

Sunday Morning

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The Shade of the Cross

Porn: Selfish, Addictive and Defeatable

JOB 31:1 (MSG); MATTHEW 5:27-30 (NASV)

INSIGHT: When pornography involves family, we realize it's neither entertainment nor art but digitized prostitution.

I. PORNOGRAPHY IS ABOUT SELFISH SEX.

DEFINITION: Pornographic books, films and magazines are designed to arouse sexual desire in the way you would hire a prostitute to fulfill sexual desire.

REALITY: Fifty Shades of Grey is just a dirty book.

INSIGHT: The porn industry has a larger worldwide revenue than Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple and Netflix combined!

II. WHY PORN IS WRONG

1. It's addictive.

INSIGHT: Viewing pornography and acting out on it creates a demand in the brain for more and more just to achieve the same level of pleasure.

2. Porn is progressive.

INSIGHT: The bottom of porn's pit of degradation is deep and ever-increasing.

3. Porn is degrading to women.

4. Every porn star is somebody's little girl.

5. Porn violates commitment.

6. Porn invades the bedroom.

7. Porn is hazardous to your soul.

*Jesus' take on pornography according to Matthew 5:27:

1. Sexual sin is real.

2. Sexual sin is any sex outside of marriage.

3. Sexual sin is birthed in the mind (Matthew 5:28).

INSIGHT: Lustful thoughts are not innocent.

III. HOW TO WIN THE BATTLE WITH PORN, Matthew 5:29

1. Keep God at the center of your life and marriage.

2. Love God and your wife first above all other things in your life.

3. Be totally transparent before God and your wife.

4. Confess to a brother who will hold you accountable, and accept responsibility for the addiction (Galatians 6:2, 5).