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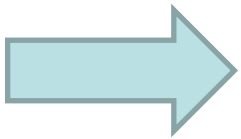


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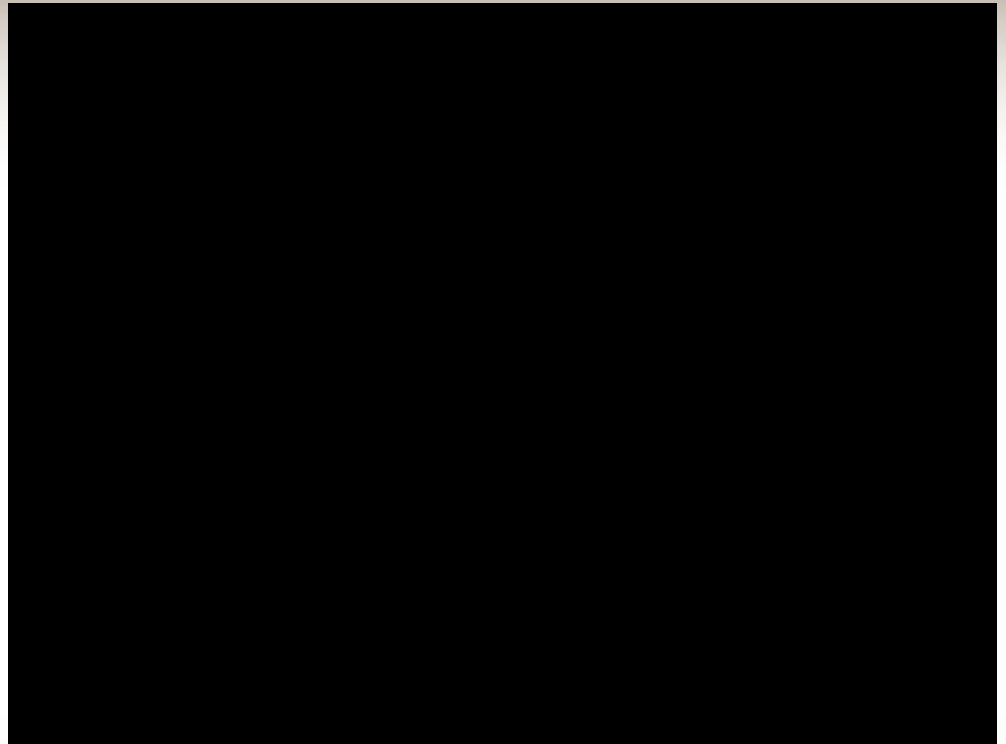
- **YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.**
- What does this mean?
- *We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife should love and honor each other.*



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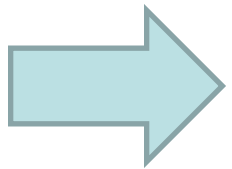
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# A way to think about the Law







# God's Will for Husband and Wife

- The Sixth Commandment expresses God's will that a husband and wife enjoy God's gift of sexuality within and only within their marriage.
  - Intimacy: A husband and wife “seal” their relationship in the most intimate physical and emotional way.
  - Children: God wants to bless couples with children.



# God's Will for Husband and Wife





# Marriage

- At the beginning of creation, God instituted and blessed marriage for the first human beings, Adam and Eve.
- Marriage is God's gift to His creation
  - It is God's plan for men and women
  - It is to be between one man and one woman
  - It is intended to last for life
  - The husband is to love his wife
  - The wife is to love her husband
  - Their goal is to build a God-pleasing home and family, caring for and supporting each other.

Note: All black text is adapted from Terry K. Dittmer's *"Keeping the Faith"*





# God's Design for Marriage

- The Sixth Commandment protects the sacredness of God's design for marriage.
  - Faithfulness to marriage vows can bring many blessings.
  - Too often, unfaithfulness, because of adultery, messes God's plan up.
    - Fornication (Intercourse with someone other than a spouse)
    - Sexual impurity
    - Debauchery (excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures; intemperance)
    - Promiscuity



# Inclination = Sin?

- Concupiscence
  - The orientation, inclination, or innate human tendency toward improper sexual thoughts or behaviors.
- We believe that concupiscence is a sin in and of itself.
- The Roman Catholic position is that you have to act on those desires in order to commit a sin.



