

# **DISTINCTIVE 分別為聖**

**/What it means to be holy 神聖  
in the modern world**

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ACC Sermon Series  
Jan – Apr 2024  
Sex, marriage & singleness

Sermon 3 of 10



# SEX 1

## Song of Songs 1

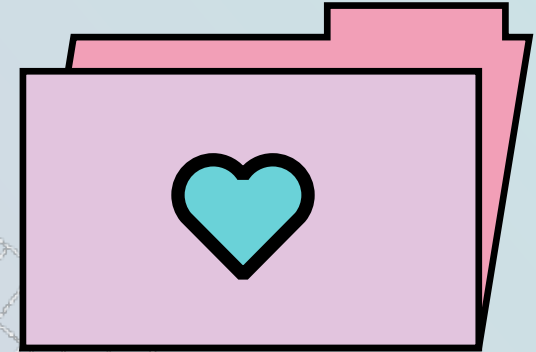
# WHAT SOCIETY AND THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SEX:

## **SOCIETY:**

Sex is  
everything &  
nothing

## **BIBLE:**

Sex is sacred  
& a good gift  
from God



# What the Bible says about sex:

**Sex is not gross  
令人厭惡/噁心.**

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**Sex is good.**



**SEX IS NOT  
THE  
FOUNDATION**



God's plan for sex:

**The physical union of one man and one woman who are married.**



“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”

