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*Exposing the lust that binds us*  
*Part 1*



Human sexuality has been deeply distorted by our depravity

- *When we rebelled against God, we fundamentally altered every part of our being, especially our sexuality.*
- *Our rebellion corrupted the core of our identity, and re-scripted our thinking, beliefs, values, inclinations, and expectations away from God's original intent.*



# Our Depravity Formed Toxic Narratives

Matthew 5:27-28

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”



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- The personal self is celebrated.



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*“The worst thing we can do is to conform to some moral code that is imposed on us from outside—by society, our parents, the church or whoever else. It is deemed to be self-evident that any such imposition would undermine our unique identity.”*

*Divine Sex, p. 29*



# Our Depravity Formed Toxic Narratives

- People become objectified.
- The personal self is deified.
- Relational commitments should remain fluid.



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*“We do not so much give ourselves to a relationship as expect the relationship to give to us ... Am I getting what I need from this relationship? Does it make me happy? Do the benefits to me outweigh the costs? The assumption is that a relationship may last until death IF it continues to fulfill each person, but to make a lifelong commitment at the beginning makes no sense.”*

*Divine Sex, p. 37*



# Jesus redeems our toxic narratives

- Face the broken and sinful inclinations of our own sexual narrative.
- Discover how the Gospel recreates our sexuality so that we might flourish!



