the envelope

Currie:

It's not sticking very well onto the envelope, is it? Because it was designed to be stuck once to something and then not use it again, right?

Yeah, thanks.

Pay attention, please. It's called schizophrenic bonding. God intended us to be able to be one flesh with one person, one man, one woman for life, creating a wonderful ability to unite through the commitment of marriage. But this tape illustrates what happens in many young people's lives. There's a little bit of residue every time there was a bonding to the envelope, a little bit of ink, a little bit of the envelope, a little bit of the stamp. And if I had every time touched this tape to a different color envelope, you could actually see residue of each color envelope of each color of type. But I only did it three times. And on the fourth, she could already see that it was hardly sticky.

Schizophrenic bonding is where I've been sexually intimate with people prior to getting married, and my ability to stick is virtually lost and I have the imprint of everything I've been bonded to right here. And I want you to know something. I had this discussion recently with someone very precious to me, my daughter, who's 18. So this is not shared in any sense of condemnation or any sense of preachiness, but as a father to most of you, who could still be my kids. God's way is best

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in sexuality as well. Because even if I slide my Bible aside, 20 years of counseling people from a sociological or psychological perspective, if you really want to have a dynamic marriage down the road. They don't come off the roll until you're at the altar. Because then you're going to be able to stick and bond much easier. But we have a problem. The problem is in this pornographic society, we've been indoctrinated. We we have this tendency to get involved. We don't even understand what's the big deal. And so there's a lot of you see you say, oh, my goodness, little tape thing. But, you know, we do this, you know. [audience laughs]

But the truth of that illustration alone, if you're sensitive to what God is saying tonight, the truth, that illustration alone will come back to you time and time again. And every time you're dating a guy or involved with a girl and and you've been seeing her for two or three or four months or whatever, and you want to start going around the corner and say intimacy. I pray to God that you remember the masking tape.

It's interesting because in...In Genesis, Chapter 2: 26, the first time was recorded in Scripture, Paul refers to the few times Jesus did, God made the male and female. For this reason, shall a man leave his father, mother, and she'll cling to his wife, cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. But the problem is we've made some poor choices along the way and the intent of two becoming one flesh of one man or woman for life on ultimate uniqueness and exclusiveness, a dynamic relationship where two people come into the relationship as beginners, as inexperienced. Instead, we have one man, one woman for a while. One man, one woman for a period of time. We have one man for woman for life. We have all kinds of sadness. It's interesting because when God sets up guidelines and principles of life in his word, you got to

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understand that God isn't some Scrooge up there looking down, saying, who are you people? I'm God. I make the rules. And I can make it miserable if I feel like it most.

You think that way. Most of you think that God is this big dude up there in the sky with a big baseball bat, if you really give your life to him, is going to go. Finally, there goes your legs. Now, are you going to really suffer? You know, he's just going to make our life miserable. But God wants to give you the best in life. God is described as the eternal heavenly father. And he says if you, as a human father, give good gifts to your kids, how much more will I give good things to you.

God wants your best. And when God puts principles of his word to govern your sexuality, it is because father knows best. You know what? I wish I could flash up on the screen here, video clips of people that I've talked to in my office to see the hurt, to see the regret, to see the mistakes made. And without a doubt, I could have video footage here, likely hundreds of regrets, the mistakes that you've made. But I want you to know something. You can drive in a state today and say I will be faithful to the one I'm going to marry from this night on. You did know, didn't you? That faithfulness to your spouse starts before you're married. You knew that.

My wife and I do premarital counseling. A record year or two years ago, we did 49 couples in one year premarital counseling. I talked a lot about sex, I will tell you boys and girls. [inaudible 00:34:06] [audience laughs]. But I do this thing called Sexual History Survey, and I have I have put down their questions and answer, not answers questions that they have to answer questions and answers. Do what I say. OK, no questions that they have to answer that imply what they've

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been involved in would have been their temptations, how society is buffeted them and what they've been sucked into. And all the forty three things on that list are things that I've counseled.

I've counseled people who had sex with animals, no, while you sit here and have that feeling, I want you to know something. The feeling will change when you see someone in their brokenness admitting that that's been part of their life. Jesus calls upon you to love, accept, and by God's grace, see redemption of that life. The latest thing I put on there, by the way, I counsel people who are already involved in the pornographic scene in the Internet.

