

# TABOO



BREAKING  
THE SILENCE  
ON TOUGH  
TOPICS

Part 4: Sexuality

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## The Question

Am I willing to bring every expression of my sexuality  
under the lordship of Jesus?

### In the entirety of scripture, God has a consistent...

- Pattern** The Bible begins and ends with a wedding (Genesis 1-2 and Revelation 3, 5, 19)
- Plan** God creates and desires oneness (Genesis 5:2)
- Order** “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.” — Matthew 19:4-6
1. Leave your parents
  2. Unite with permanency
  3. Create one flesh

### Here’s the issue with this taboo topic:

Culture says sex is a right.

God says sex is a responsibility.

Are you willing to put godly responsibility above your rights?

### According to God, sex is a beautiful gift that...

Produces physical life (Genesis 1:28)

Produces emotional life (Genesis 2:24)

Produces knowledge (Genesis 4:1)

Produces pleasure (Proverbs 5:15, 18-19)

Protects the one flesh relationship (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)

## **According to God, the place for righteous sexuality is in the context of marriage.**

Marriage is a gift

Marriage is a refining place

Marriage is a humbling place

Marriage is a committed place

Marriage is a covenant place

Marriage is a place of pattern, plan and order

### **Next Step**

#### **Imago Dei Class**

**6 Mondays, July 25-August 29 • 6:30-8:00 PM at CTK • \$25**

Imago Dei (Latin for Image of God) answers everything you've always wanted to know about sex, sexuality, gender, and being the person God created you to be. This 6-session coed class is for anyone curious about the God-given differences between men and women, anyone questioning whether they are good enough, or anyone who wants to honor God in his or her sexuality. Taught by Karolyn Merriman.

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### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What did you do on the 4th of July?
- 2) When you were growing up, was sex a taboo topic in your family or not? If it was not taboo, what was the purpose of conversations about this topic?
- 3) People love to debate God's pattern, plan and order. What would you say if you were called upon to defend God's plan of action?
- 4) Culture believes sex is a right. God teaches sex is a responsibility. How do you see these differing approaches lived out in our world? What can you do to share God's plan in your world?
- 5) As a follower of Jesus, in what practical ways can you bring (or have you already brought) your sexuality under his lordship?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?