

SERMON mini-SERIES
False Intimacy

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Week #2: Sexuality Outside the Lines

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**Moving Forward
from False Intimacy**

“defeated, broken down, torn apart”

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• 1 John 1:8, 10

The *danger* of getting to know one
another

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- 1 John 3:1-2

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Where does this road get me?

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Study Guide for Personal or Small Group Growth

April 3rd, 2011 – Hope Community Church (written by Pastor Cor Chmielecki)

Week Three – Moving Forward from False Intimacy

Opening Questions:

- Have you seen the movie *Cast Away*? If so, what were your impressions of the film? In what ways did you find yourself identifying with the main character Tom Hanks played? If placed in the same scenario, what do you feel would be your biggest struggles? And with returning to the States, what do you think would be the most difficult adjustments?
- Pastor Cor shared about a Hope attendee that said she felt “defeated, broken down, torn apart.” Do any of those words resonate with you in your struggle with sexual sin? In what ways have you seen God work in your life in this area, whether previously or as a result of this sermon series? In what ways are you still trusting God to move in your life?

Digging into the Topic:

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1. Pastor Cor shared about the importance of acknowledging our sin before God. What does this look like for you? In what ways is acknowledging our sin made easier by being a part of Hope? In what ways is it made harder?
2. What do you make of this passage where it is the religious (or church!) leaders that have the toughest time realizing their true condition? What implications are there for us who attend Hope regularly?

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1. Have you received Christ into your life? What were the circumstances surrounding this commitment? Who was influential in your coming to faith?
2. If not, what is keeping you from making such a commitment?
3. In what ways are you currently receiving afresh the good news of Jesus Christ? What does it look like to treasure Christ anew today? In what ways are you asking the Lord to restore to you the joy of your salvation?

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1. What does this passage speak to regarding the deceitfulness of sin? In what ways do you feel like you've deceived yourself?
2. What is God's role in this passage? If that's true, what does that mean for you?
3. What does confession mean? What would it look like to do this? What might this mean for you to carry out with trusted people in your life?
4. The Lord promise to cleanse and forgive. Are you able to hear that and receive it in your life? If not, what keeps you from experiencing the grace of God?

#3: Live What God's Already Promised

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1. What do you make of this passage? What stands out? What do you know about Abraham?
2. We read "fully convinced" and "no distrust." What do you understand this to mean? How does this challenge you in clinging to the promises of God?

Baptism and Communion

1. Have you made the decision to be baptized? If not, why not? If so, what did that mean for you?
2. In what ways do you seek to make communion an ongoing and powerful experience in your relationship with God?

Application

1. Which of the three pieces of this journey is the toughest? Which one do you find yourself in right now?
2. Do you find yourselves at a crossroads? What are the options in front of you regarding the fight against sexual sin and for true intimacy?
3. What promises are you banking on in your relationship with God?

For Further Reading:

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

Helpful Ministries:

