



# The Gift of Intimacy in Marriage

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## 1. Sex is never just physical.

1 Corinthians 6:16-18 NIV

*Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.*

## 2. Sex in marriage renews the marriage covenant.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5 NIV

*The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

## 3. Fulfilling sexual intimacy in marriage flows from:

a. Communication

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*If nothing were to change in our experience of \_\_\_\_\_ in the next year (or 3 years), how would you feel?*

b. Inner (Emotional) Healing

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*If Jesus was going to highlight one area of your life where you need a greater measure of healing, where might it be?*

## 4. Jesus intends to make us whole and holy by His love.

Ephesians 1:4 TM

*Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.*

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### APPRENTICESHIP PRAYER PARTNER QUESTIONS:

- 1a) If Jesus was going to highlight one area of your life where you need a greater measure of healing, where might it be? What might a next step be?
- 1b) Have you ever attended an Encounter Freedom Retreat? If so, what was your experience like? What was meaningful? Did anything surprise you? If you haven't, is there a reason you wouldn't consider attending the next Encounter Retreat on April 5-6<sup>th</sup>?
- 2) Communication is foundational in all relationships. How do you think those closest to you would assess your ability and willingness to communicate openly? What might prevent you from greater self-disclosure?

### For more information, check out:

- **Hooked: New Science On How Casual Sex Is Affecting Our Children** by McIlhaney and Bush
- **The New Rules for Love, Sex & Dating** by Andy Stanley