

## Go Deeper . . .

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What’s so bad about adultery? Why does sexual unfaithfulness have such devastating consequences for a relationship?

How do these consequences spiral out and affect the wider community?

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Why is this expansion significant?

What does it teach us about God’s desire for relationships?

What does this mean for how we live?

1Cor 7:3&4 explains that husbands and wives do not have authority over their own bodies but instead choose to yield that authority to one another. What is significant about this dynamic of mutual yielding of rights?

How does this compare to our culture’s understanding of relationships?

Why is covenant-faithfulness necessary for such a relationship?

When rightly lived out, how does such a dynamic prevent abuse and neglect and also foster health and support?

How does a relationship like this reflect the life and nature of Jesus?

Ephesians 5:28-33 locates the reality of marriage within the reality of Christ’s union with the Church.

Why does Paul refer to these unions as mysteries?

What are the implications of this reality for marriage relationships?

How is adultery incompatible with a genuine belief that husband and wife are truly one flesh united by God (Gen 2:24; Mtt 19:4-6)?

Hebrews 13:4 says that marriage should be held in honor by all. What role do single people play in strengthening and supporting healthy marriages? If you are currently single, what is one practical way you can bless someone’s marriage?

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