

# COUNTER CULTURE

FOLLOWING JESUS IN A CANCEL CULTURE

Temple Talk  
WEEK THREE

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**Jesus and scripture direct Christ-followers to live counter to culture, not conform to it.**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

**We are all born with a broken identity. The brokenness of sin has affected our minds and bodies.**

**Jesus came to bring us freedom from the curse of sin and bring fulfillment in our relationship with Him.**

John 8:31-32; 10:10

**We don't live for our salvation. We live from our salvation.**

<sup>9</sup>Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men <sup>10</sup>nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

**The work of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit make us right with God.**

<sup>12</sup>"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup>You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself?

1 Corinthians 6:12-15 (NIV)

**My body was made for God and it shares a union with Jesus.**

<sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup>They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

John 2:19-22 (NIV)

**Jesus and His disciples believed that when the Holy Spirit inhabits someone's body, their body is God's holy temple.**

**We are to flee sexual immorality because it dishonors our body that is the temple of God.**

But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:2 (NIV)

**Sexual immorality is any sexual activity that is not within the bounds of marriage between a husband and a wife.**

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Jesus endorsed marriage between a man and a woman. In Mark 10:6-9 and Matthew 19:4-6, Jesus addresses the creation account for our gender identity and speaks of the marriage union within these boundaries.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**When sexual activity is not with only one's spouse, it dishonors God's house.**

- To sexualize someone else's body for my own pleasure is a sin that dishonors God.
- An attraction is not sin. Acting on the attraction to someone who is not one's spouse is the sin.
- We honor our bodies as the temple of God that belongs to God.
- We honor everybody's body, because their body is the temple of God or a future temple of God.

## NEXT STEPS:

- Text for prayer: (913) 608-7575
- Protect yourself and your family from pornography: [covenanteyes.com](http://covenanteyes.com)
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## TEACHING SUMMARY:

Each and every human being has been created in the image of God and has the potential to be the temple of God through the Holy Spirit.

When we submit to Christ as Lord, we become the temple of the Living God.

Historically the temple was a place that was revered and honored by the religious people of the time and now God no longer resides in a place, He resides in us.

We are called to honor His temple with everything we say and do.

When we step outside of His design for our sexual lives, which is within the bounds of marriage between a husband and wife, we dishonor God's house.

Will you choose to say no to sexual immorality and live from your salvation by honoring the temple of God? Will you flee from sexual immorality and honor God in that way?

## TALK IT OVER:

Do you feel that your body is the temple of God? If so how has that changed the way you live?

Where can you see the damage of sexual sin in your life or the world around you?

If you struggle in those areas, what does it mean to you to flee from sexual immorality?

What is one next step you can take today?

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

Mon: Romans 3:22-24 (NLT)  
Tue: Ephesians 2:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)  
Wed: Romans 8:1-11 (NIV), (ESV),(NLT)  
Thu: 1 Peter 2:9-12 (NIV)  
Fri: Romans 13:12-14; Galatians 5:15-25 (NIV)  
Sat: Colossians 3:1-10 (NIV)