

# False Intimacy: Sexuality Outside the Lines

## SERMON mini-SERIES

### *False Intimacy*

Last week: The Counterfeit and  
Consequence of Your Brain on  
Porn

*"I apologize..."*

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### This Week Sexuality Outside the Lines

The experts DON'T agree!

The Lines of True Intimacy

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Song of Solomon 3:5
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-5

10 observations of True Intimacy

Examples of False Intimacy

- Homosexuality
- Fornication
- Adultery

At the intersection of gospel and sex

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

The lines of the Gospel

### **Application -**

*What lines do you see? Are you willing to trust God with the lines he has drawn?*

## Scripture Passages (taken from the English Standard Version)

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Study Guide for Personal or Small Group Growth

March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Hope Community Church (written by Pastor Cor Chmielecki)

*Week Two – Sexuality Outside the Lines*

### **Opening Questions:**

- What were your favorite coloring-books growing up (Looney Tunes, Mickey Mouse, etc.)? Were you a person that colored with crayons, markers, or colored pencils? Was it important for you to stay in the lines or not? How'd that compare to any siblings you may have had?
- Have there been times in your life when you've done something that felt so right but you later came to find out it was wrong? What were those? What made them feel so right and good? When you started doing things the right way, did it feel right and good? If so, why do you think that was? If not, why do you think that was?

### **Digging into the Topic:**

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1. Discuss God's design for true intimacy. What stands out to you? How does this compare to the relationship (if one such existed) between your parents?

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Pastor Cor listed 10 observations from Genesis and 1 Corinthians:

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1. Whether you're married or not, which 2-3 of the 10 do you personally feel a pull toward within God's design? Why do you think that is?
2. Are there any on this list that you struggle to see as part of God's design? If so, which one(s)? How are you working through this struggle?
3. Pastor Cor listed 3 biggies when it comes to false intimacy: homosexuality, fornication/pre-marital sex, and adultery. It was also stated that the "experts" don't agree. What are you hearing about these issues in your classrooms, extended families, offices, and in media?

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1. Do you see sexual sin as a Gospel problem? Are you seeking to pull the gospel through your sexuality? Are you allowing Jesus to take your sin and shame in this area? How are you aiming to, as the song says, "weep, believe, and sin no more?"
2. Are you trusting the lines that God has drawn in this area? If not, why do you think that is? What would it look like, in faith, to actually deny what your mind, body, and passions are telling you are good and right in exchange for God's Word and design?

### **Application**

1. What lines do you see?
2. Are you willing to trust God with the lines he has drawn?

### **For Further Reading:**

Harry Schaumburg, *False Intimacy*, NavPress (1997)

William Struthers, *Wired for Intimacy*, IVP (2009)



# SONG OF SOLOMON

DATING. MARRIAGE. SEX. ROMANCE. GOD.



**FALSE  
INTIMACY**

**Week #1: The Counterfeit of Pornography**

**Week #2: Sexuality Outside the Lines**

**Week #3: Redemption from False Intimacy**



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# False Intimacy: The Counterfeit and Consequence of Pornography