# Catechism – Questions and Answers

- How do we lead a sexually pure and decent life?
  - Consider sexuality to be a good gift of God
  - Honor marriage as God’s institution, the lifelong union of one man and one woman.
  - Reserve sexual intercourse for the marriage partner alone
  - Control sexual urges in a God-pleasing way.



# Actions Have Consequences





# What We Should Do...

- Keep our minds clean
- Keep our eyes clean
- Be careful about the clothes that we wear
- Keep our ears clean
- Watch what we say, the jokes we tell, the words we use, the “attitude” in our voices





# Catechism – Questions and Answers

- What does God forbid in the Sixth Commandment?
  - God forbids divorce except for marital unfaithfulness (adultery or desertion)
  - God forbids sexual intercourse between unmarried persons
  - God forbids sexual sins such as rape, homosexual activity, incest, sexual child abuse, obscenity, and the use of pornographic materials.
  - God forbids sexually impure thoughts and desires.



# Temptation





# Regret



## HINDSIGHT

*Those really were the droids you were looking for.*



# Parental Guidance Required

- Luke 17: 1-3
- Jesus said to his disciples:  
*“Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup> It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup> So watch yourselves.”*







# Catechism – Questions and Answers

- What does God require of us in the Sixth Commandment?
  - God requires us to avoid all temptations to sexual sin.
  - God requires us to be clean in what we think and say.
  - God requires us to use our sexuality in ways pleasing to Him.





# Contraception

- In view of the Biblical command and the blessing to “be fruitful and multiply,” it is to be expected that marriage will not ordinarily be *voluntarily* childless.
  - CTCR, “Human Sexuality: A Theological Perspective,” LCMS Social Concerns Committee 1981
- But, in the absence of Scriptural prohibition, there need be no objection to contraception within a marital union which is, as a whole, fruitful.



# Divorce

- People find a variety of reasons to divorce.
- Some think divorce is just one more option among today's many choices in life. It is common.
- God recognizes only serious reasons for divorce: unfaithfulness, intentional desertion, and cruelty.
- Reconciliation can often be achieved.
- God's people should strive to avoid divorce.