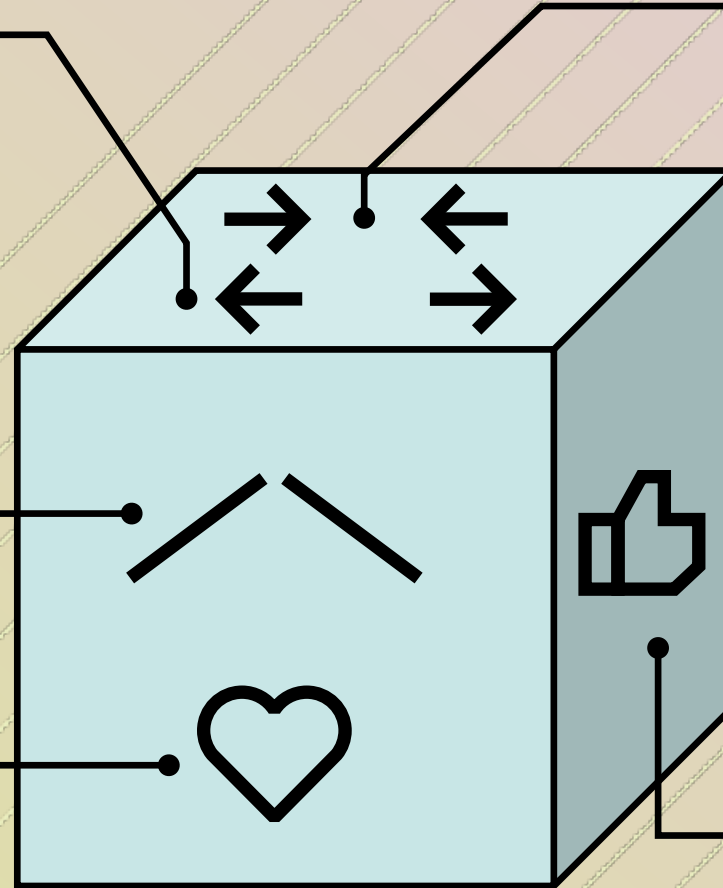
**Gen. 2:24**

# Gen. 2:24 “United” & “One Flesh”

Formation of  
a new family

Counterbalance  
抗衡

Sex



Closeness,  
togetherness,  
unity,  
oneness

Giving of  
yourself  
to the  
other

# God's plan for marriage & sex:

HETEROSEXUAL  
異性戀

Genesis 2:20–24

Matthew 19:4–6



## GENESIS 2:18–20

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

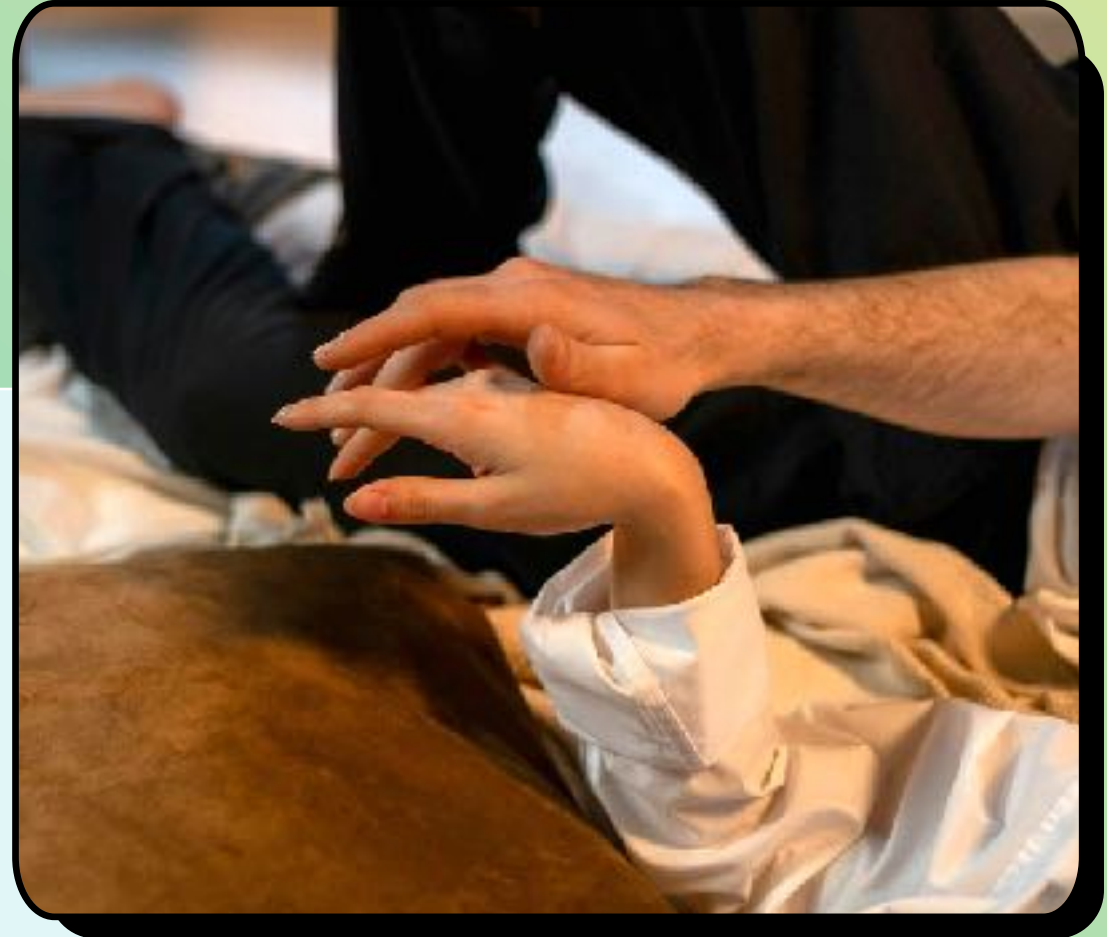
But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

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“God’s creative work consists of making distinctions between things, or separating things, to bring about order and life.” *Andrew Wilson*



