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Lesson 89: 2 Samuel 11:1-5 Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places

Read Romans 3:6-12. According to these verses, are we accountable for our sins?

Are any of us, on our own power and ability, righteous?

Read Romans 13: 13-14. How are we to walk?

What specific sin is mentioned as walking in darkness here?

What are we to put on?

What does it mean to not make a provision for our flesh to gratify what our flesh wants?

Read Ephesians 2:1-6. What did we once walk in?

What passions did we follow?

Because of our following our passions, we were what kind of children?

Whose wrath is that, that we were under?

Paul gives us two reasons why God chose to save us here in verse 4. List them.

How have we been made alive?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. What are our bodies meant for?

Our bodies are part of what?

Sexual sins are not “worse” than other sins, but, as we see here, they are *different*. What does verse 18 tell is different about sexual sins?

Is your body your own to do with as you please, according to these verses?

Who does your body now belong to?

Read Hebrews 13:4. This verse is given in the context of physical sacrifices that we may make that are pleasing to God. What types of things would defile the marriage bed?

Do those things only defile the marriage bed if you are already married, or can you defile your marriage bed before you are married?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. What is God's will for us?

What do we need to be in control of?

What has God called us to? If we dismiss this and act as if sex outside of marriage (either premarital sex or adultery) isn't big deal, who are we disregarding?

As you spend time with God today, if there is some sexual sin that you are currently holding on to, or a sin that you are ashamed of from your past that you haven't given to Him, give that to Him today. He already knows all that you have done; forgiveness is a gift to us when we confess and repent.

If you are struggling with any sort of sexual addiction, consider seeking out a trusted pastor or friend to help you to conquer this sin that has you in chains. Ask God to show you the healing that He offers, as you work through this sin that is "different" from all others. Ask Him to help you to put up appropriate boundaries to avoid the temptation and ask Him to clearly show you the way out when you are tempted....and ask Him to help you TAKE the way out, too.