



GOOD NEWS ABOUT SEX, PART 1:

THE BEST SEX YOU'LL EVER HAVE

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GOD CREATED SEX!

...male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them,
“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”
Genesis 1:27-28 (NIV)

Why?

1. To produce children

2. To promote unity and intimacy

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

3. To provide pleasure

Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth. She is a loving doe, a graceful deer. Let her breasts satisfy you always. May you always be captivated by her love. Proverbs 5:18-19 (NLT)

Also see the Song of Songs... a whole book in the Bible about it!

GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE GREAT SEX!

1. So he created the perfect context: marriage.

Now, getting down to the questions you asked in your letter to me. First, Is it a good thing to have sexual relations? Certainly - but only within a certain context. It's good for a man to have a wife, and for a woman to have a husband. Sexual drives are strong, but marriage is strong enough to contain them and provide for a balanced and fulfilling sexual life in a world of sexual disorder.
1 Corinthians 7:1-2 (The Message)

The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.
Genesis 2:25 (NIV)

**The best sex you'll ever have is in the safety of
a committed marriage relationship.**

Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.

Hebrews 13:4 (The Message)

Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me - a simpler life in many ways! But celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others. I do, though, tell the unmarried and widows that singleness might well be the best thing for them, as it has been for me. But if they can't manage their desires and emotions, they should by all means go ahead and get married. The difficulties of marriage are preferable by far to a sexually tortured life as a single.
1 Corinthians 7:5-9 (The Message)

2. So he has given us guidance in the Bible.

The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality - the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband. Marriage is not a place to “stand up for your rights.” Marriage is a decision to serve the other, whether in bed or out.
1 Corinthians 7:3-4 (The Message)

- **Sex isn't all about you! Satisfy your spouse!**

Abstaining from sex is permissible for a period of time if you both agree to it, and if it's for the purposes of prayer and fasting - but only for such times. Then come back together again. Satan has an ingenious way of tempting us when we least expect it. I'm not, understand, commanding these periods of abstinence - only providing my best counsel if you should choose them.
1 Corinthians 7:5-6 (The Message)

- **Don't withhold sex unless (1) it's temporary, (2) you both agree, and (3) it's for the purpose of spiritual growth.**

3. So he gives us a fresh start.

Don't you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, and swindlers—none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God. There was a time when some of you were just like that, but now your sins have been washed away, and you have been set apart for God. You have been made right with God because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you.
1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT)