Break Every Chain

Part - Breaking the Chains of Sexual Sin April 14, 2024

"The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life." (John 10:10, New Living Translation)

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. "Give Me a drink," Jesus said to her. . . . "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" she asked Him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. (John 4:7–9, Holman Christian Standard Bible)

"If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink, 'you would ask Him, and He would give you living water." (John 4:10, HCSB)

"Sir," said the woman, "You don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do You get this 'living water'? You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are You? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock." (John 4:11–12, HCSB)

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again—ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life."

(John 4:13-14, HCSB)

"Sir," the woman said to Him, "give me this water so I won't get thirsty and come here to draw water." (John 4:15, HCSB)

"Go call your husband," He told her, "and come back here." "I don't have a husband," she answered. "You have correctly said, 'I don't have a husband,' "Jesus said. "For you've had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." (John 4:16–18, HCSB)

"Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body." (1 Corinthians 6:18, NLT)

"From the beginning 'God made them male and female. 'And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

(Matthew 19:4–6, NLT)

Sexual sin includes *any* sex outside of God's original design: one man and one woman in a lifelong committed relationship of marriage

1. Sex <u>before</u> marriage

"Marriage must be respected by all, and the marriage bed kept undefiled, because God will judge immoral people and adulterers." (Hebrews 13:4, HCSB)

2. Adultery

"You must not commit adultery." (Exodus 20:14, NLT)

3. <u>Homosexuality</u>

"God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other."

(Romans 1:26-27, NLT)

4. <u>Lust/Pornography</u>

"You have heard the commandment that says, 'You must not commit adultery. 'But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

(Matthew 5:27–28, NLT)

"My people have done two evils: They have turned away from me, the spring of living water. And they have dug their own wells, which are <u>broken wells</u> that cannot hold water."

(Jeremiah 2:13, New Century Version)

WHAT IS THAT NEED YOU'RE TURNING TO SEXUAL SIN TO FULFILL?

- Acceptance
- Value
- Affection
- Loneliness
- Control
- Comfort
- Escape

"When my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the towering rock of safety, for you are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me." (Psalm 61:2–3, NLT)

"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, yet you Jews say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem."

(John 4:19-20, HCSB)

"Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. **The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.**" (John 4:21–23, NLT)

The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will explain everything to us." "I am He," Jesus told her, "the One speaking to you." (John 4:25–26, HCSB)

Then the woman **left her water jar,** went into town, and told the men, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did!" (John 4:28–29, HCSB)

HOW DO I BREAK FREE TODAY?

- 1. Leave your sin at <u>lesus' feet</u>.
- 2. Run away from temptation!

"Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts."

(2 Timothy 2:22, NLT)

3. **Connect** with community.

Many Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of what the woman said when she testified, "He told me everything I ever did."

.... Many more believed because of what He said. And they told the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world."

(John 4:39–42, HCSB)