

**Explicit: Sex.God.**  
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### **Matthew 19:3-8 NIV**

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. **But it was not this way from the beginning.**"

What Was Sex from the Beginning?

### **1. Sex was GOOD!**

#### **Genesis 1:27-28, 31 NIV**

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female** he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "**Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.**"... God saw all that he had made, and it was **very good.**

#### **Song of Solomon 7:6-9 NLT**

Oh, how beautiful you are! How pleasing, my love, how full of delights! You are slender like a palm tree, and your breasts are like its clusters of fruit. I said, "I will climb the palm tree and take hold of its fruit." May your breasts be like grape clusters, and the fragrance of your breath like apples. May your kisses be as exciting as the best wine ... flowing gently over lips and teeth.

It's not sin to ...

- be attracted to someone or notice that they are good looking
- have a desire to have sex
- anticipate and be excited about having sex in marriage

We will never understand God's **NO** to sex outside of marriage until we understand God's resounding **YES** to sex inside marriage!

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## **2. Sex was more than skin deep.**

### **Genesis 4:1 NKJV**

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain ...

**YADA** // *Hebrew* // indicates full intimate personal knowledge of a person which, in this case, includes sex but is much more than a sexual relationship

### **Genesis 2:25 NLT**

Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

Sex was never meant to be the search for something missing but rather the celebration of something found.

What Was Sex from the Beginning?

## **3. Sex pointed to something greater.**

### **Genesis 2:18 TLV**

"It is not good for the man to be **alone**. Let Me make a well-matched helper for him."

What we're really hungry for is **INTIMACY**, but what we're settling for is **INTENSITY**.

"Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God."  
– *G.K. Chesterton*

### **Matthew 19:8-12 NIV**

Jesus replied, “Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. **But it was not this way from the beginning.** I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.” The disciples said to him, “If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry.” Jesus replied, “Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs **for the sake of the kingdom** of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it.”