So one of the questions is I am given to being drawn in the Internet to pornographic involvement. That's one of my latest questions I added, because I already counseled three people who that's their problem already. And it's kind of only been available for the last maybe three, four years. But kind of hitting the general populace in the last six months to a year. It is being written about around. I just read an article about it and then coming down here and a plane. But but you got to understand something. This set of questions, it would be just dynamite if even though we are buffered on every side by all these sexual pressures to get involved, to be this, to do this, to dress this way, to be this way, to have these kind of situations.

It would be awesome before God is when you got to that premarital counseling class with you and your fiancée and you went down this list of four to three different things that you might have been involved in that you had a lot of....never, never. Never. You know why? Because innocence and inexperience brings a dynamic bond between husband and wife, that's what God intended. I

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want you to I want you to give you hope tonight, because if you can't imagine that with that complete innocence and inexperience scenario in your mind, your life is not over here.

God is in the business of redeeming anybody's life. But he's serious about what he wants because he knows what's best for you. Believe me, friends, I've sat on the other side of the counseling table with couples whose marriages are falling apart, who've been through affairs. One man whose whole mess started with him being involved in telephone sex, where he was calling in, he got tempted that way. I have businessmen who who have relationships with other men so that they can be accountable and accountable as far as when they're when business trips right here.

My accountability partner will ask me, what did I watch in the Gateway Plaza Holiday Inn while I was down in L.A. for three days? He will ask me that question. I'm glad you know why? Because I am going to be a husband that remains faithful to my wife till I die. You know what? This brother and I talked about this at lunch, even, we talked about how people in the Ministry of Fallen. He asked me questions about why did I move 13 years ago into a weekly accountability relationship where I opened my life quickly to a man. And I told him about how some of the mentors in my world, godly men who were pastors or ministry people whose lives fell apart because of sexual involvement. And I don't want that in my life. I have the most precious, beautiful wife that exists. And she deserves a man who's faithful.

Matter of fact, I got two sweatshirts that say this. I got it embroidered. I got the second one because the first one is sold. It shrinks and now my wife has to wear it, but it doesn't quite work on her. You know, says a real man, doesn't work on my wife, you know? I mean, a real man is

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faithful to his wife. You can't believe when I wear that on airplanes and travel around, speak the one liners I get. In all the times that I've worn that on airplanes, I get some of the most encouraging comments from people. Lady stepped aside me once and she said, I read your shirt and she said, next she says, I'm looking for a man like you. Are you available? [audience laughs]

But you know what, although it was humorous because it was kind of the antithesis of what the point of the shirt was, you know, what she was looking for? She'd already been hurt and burned by men who were not faithful. She didn't want any more part of it. I had one woman get angry. I had a lot of men be cheeky, which is a joke. Isn't that's sad commentary?

Matter of fact, the saddest thing was the store owner where I got the first one printed. The young girl was likely about age of any of you. College girls here was working in the store and I was actually on an extension tour with one of the teams in the college that was working at. And so a couple of gals with me from the team as I was getting this laid out, and she was helping me pick colors because she might have been little more artsy than I. First, they thought that this might have been my wife or fiancée. And I said, this is a student. I'm actually ten years older than she is. And, wow, you don't know these days and whatever. So so I explained this is for my my wife and I and I had, by the way, gals, I had one made for my wife, a real woman, fully foxy, but forever faithful. [audience laughs]

Now, she says, I'm only wearing that when you wear yours Dave, but listen to me, this idea of faithfulness. The store owner said, you know what, I've had a lot of fun. What is this for a

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bachelor party? He said, I said no. He said, what is this? Are you giving this to a to a girlfriend on the side, as a joke?

Matter of fact, they hung it up in the store. I found out before I came to pick it up because it was creating so many comments, you know, to hang things up in the window. And when they left, these two managers of this store were likely 28 to 30 in there. And they were still laughing about me that I was really wanted to be faithful to my wife, the little gal, maybe 21 or so that worked in the store. You know what she said to me, she says, don't worry about them, they're sick. I think it's cool that you want to be faithful to your wife.

