

# GENESIS

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## Freedom...

(part VI of the 'I Do' series – 3/11/12)

### Big Idea

We were not made for immorality (porn), but for life with God, and even though our culture is inundated with porn and sexuality, we are to flee from it because we have been washed, sanctified, and justified through Jesus (I Cor. 6:9-11). Porn is both deceptive and destructive to life. We fight against this through (1) Jesus who has set us free, (2) confession & repentance, (3) remembering our sons & daughters, and (4) the explosive power of a new and greater affection, namely God himself.

### For your Community Group this week – take some time to work through the following questions...

1. Pornography is mainstream – meaning it is everywhere. Pornography is something you will be exposed to whether you are intentionally seeking it out or not. How is pornography impacting our culture – specifically how men view women, and how women view men?
2. How is pornography impacting 'intimacy' between husbands & wives? Many in culture argue that 'pornography' is helping to enhance a couples 'sex life' – is there in truth in this? If yes, how? If no, why not?
3. What is it about pornography that so many men turn towards it? If it is both devastating and deceptive, why do so many men become enslaved (addicted) to it? How might our view of God impact our relationship with pornography? Read [Genesis 39:1-10](#).
4. Sin – namely being lazy, selfish, and angry, along with being discontent and insecure are some of the major reasons that men turn towards pornography. Practically speaking, how might the Gospel of Jesus radically reshape the 'major reasons' why so many men turn towards pornography? List out some practical ways in which the truth of the Gospel can & will transform sinful, discontented, and insecure men to men who pursue & practice purity.

*"The only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is through the expulsive power of a new one."*

### Thomas Chalmers

5. If old affections were for things of this world, namely pornography, how might we cultivate new, godly affections? How can we train our affections to be heavenward? Read [Colossians 3:1-5](#).
6. If Jesus made clear that through faith in Him, and Him alone we are free ([John 8:36](#)), then why do so many cycle in and out of sin? Why do those who have been 'set free' continue to live like those who are still enslaved? Practically speaking, how can we live as ones who have been set free?
7. How might 'living generationally' impact the decisions and choices you are making today – namely, decisions to sin against the plans and purposes of God?

A major aspect of 'living free' is bringing into the light that which is in the dark. Any sin that remains in the dark (un-confessed) will be a sin that will continue to master you. When there is confession coupled with repentance, sin is brought into the light, thus it has no power over you.

Are there any sins that are hidden – or remain in the dark? If yes, take time to share those with one or two individuals in your Community Group. Ask them to not only pray for you, but ask them to hold you accountable so that you can continue to live in the freedom that Jesus has provided for you. Read [1 John 1:5-10](#).