## 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

# Your Brain on Porn

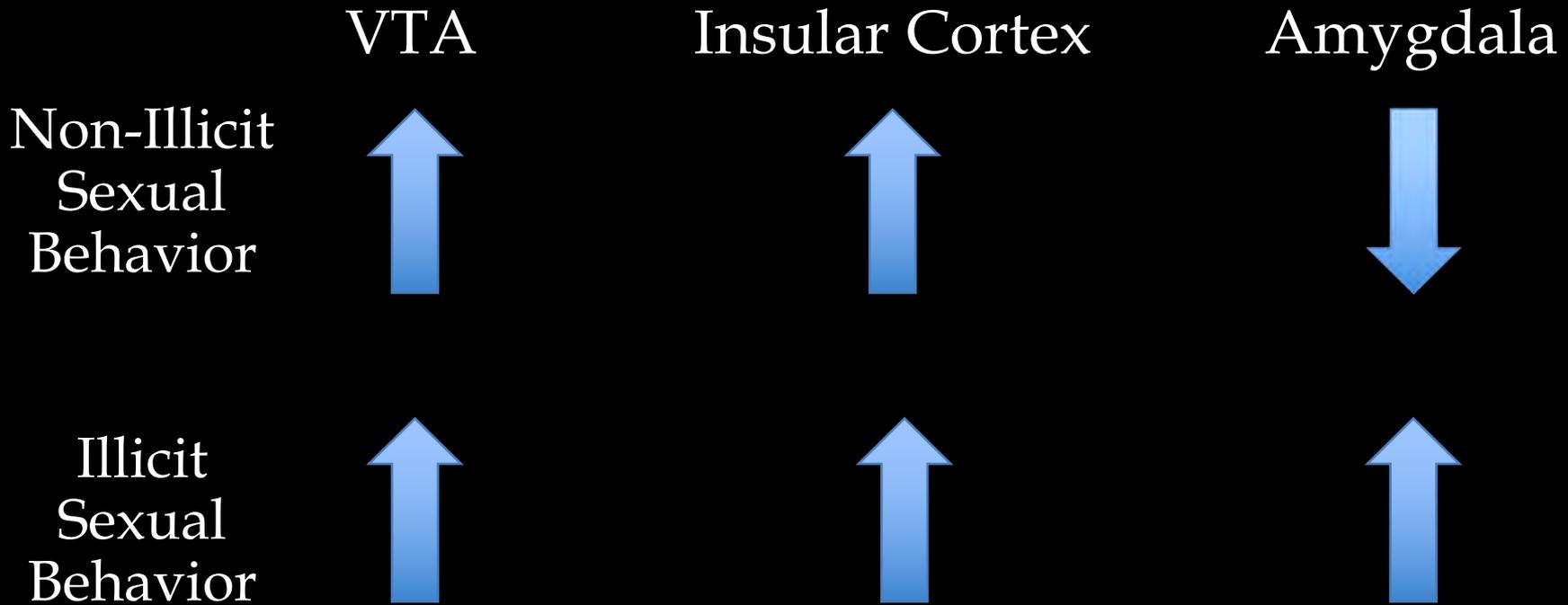
#1: It changes the way you think

#2: There exist countless on ramps, but few exits

#3: It impedes relationships

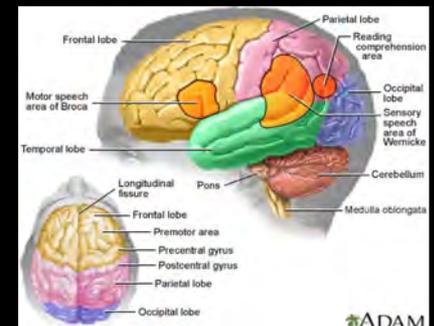
#4: It results in less responsive in all things

# Brain Functions



## Sources:

1. *Wired for Intimacy*
2. *Journal of Neuroscience*





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“Over the years the pervasiveness of pornography has rendered men *less* sexually responsive to real women...

For most of human history, the erotic images have been reflections of, or celebrations of, or substitutes for, real naked women. For the first time in human history, the images power and allure have *supplanted* that of real naked women. Today, real naked women are just bad porn.”

~Naomi Wolf, New York Magazine, The Porn Myth

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What are you going to do?

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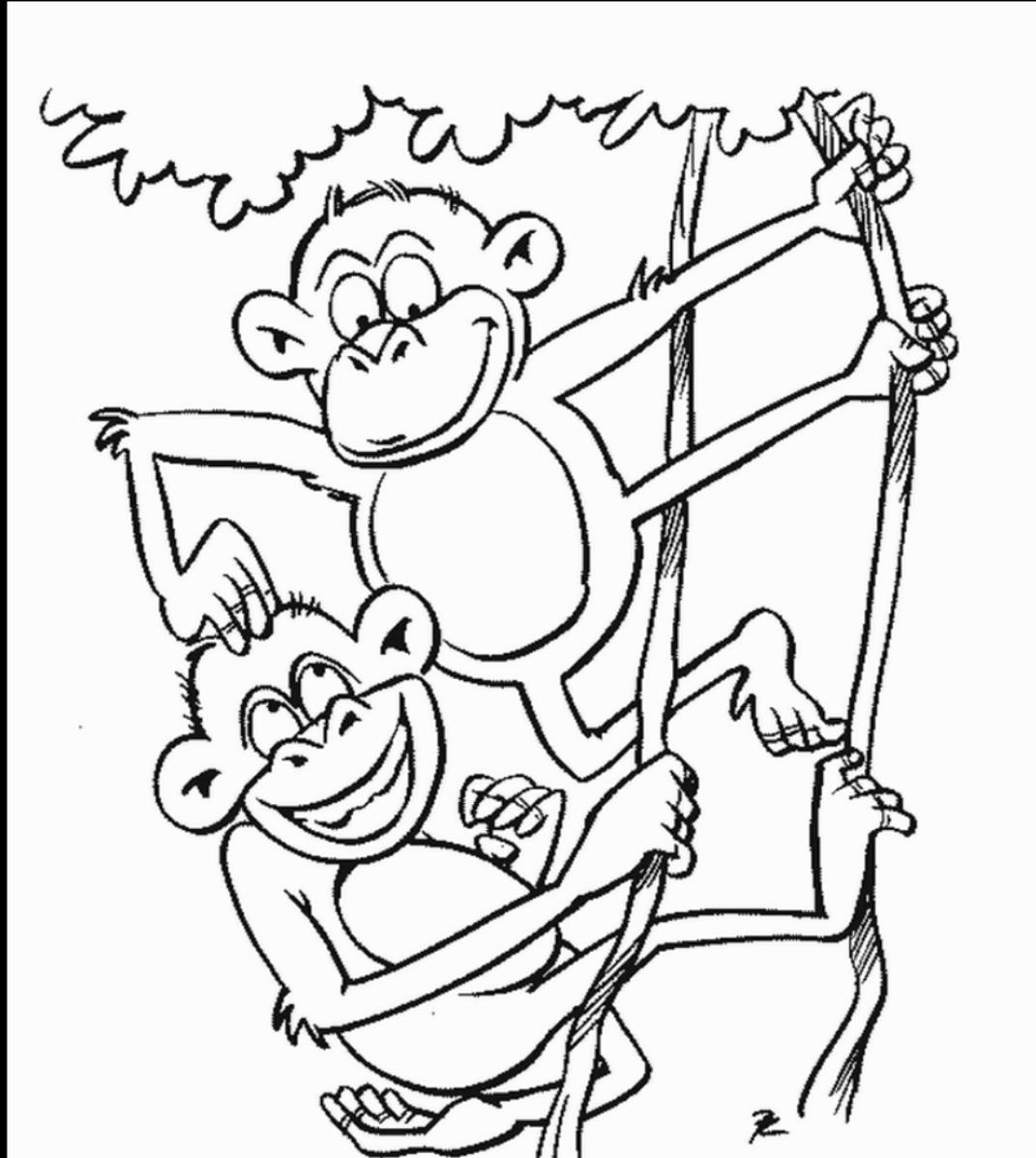
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<sup>5</sup> Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.

