

Proverbs 5:3-5 Pursuing Sexual Purity Avoiding Temptation

Transition:

The Proverb warns us against the schemes of the Immoral Woman and reminds us of the sin of Sexual Immorality as a whole, that ultimately will lead us to bitterness, pain, and death in the end. A story in the Bible that illustrates the schemes of sexual immorality is the story of Joseph found (Genesis 39). He was a servant to Potiphar, the Captain of Pharaoh's Guard. Potiphar's wife tried to tempt Joseph into having sex with her on many occasions, but he refused to sin against God and he fled. Potiphar's wife lied and told the servants and her husband that Joseph tried to rape her, so Joseph was put into prison. The great thing is that the Lord was always with Joseph, honored his loyalty and blessed him in every bad circumstance he faced. God ultimately used Joseph to save his family and a nation from famine.

Tell the story:

Tell the story (with passion!) the best as you can, don't stop and teach, try not to make points, just tell the story. Perhaps leave some parts out or make a mistake, just to see if your group catches it!

Rebuild the story:

Chronologically rebuild the story by asking questions. Have the group look for what was added or left out by looking in their Bibles and going back over the story. Then have someone else tell the story the best they can – just like you modeled the first time.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did God give us sexual desires? (Gen 1:28, 2:24, 1 Cor 7:2, 7:9)
2. What's God's will for sexual purity? (1 Thes 4:3-5, 1 Cor 6:13, 19-20, Rom 13:14)
3. Are there consequences for sexual sin? (Prov 6:32, Jam 1:14-16, Rom 6:23)
4. How can I avoid sexual temptation? (1 Cor 6:18, Jam 4:7, Gal 5:16, Matt 26:41)

Fundamental:

The Bible tells us we should "Flee" from sexual temptation just like Joseph did. Just don't be there! Jesus also said whomever looks with lust has already committed adultery in his heart (Matt 5:28) "Don't Look!" The eyes are a gateway to sexual sin it. David sinned after he "Looked" at Bathsheba. Many men and women are addicted to "Looking" at porn. Looking is taken so serious in the Bible that if our right eye causes us to sin, to pluck it out! (Matt 5:29) Thankfully God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond what we're able to bear and makes a way for us to escape. All we have to do is take it! Flee, Don't Look, Put on the full Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18).

1. Fight like Jesus! How did Jesus resist temptation from Satan? (Matt 4:4, Luk 4:12)
2. How will God help me avoid sexual temptation? (1 Cor 10:13, Psalm 119:9)
3. What should I do if I've already committed sexual sin? (Jam 5:16, 1 John 1:9)

Homework/Challenge:

Resolve to "Flee" from anything that would cause you to commit sexual sin. When tempted, use the Word, and call a Christian friend for prayer and accountability.

Discipleship Tip:

Be vulnerable and share your Testimony on how God helped you overcome sexual sin.

Prayer:

Lord please help us "Flee" and repent from all sexual sin and help us to fight like Joseph and Jesus did!