The talk I have for my son, 17, I've told him this three times in the last year, he's dating a little girl. She's great. Whew, she's nice. I say, son, you've got a good eye. But you know what he is? He's a great choice of character because this girl is pretty as is on the outside, it is the quality gal and oh I'm proud of him. Told him the other night, he said, I'll tell you what, Brock. I said, you know what? I don't know if you and Natalie are going to make it long term, but I tell you, if you make it long term, you've already made a good choice. But I said, if you and Natalie ever break up, this is my prayer as a father for you, son, that if you and Natalie ever break up, this is what she'll say. I'll tell you one thing. Whoever gets Brock Currie, gets a quality guy. For as long as we dated, he always respected me.

Do you know how many times I've heard girls, Christian girls say to me, sometimes the Christian guys are worse? If I had a dollar for every time a Christian girl has said that to me about Christian guys, I'd likely take five of you off for supper right now. I want you to know

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something, we've got to do something about this schizophrenic bonding, being bonded to other people and believe that God's way is best, a desire, again, as I described earlier, to drive a stake into the ground tonight that says, well, as of this day, I'm going to be faithful to my spouse. No matter if I marry five years from now, I will not be intimate, sexually touching anyone for as long as I am waiting till I'm married so that I can say to my spouse, although I might have messed around before that night in October in 1996, I want you to know for the last four years I have not touched inappropriately any gal or any guy. Just kind of want you to know. I want to be faithful and pure for you as long as I live.

You can drive a stake in tonight says, I am unique to you. From this day on, you may not be spiritually or technically a virgin anymore, but you can return in spiritual virginity and say, as of today, God, I'm going to do it your way. You know, when you do when you choose to do that, I am not just telling you God's word. Oh this is what the Bible tells. No, it's for you. God put it in there, for you, for your marriage, for your kids, for the salvation of the family. They put it in there for you. You'd have a dynamite bond with your spouse to be able to say to my kids by teenagers that I'm unique to your mom, that I'm exclusive to your mother, that even though the world around you is saying, get involved with anybody, jump in bed with anybody, there's still people around who are saying one man, one woman for life and it's God's way and it's best for you.

But it's not just the battle of the mind and the battle of the body. It's a battle of the soul. And First Thessalonians, Chapter four. A fabulous passage of scripture, says this, 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4, for those of you who are serious about helping young people down the road with issues like

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this. Mark 1 Thessalonians, Chapter 4, and then put every other reference to sexuality on the bottom of that page and create a list for verses that talk about sexuality, because this is one of the best in the scripture. 1 Thessalonians chapter four verse 3. It is God's will that you should be holy, that you should avoid sexual morality, that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, honorable, not impassionate lust, like the heathen who do not know God, that in this matter. Rather, no one should wrong his brother or sister or take advantage of them. The Lord will punish men for all such things as we have already told you and warned you, for God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

If you do not understand that God working in your life, that you becoming a seeker, like we talked this morning, doesn't have clear implications about your relationships and your sexuality. You are spiritually deaf because scripture was so clear. It's God's will that you should be holy.

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[audio tape resumes 00:45:46] Fighting sexual immorality, that's any kind of sexual touching, I'm famous in Canada for this. So if you want to laugh at me, you can. But anything more than a seven to 10 minute goodnight kiss is too much.

Well, who do you think you are? I'll tell you what I am, I'm a counselor of young people for 20 years. I do premarital counseling. I do marriage counseling. I say that psychologically and sociologically on the other side of a desk, I have a doctor's degree in family and youth issues.

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I want you to know something beyond scripture. It's best for you not to do more than that because you are going to get cranked and you're going to have to fulfill desires that is only desired by God to fulfill in a marriage. Hebrews Chapter 13, verse 4, says that even clear. Marriage should be honored by all and the marriage bed be kept pure. Purity requires purity going into marriage and purity after marriage, premarital faithfulness and extramarital faithfulness.

But this is an interesting passage because it talks about we need to live different. It's a battle in my soul, God's will. It's an interesting little thing. I asked Brother Ron if you knew this song Refiner's Fire. You know, my heart's one desire is to be holy set apart for you, Lord, you know, and I think people sing sometimes refiner's fire. My occasional desire is to be holy. Well, not really, is to be nominally Christian set a part for you on Sundays. I choose to be nominally Christian, set apart for you, my associate, when it's convenient. Ready to do your will when it matches mine.

