## **TWISTED**

## Pt. 4 – It's Only Physical

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There is one twist of truth that is unique in its effect. When it comes to sex, our culture has bought into a lie that impacts us at the deepest level, leaving scars on the soul.

We are bombarded with these messages at every level: practice safe sex; movies that show it's an act to be pursued with whomever and whenever you want; random, casual sex; it's not hurting anybody; consenting adults; internet pornography...yet the Bible tells us that God created sex and sex outside the context of marriage destroys our capacity for real intimacy.

# I Corinthians 6:15-16, 18-20

**A. Vs 15-16:** "Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh""

Sex is not an act that happens and then you go on your way. It follows you and you carry that with you when you leave.

**B.** Vs 18-20: "Flee from sexual immortality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

Sexual sin is in a category all by itself because of the direct impact it has on you. You're hurting yourself. It doesn't give you a better life or bring you lasting happiness, but it complicates your life and erodes your capacity for intimacy.

### **YOUR RESPONSE:**

### IF YOU REJECT THIS MESSAGE TODAY:

**REMEMBER** God's Word. One day when your life is a mess and you are empty and numb, and don't have the intimacy you crave, you can find help within His Word. God loves you and wants His best for you.

#### IF YOU ACCEPT GOD'S TRUTH:

**REPENT** of your sexual sin. You know it has followed you. Sexual sin is dangerous because it scars your soul. Confess your sin and then make lifestyle changes. Maybe you need to get rid of the internet, quit traveling, don't date that person anymore. Drastic changes are needed because sexual sin is dangerous.

In time, God will heal you and allow you to experience real intimacy. It begins with repentance and commitment to honor God with your body.