

Sunday Morning | March 19, 2017



EXODUS 20:14, "You shall not commit ADULTERY." (NASB)

TRUTH: Nothing destroys a family faster than adultery.

I. BIBLICAL BASIS OF FIDELITY IN MARRIAGE

- A. The heart of God, Hebrews 13:5
- B. The weakness of us, Romans 7:15; Exodus 20:14; Malachi 2:15

TRUTH: God doesn't hate divorced people, but He hates breaking covenant promises.

II. FOUR QUESTIONS ON ADULTERY

1. "How bad is it?"

INSIGHT: Adultery increases with income.

2. "What types of affairs prevail?"

From David Carter's TORN ASUNDER:

- a) One-night stand
- b) Friendship affair

TRUTH: Friendship affairs are very difficult to end.

- c) Sex addiction

TRUTH: Sex addiction indicates something fundamentally broken in a man or woman.

3. "What causes affairs?"

- a) Anger

INSIGHT: Some wife watching or listening needs only one component to move to adultery: a man who makes her his life-center.

b) Loneliness

c) Rebellion

TRUTH: The higher your income, the more influence you carry, the greater likelihood you'll someday take what isn't yours because you are used to getting what you want.

4. "Can marriages survive affairs?"

TRUTH: God doesn't force the wounded spouse to remain (Matthew 19:9).

*Requirements to rebuild a marriage after adultery:

1. Full-blown believable remorse
2. Genuine repentance indicated by a total break in the relationship with the lover ... no contact, no conversation, no friendship, total break FOREVER.
3. Causes of adultery must be exposed, processed and resolved... It's hard work because the faithful spouse has to own their part in the breakdown of the relationship (coldness, controlling, non-communication, sexual withdrawal, lack of love or respect given).
4. Forgiveness: realizing all have sinned, all need forgiveness at times, even the wounded spouse