Holy is the word that our generation, mine and your generation do not like because it's the antithesis of the society, but holiness and purity, integrity are words that will make your life blue, that'll give you a freedom and a strength and a breath of fresh air that only God can give. You've got to believe that aspiring up to holiness and do what God would want in your life who gives you more opportunities to live life to the full, not less.

Refiner's fire. Remember, it's God's will that you should live holy, that you should avoid sexual morality. It's a battle of the soul, because if Satan can win the battle and keep you dipping in

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your candlestick and perversion. You'll never have freedom before God. My friends, I want you to know from my heart, you've got to understand that this is not ballistic God chiding his people. This is a heavenly father saying, I know what's best. I know it's hard. I know it's the hardest thing for you to face. Guys, if you're like me, I could be a fabulous editor to Playboy magazine. I know my heart. I'm just really wicked at heart. Oh, Jesus, I'm a mess. But I'm in my 30th year now of being faithful to my wife, in my mind, I will battle right there. I will not let a woman pass my my line right here that I will even escort one temptation thought, because I don't want to be mentally faithful to my wife, because an affair doesn't start in the door of a bedroom, which starts in the windows of your mind, and God's going to have victory right up here, taking every thought captive.

And I will be faithful to Donaland even though I work with gorgeous college girls. Still, I want you to know something. God can win whatever battle you're facing. God is bigger than whatever powerful lust that you're stuck in. God is bigger than the mess you've made in this relationship. God can forgive you and give you a fresh start. God is always ready to assume full responsibility to any life that is totally surrendered to him. He will fix it. He can give you a fresh start. You can become a spiritual virgin. And he says, Hey, now, God, you and me your way this time because I've done it my way and it's screwed up every relationship I've been in.

You know, it's interesting, God made us sexual and he didn't make us sexual to attempt us, to make life miserable. I'm 22 and a half years in my marriage and I love my wife. And sexuality is a beautiful part of it. And as God intended, it is fabulous. Let me close with this illustration. I talked earlier about. Going into marriage to people, unique, exclusive, not even novices,

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beginners, it's hard in a society to go with you as a beginner because you see so much that makes you a novice without even touching anybody. But here's what happens, God intended our our sexuality to be a gift to our spouse and forgive me for the tacky green and pink. At least you remember how hideous it is.

But God intended me to give this to my fiancée the day we're married and say, honey, this is for you. This is gift wrapped for you. This is exclusive for you. But the problem is, way prior to getting married, we have a friend who says, well, come on, what's the big deal? It's no big deal. I don't know if it's a problem. And so you kind of get involved a little bit and say, well, it's just kind of there..this is as good as new.

But in another relationship, you kind of get involved a bit and and well, I know this is for later, but just it'll be just fine in a minute here. [audience laughs] And then, of course, you start to think, well, you know, it's not that big a deal because I've been involved before so well, but I know that we'll just pretty soon it isn't really working. So you need a little help. So...[audience laughs] When you get married, you say, honey, here, I love you. [audience laughs]. And the gift isn't much of a treasure. It hasn't been handled with care. It didn't just have one name on it.

Reminds me of the little high school picture of a girl who gave it to a boy, Darren, I love you. You're the only man I'll ever love. Love, Carina. P.S. If we break up, I need this picture back. It's my last one.

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You know what? I end on a lighter note, because I want you to know there's hope in Jesus. God can give you courage to take a new stand. It's my prayer that you will have heard his word. I want to do that. Let's pray together. Father, I just pray in the name of the Lord Jesus that your Holy Spirit would not only convict people of sin and mistakes, but your Holy Spirit would encourage people to comfort people, that they would see a way of escape out of the problem, that they would see a way of escape beyond the lust monster to beyond the captivity of repeated relationships just going more sexual and more sexual. I pray, God, that you would encourage those who stand here tonight, spiritually and technically a virgin still and somehow relieve that pressure society is putting in there through that sexual gauntlet because they would say, yes, it's worth it to remain faithful. But Lord, above all that, every person here would realize that Your Grace is sufficient, that you can supply their needs and give them courage to wait. Lord, you can forgive and give them fresh starts. And may they drive in stakes today in the name of Jesus that they can say to their spouse, two, three, four or five years from now, whatever it might be. From October 1996, I chose to remain faithful to you. Father made this talk to me radically influence the relational involvements in this college campus. In the name of Jesus. Amen