

Church in the Community part 6

50 shades of colour

1 Corinthians 5 & 6

Understand: 1. Our bodies are not our own

"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honour God with your body." 1 Cor 6:19-20

"I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice – the kind he will find acceptable." Romans 12:1

Question 1: Do I start each day with the aim of honouring God with my body?

2. Deeply fulfilling sex takes place exclusively within marriage

"I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you—something that even pagans don't do." 1 Cor 5:1

"But you can't say that our bodies were made for sexual immorality. They were made for the Lord, and the Lord cares about our bodies." 1 Cor 6:13b

¹⁵ "Don't you realize that your bodies are actually parts of Christ? Should a man take his body, which is part of Christ, and join it to a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ And don't you realize that if a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes one body with her? For the Scriptures say, "The two are united into one." ¹⁷ But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him." 1 Cor 6:15-17

Question 2: Am I keeping sex exclusively for marriage?

3. Wilful sin is serious

"I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people." 1 Cor 5:11

- **It affects us**

"No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body." 1 Cor 6:18

- **It affects others**

"Don't you realize that this sin is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old "yeast" by removing this wicked person from among you." 1 Cor 5:6

- **Church leaders are instructed to deal with it**

"It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning." 1 Cor 5:12

Question 3: How seriously do I take sin in my life?

4. A fresh start is made possible through Jesus

"Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." 1 Cor 6:11

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9

"Run from sexual sin!" 1 Cor 6:18a

Question 4: Do I need a fresh start right now?