

7/9/17 | Etched in Stone | Honor Your Vows



Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

—1 Corinthians 6:19-20 | NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Where is faithfulness the most important? With money, with family, with work, with God, or other? What makes you say that? Are they all connected? How?
2. How are faithfulness and honor similar? How are they different?
3. Consider this quote. What is it saying? Is it true? What does this mean when it comes to honor in marriage?

“Honor must start in the heart, but if it ends there, it isn't honor. Honor must be expressed through words, symbols, actions, or gestures.”
—Douglas Wilson

Looking

4. Read Matthew 5:27-37. In what ways does Jesus expand on the Old Testament commandment? How is that relevant to you?

What does lust have to do with adultery?

What does divorce have to do with adultery?

What do oaths have to do with adultery?

What does honor have to do with adultery?

5. Compare Genesis 3:1-6 and 1 John 2:16. How is the story of man's fall reflected in the verse from First John? How are these accounts similar to Jesus's commands regarding looking and lusting?

Bride of Christ

6. Read Hosea 1 and 3. Explain the symbolism of Hosea's marriage to a prostitute. Whom did she represent? Whom did Hosea represent?

At first, what was Israel's attitude toward God? What was God's attitude toward Israel?

At the end, what had changed?

What can believers today learn from this story?

Why does God take adultery so seriously?

7. How has Jesus Christ honored you? How can you honor Christ? How can you show honor to your brothers and sisters in Christ?

TAKEAWAY: What is God telling you to remove in order to honor your vows?