In fighting the sin of homosexuality: *Exodus Internal/Simon Ministries*

In the wake of an unplanned pregnancy or abortion: *First Care MN*



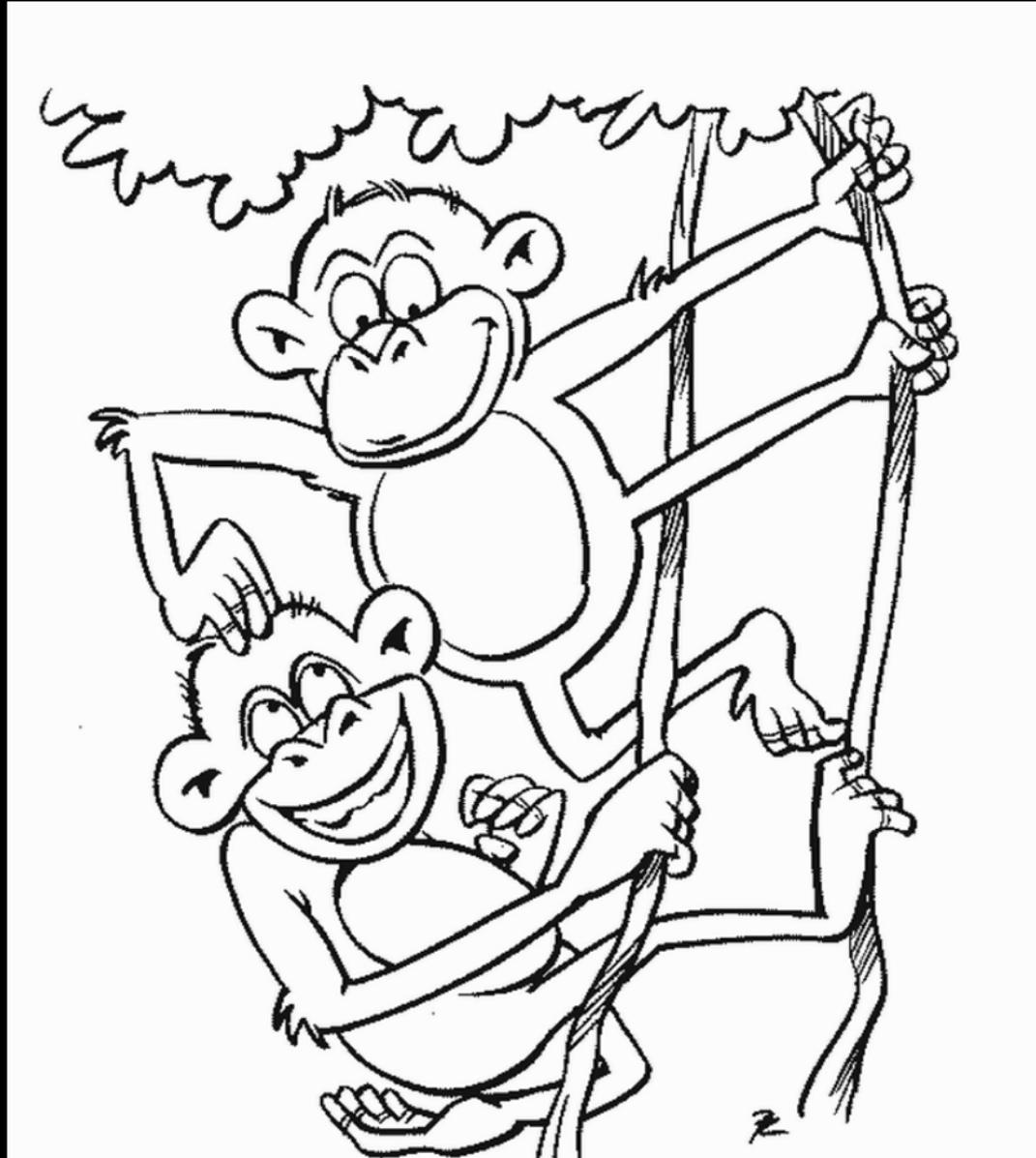
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DATING. MARRIAGE. SEX. ROMANCE. GOD.

The image features a central point where a piece of glass has shattered, with numerous sharp, jagged fragments radiating outwards. The background is a solid, deep black. Overlaid on this scene is the text "FALSE INTIMACY" in a large, white, bold, sans-serif typeface. The text is arranged in two lines: "FALSE" on the top line and "INTIMACY" on the bottom line. The shattering glass effect is most prominent in the center, partially obscuring the middle of the words. The overall composition is high-contrast and visually striking, suggesting a theme of broken trust or shattered illusions.



The Lines of True Intimacy



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- End aloneness
- Better together
- See yourself in relation to the other
- Leave father and mother (i.e. start a new family)
- No shame
- Between a man and a woman
- Between a husband and a wife
- Spousal rights to one another
- Give bodies to one another
- Abstain for God purposes

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Matter

False Intimacy: Sexuality Outside the Lines

What lines do you see?