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# False Intimacy: Sexuality Outside the Lines

“You see plenty of people who don't date, yet they know what each other looks like naked before they know what each other's religion, politics, and everything else are...Overall there is still the belief that if you are with one person, you should stay faithful to that one person. Yet the relationships don't last long. There is a lot of jumping from one monogamous sexual partner to another...What's changed is not that we don't have exclusive relationships. We do, but how they start, how long they last, and what they look like is different.”

*Mark Regnerus, Premarital Sex in America: How Young Americans Meet, Mate, and Think about Marrying* (Oxford University Press), coauthored with Jeremy Uecker.

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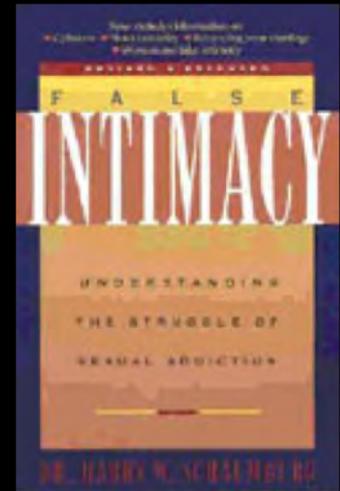
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“Compassion should never determine our beliefs about homosexuality; it should only determine our response to those who struggle with homosexual feelings and behaviors. Compassion should make us gentle and humble in heart when dealing with another’s sin, but truth, as found in the Word of God, must determine what we believe, not sympathy.”



Harry Schaumburg  
*False Intimacy, page 53*



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### Romans 1:26-27

<sup>26</sup>For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; <sup>27</sup>and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

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“Often, the Holy Spirit uses science to teach us why those ancient words no longer apply to our modern times. During the last three decades, for example, organizations representing 1.5 million U.S. health professionals (doctors, psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, and educators) have stated definitively that homosexual orientation is as natural as heterosexual orientation, that sexual orientation is determined by a combination of yet unknown pre- and post-natal influences, and that it is dangerous and inappropriate to tell a homosexual that he or she could or should attempt to change his or her sexual orientation.”

<http://www.soulforce.org/article/homosexuality-bible-gay-christian>

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Fornication and Pre-marital Sex

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“It's hard to want one thing (marriage) and find yourself doing another (having sex outside of marriage). So many young adult Christians are making peace with premarital sex—some because they wish to, but many because they feel they have little choice, that to delay sex puts the relationship at risk.”