Light & Dark

Day & Night

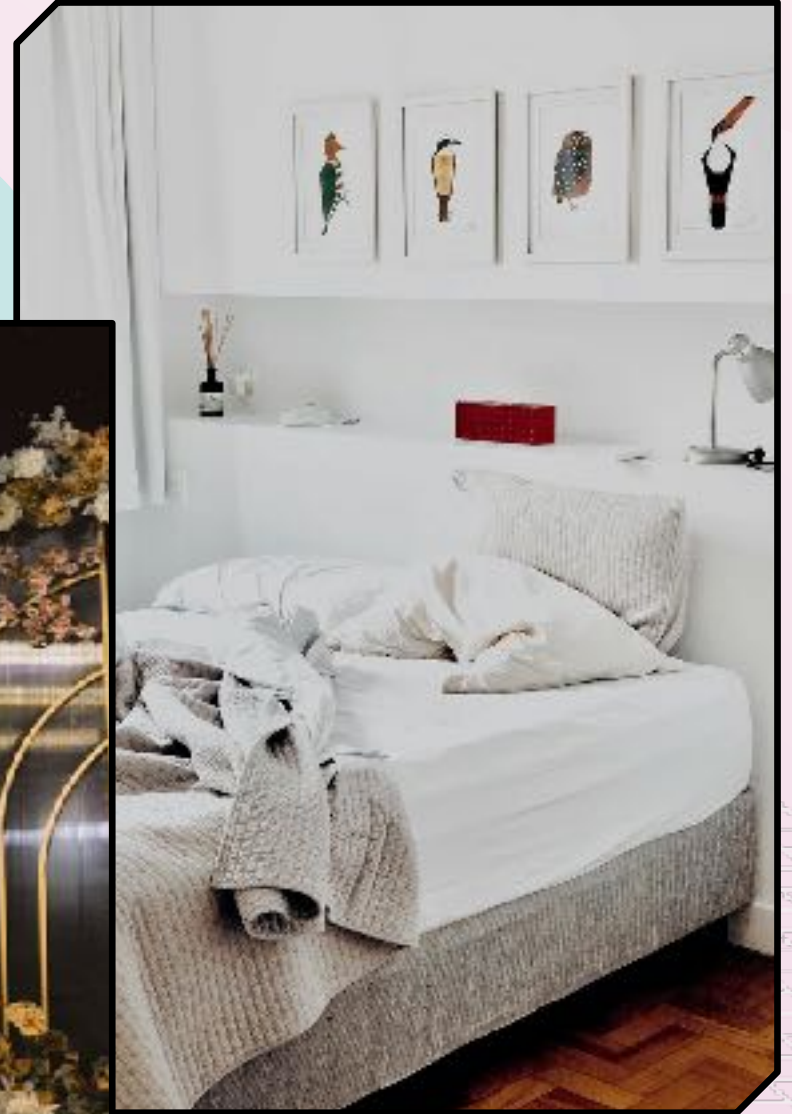
Heaven & Earth

Land & Sea

Sun & Moon

Male & Female

**But why  
does God  
restrict  
sex to  
marriage?**



# Why does God restrict sex to marriage?



**BECAUSE SEX IS  
POWERFUL, LIKE FIRE**

Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?

Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?

So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished.

Proverbs 6:27–29

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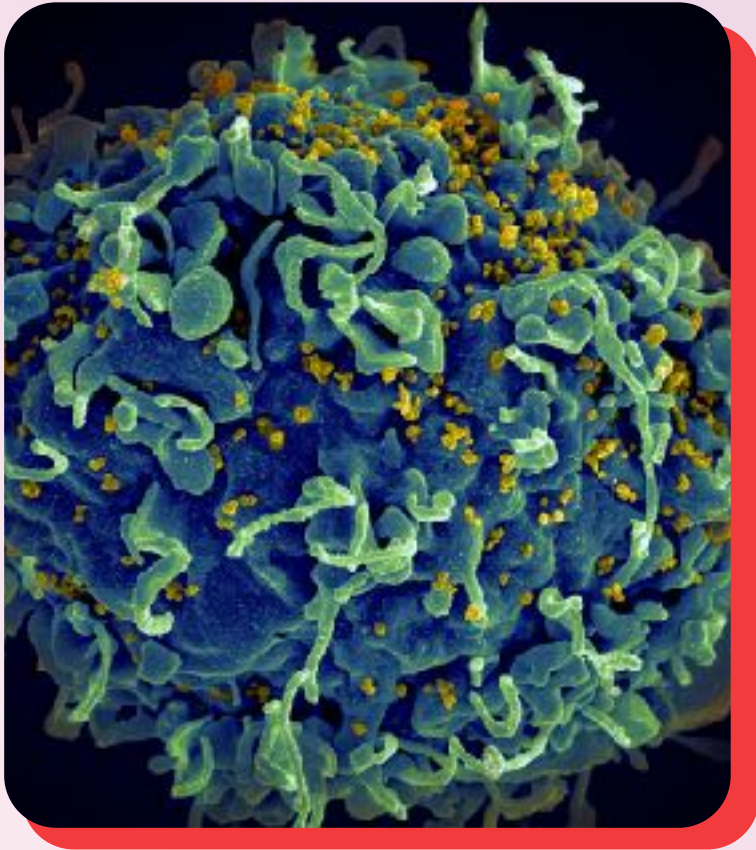


**BECAUSE SEX BONDS  
EACH PARTNER &  
STRENGTHENS ONENESS**

“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”  
Genesis 2:24

**1 Corinthians 6:15**

Why does God  
restrict sex to  
marriage?