Are you willing to trust God with
the lines he has drawn?

Hope Quote

I hope this email goes to the right person, to the man who preached Sunday night, March 27 on the topic of Sexuality Outside the Lines. (We) went to Hope Community for the first time this last Sunday, March 27...when you started talking about homosexuality I was disagreeing with your point of view. I respected it but disagreed...Because of what you had to say about homosexuality I did not want to come back to Hope. (We) talked about this on our walk back to my place and during dinner. We both didn't feel like going back to Hope.

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1. Deal honestly with yourself
2. Recognize your need to change and confess your sin to God
3. Face your woundedness
4. Realize you can't heal yourself and turn to God
5. Trust God to satisfy your needs

Harry Schaumburg, *False Intimacy*

HELP!

We both had done the math. Kelly added it all up and... knew she had to let me go. I added it up, and knew that I had... lost her. 'cos I was never gonna get off that island. I was gonna die there, totally alone. I was gonna get sick, or get injured or something. The only choice I had, the only thing I could control was when, and how, and where it was going to happen. So... I made a rope and I went up to the summit, to hang myself. I had to test it, you know? Of course. You know me. And the weight of the log, snapped the limb of the tree, so I-I - , I couldn't even kill myself the way I wanted to. I had power over *nothing*.



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Your faith is too weak.

It's not that your faith is too weak.

It's that your flesh is too weak!



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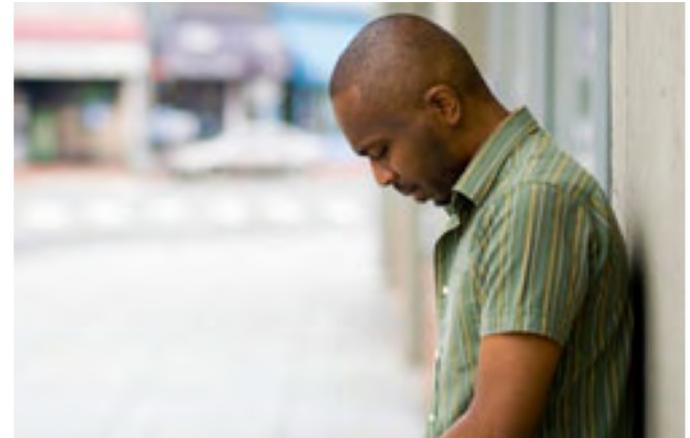
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HELP!

First Care Pregnancy Center

- Confidential Appointments
- Licensed Registered Nurse
- Licensed Social Workers
- Free Lab-Quality Pregnancy Test
- Free Limited Ultrasound
- Ru486 and Morning After Pill information
- Professional referrals- financial, medical, housing
- STI Information and Education
- Decision-making and Ongoing Counseling
- Licensed Adoption services
- Post-abortion care and education



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#3: Live What God's Already Promised



HELP!

And that's when this feeling came over me like a warm blanket. I knew, somehow, that I had to stay alive. Somehow. I had to keep breathing. Even though there was no reason to hope. And all my logic said that I would never see this place again. So that's what I did. I stayed alive. I kept breathing. And one day my logic was proven all wrong because the tide came in, and gave me a sail. And now, here I am. I'm back. In Memphis, talking to you. I have ice in my glass... And I've lost her all over again. I'm so sad that I don't have Kelly. But I'm so grateful that she was with me on that island. And I know what I have to do now. I gotta keep breathing. Because tomorrow the sun will rise. Who knows what the tide could bring?



What is a promise?



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A transaction between two persons whereby the first person undertakes in the future to render some service or gift to the second person

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Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

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1 John 3:1-2

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

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Baptism/Communion/Worship

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Romans 6:1-10

1What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? 3Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. 6We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 10For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

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