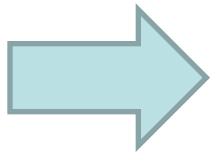


# Homosexuality and Bisexuality

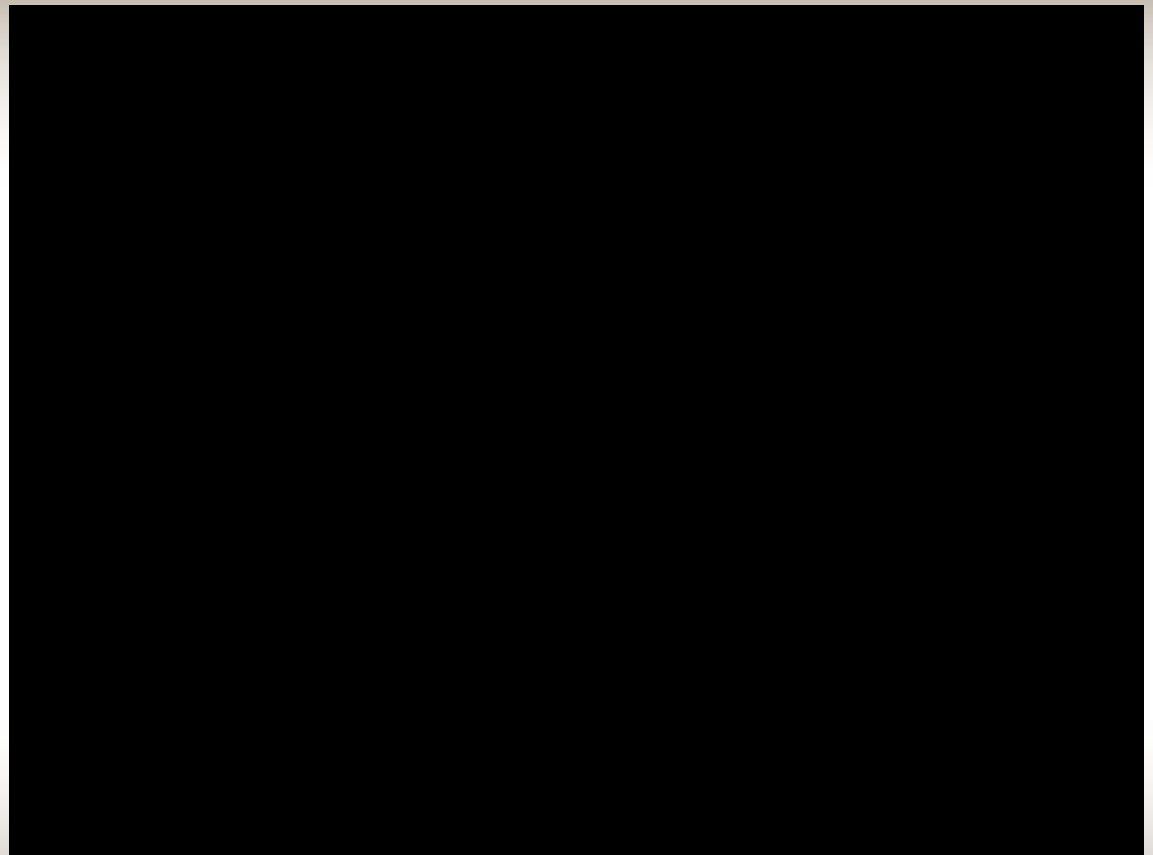
- The Sixth Commandment is about sexual purity.
- Marriage and the Biblical definition of marriage is the key. Relationships that fall outside this definition break the Sixth Commandment.



# WVE – On Gay Marriage



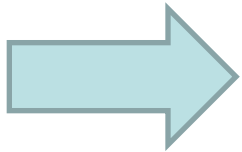
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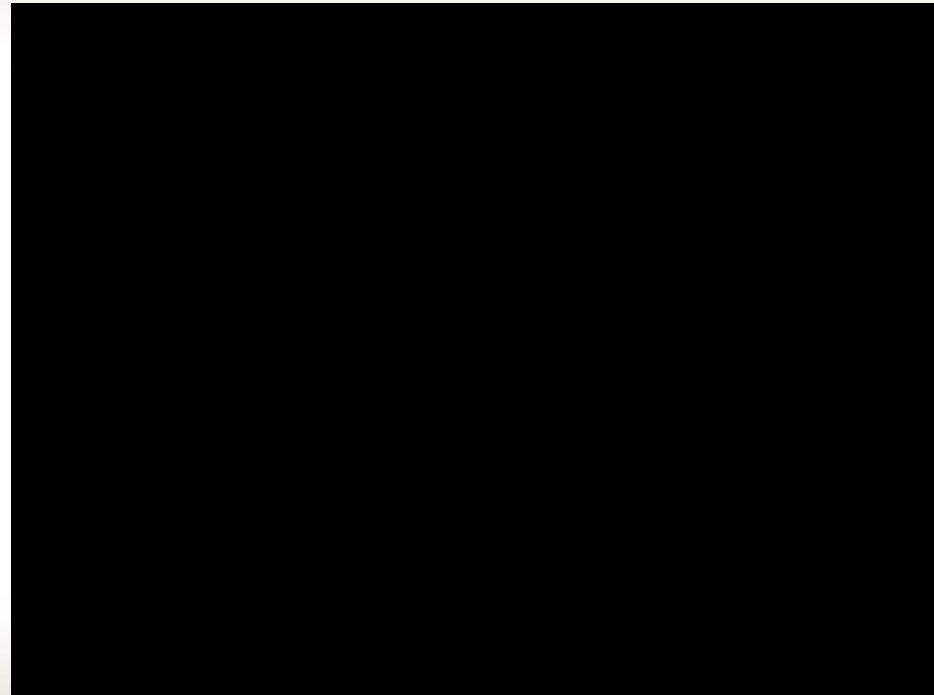
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