**TO PROTECT US FROM  
SEXUAL TRANSMITTED  
DISEASES (STDs)**

England's sexual health  
services 'at breaking point'  
[BBC News 20 Jan 2024]

Gonorrhoea and syphilis sex  
infections reach record  
levels in England  
[BBC News 6 Jun 2023]

# Why does God restrict sex to marriage?



**TO PROTECT US  
FROM PORNOGRAPHY**

“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: **sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.**” Col. 3:5

# Why does God restrict sex to marriage?



## TO RESTRICT MEN AND PROTECT WOMEN

“The husband should fulfil his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.” 1 Corinthians 7:3-4

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**SO THAT SEX IS THE  
BEST IT CAN BE**

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Song 7:6-7

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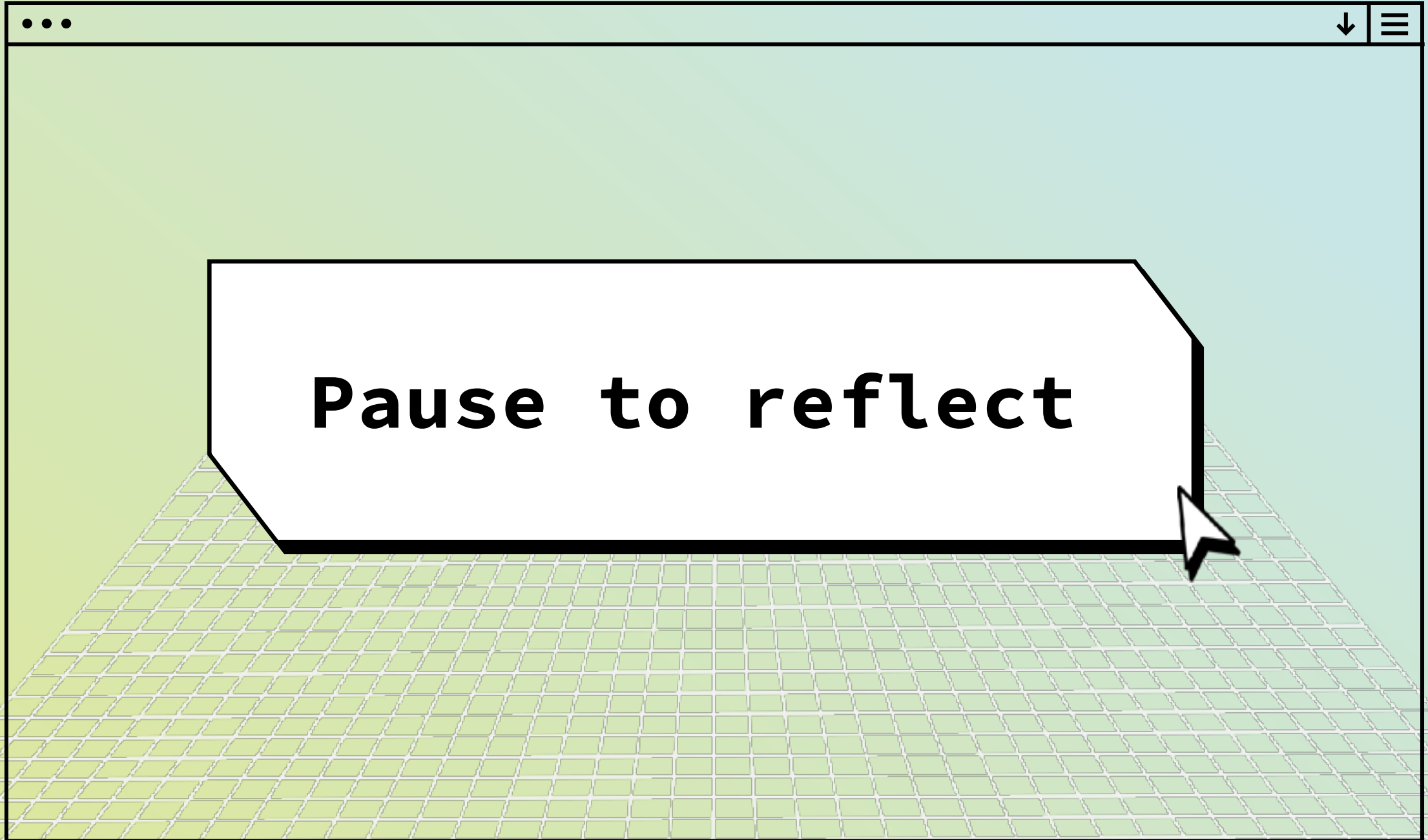




## SEX NOT ULTIMATE

The Bible says you don't need sex & marriage to have a meaningful life.

**Thanks be to God!**



**Pause to reflect**

## COMMUNION: A TABLE OF GRACE AND FORGIVENESS



- ▶ Remember: Christ's blood covers all sin, including sexual sin
- ▶ This table is a reminder of what sex & marriage point to

**Parents: new  
resource library to  
help you teach your  
children about sex &  
marriage God's way**

**AT BACK OF  
CHURCH**