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# Her Story

*About 2 years into our relationship we decided to move in together. This led me to give all of myself to my boyfriend, including my heart and my body.*

*It was a desolate place, full of secrecy and guilt.*

*Through the clarity of God's Word and the reproach of my small group, I moved out and we stopped all sexual relations. During this time we got engaged and were married 3 months later. Having taken my relationship to God, I felt free to wear white on my wedding day.*

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*During the first months of our marriage I had an extremely difficult time allowing myself to feel pleasure when we had sex. I couldn't transition from the guilt I had once felt during premarital sex to the pleasure that God intended in married intimacy. I knew God had not brought us this far to have our sex life suck. Since we were given a clean slate in our relationship, I felt comfortable talking with my husband about our sexual relationship. We were able to discuss my emotional needs, my desires, and be completely open with one another about our sex life. This was definitely not the way it was before we were married!*

# Her Story

*Sex is intended for marriage, and our sex life is way better in marriage than it was beforehand. After being married for 5 years we still regularly talk about meeting each other's sexual needs, and we still really enjoy each other.*

*I was serious about loving God and following his ways. Stopping having sex with my boyfriend was something God demanded from me, and, though challenging, I was glad to obey. It's by the grace of God that we are married now and have a great sex life.*

# His Story

After graduating college, my girlfriend (now my wife) and I decided to live together. We called ourselves Christians but didn't really see a problem with pre-marital sex. We both came from a background where this wasn't necessarily frowned upon. As we became more involved at Hope, we started to realize that God didn't approve of our lifestyle. We started to experience shame and guilt, but felt trapped in our situation. Fortunately, God was gracious with us and placed mentors in our lives that encouraged us to make a change.

# His Story

We decided to stop living together, stop having sex, and get engaged. After a short engagement, we got married. Unfortunately we didn't just live happily ever after, because we still dealt with the lingering guilt that had become associated with having sex. We also had to discover God's true design for sex in marriage since we had become accustomed to the counterfeit version of our past.

I am very glad that we decided to follow God's will in our lives. I don't think that we would be married today if we hadn't. We also wouldn't have our two beautiful kids. I can't imagine what kind of life I might now be living if it weren't for God stepping in and having a much better plan for me.

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# False Intimacy: A Gospel Problem

“Sexual (sin) is a complex problem with multiple causes and far-reaching consequences...The key point is that sexual (sin) isn't just an issue of sex or even of external behavior: It's a byproduct of loneliness, pain, the self-centered demand to be loved and accepted regardless of the consequences, and a loss of vital relationship with God...I hope you will have a clear understanding of the fact that the origin of (this) behavior...is in the deceitful human heart, not in one's painful circumstances or abusive childhood. When we understand the plague that is in the human heart, all other views on the immoral sexual behavior are set aside. The problem is not sexual addiction or sexual confusion; it is sin.”

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*False Intimacy, pages 24-25, 53*

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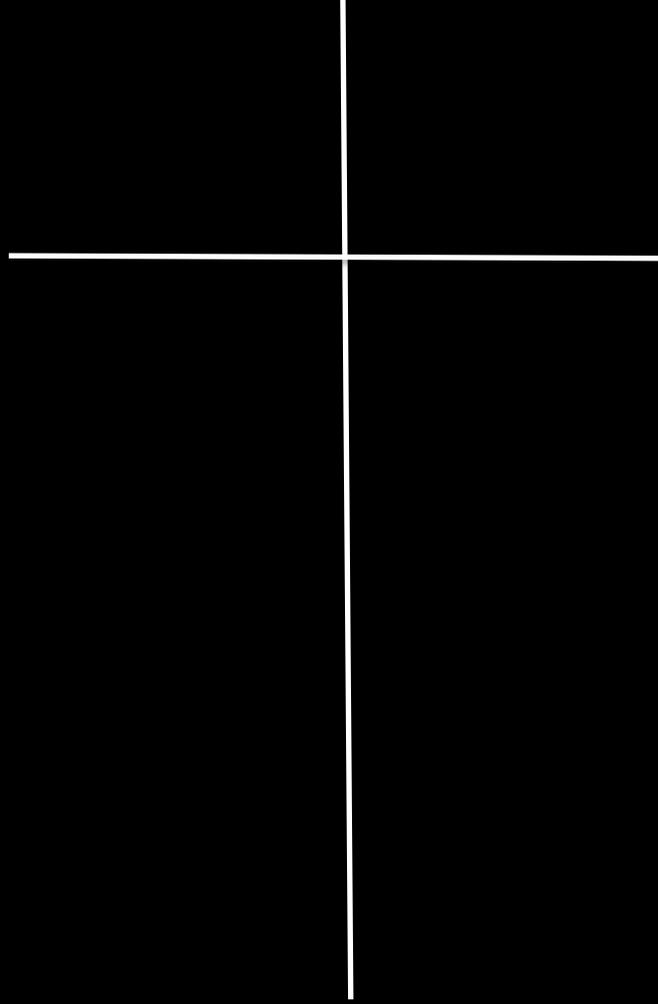
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