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“Just Sex” John 6:1-18
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Corinth was a Greek city given over to the worship of sex. A thousand priestesses from the temple of Aphrodite that stood on the little hill behind the ancient city would come down into the streets at night and practice their trade. Sexual promiscuity, therefore, was accepted and highly regarded in that culture, as it is pretty much the same today here in our nation. When the Apostle Paul had come into the city, and had begun to teach and preach about Jesus, the Christian church in Corinth began to challenge head-on this whole sexual looseness of the city. This gave an opportunity for Paul to clarify there is “just sex” or something much more.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *Our sexuality is a gift from God.* We were created as sexual beings. That was God’s intent as He blessed Adams and Eve and said to them, ‘Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it’” (Genesis 1:27-28).

Teaching Point Two: *Every gift God gave us is to be used responsibly, or else we spoil it.* What we sow, we reap.

Teaching Point Three: *By making our bodies the Temple of the Holy Spirit, we can be partakers of the divine with a capacity to fuse with the very nature of God.*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

¹⁸ Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body (1 Corinthians 6:18 NLT).

ACTION POINT

“You are not your own. You were bought with a price.” said Paul. We were made to be indwelt by God himself. If we cooperate with God’s intentions, life is good. But if we play fast and loose with God’s intentions, we suffer the consequences, and we cause other people to suffer the consequences as well. God has a purpose for our bodies in the life to come; it teaches us what we are like and what our role is. God has come to dwell in our bodies as God’s temple, and that temple should be maintained without defilement, without offering it to another, except as God, Himself, has ordained in the beautiful sacrament of marriage.