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La Jolla Christian Fellowship

STEALING EDEN: I Want Your Sex

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Genesis 5:1 When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created.

Proverbs 16:4a The LORD has made everything for its purpose.

Romans 1:18-20 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Are there distinct differences between men and women?

- If so, what are those differences?
    - We live in a culture that is erasing meaning from sexuality.
        - Erasing meaning from:
            - Marriage
            - Gender
            - Sex

"Faith based sexuality stakes its claim at the crossroads of creative sexuality and meaning."

Meaning has been knit into the creation of humanity and it tells a deeper story.

- **Romans 1:20** *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*
    - When mankind misinterprets the creative design, it suppresses the truth of the story.

Culture loves to "TRUTH UP" a lie.

- Marriage tells the story of God's commitment.
- Gender tells the story of God's identity and character.
- Sexuality tells the story of intimacy and trust.

Created by perfect design.

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    - The bible speaks of men and women as a glorious common creation, but nuanced with specific strengths.

Created for a purpose.

- **Proverbs 16:4** *The LORD has made everything for its purpose.*
    - The creation of men and women was meant to express different aspects of the Creator.
        - Strength
        - Heart

Where as a church do we go from here?

- **Reclaim purity.**
    - **Ps. 119** *How can a young man keep his way pure?*
- **Reclaim commitment.**
    - **Numbers 30:2** *"If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or takes an oath to bind himself with a binding obligation, he shall not violate his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.*

Food For The Journey: Use these questions and challenges to go deeper this week in one of our community groups or in personal study.

1. What if any lies have you believed in the past about God's plan for sexuality?
2. Give a definition of the differences between men and women?
3. **Romans 1:20** says that God's invisible qualities, divine nature and eternal power are clearly seen in creation. Which of these three do you see in his plan for male female relationships and how are they displayed?
4. What do you feel that purity means when it comes to living a life devoted to God?
5. Do you feel that couples today understand commitment or does modern commitment come with caveats?