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1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 NLT

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Matthew 19:8 NIV

"... it was not this way from the beginning."

God's **ORIGINAL INTENT** for SEX didn't include PORN.

- More than 50% of those engaged in online porn lost interest in sexual intercourse. 1/3 of their partners lost interest as well.
- Porn use increases marital infidelity by more than 300%.
- Sexual addicts are 23x more likely than others to state that: "Discovering online sexual material was the worst thing that ever happened in my life."

If porn is an **ESCAPE**, then why doesn't it ever lead you to **FREEDOM**?

Porn isn't just an individual moral problem. Porn strikes at the heart of what it means to be human.

Angels & Animals
We are not ANIMALS.

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We are not ANGELS.

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We are HUMANS, made in the Image of God.

Genesis 1:27 NIV

So God created mankind in his own image, in the IMAGE OF GOD he created them; male and female he created them.

How I treat the **CREATION** reflects how I feel about the **CREATOR**.

1 John 4:20 NIV

For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

Ephesians 1:4 NLT

Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

Psalm 139:13-14 NIV

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made ...

John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.