

## I. INTRO/REVIEW

### A. Wheel's series

- The Showroom
  - o In the showroom things are generally shown in ideal conditions.
  - o Tension of the gap between the ideal and the real deal
- Dually's
  - o Two are better than one
  - o How can two walk together unless they're agreed
  - o How did it go praying out loud together?

### B. Commitment is overrated and preparation is underrated

- If you commit to something that you're that you're not prepared to do your commitment is worthless

## II. THE PACE CAR

A. This is something that should be a bit awkward because it is so intimate and sacred and holy.

One time a teenager asked me – if sex is wrong why's it so good?

B. The message of the church hasn't gotten through

- Easy to get the idea that sex is wrong, bad, it's all evil and sinful

**Proverbs 5:18-19 (NIV) <sup>18</sup> May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. <sup>19</sup> A loving doe, a graceful deer – may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love.**

- That doesn't sound like – this is evil stay away from it!

**Proverbs 5:20 (NIV) Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man's wife? Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman?**

- It's a wonderfully beautiful thing but it has its boundaries

C. Sex is God's idea

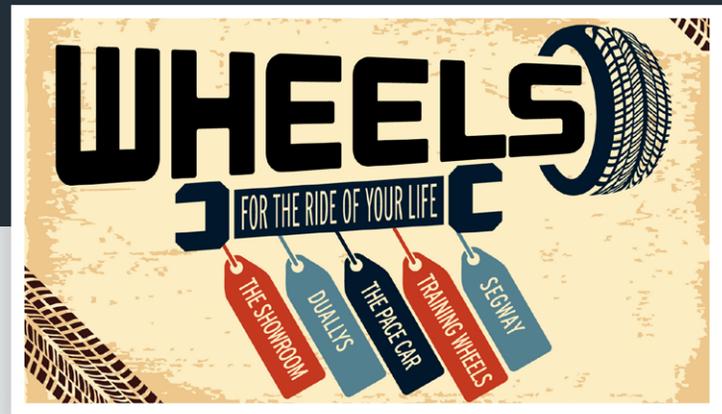
- **God created sex and sexuality as an expression of intimacy**
- **Intimacy means to know and be fully known**

D. Popular thinking today

- It's my body and I can do with it what I want
- Sex is only physical and everyone has physical needs

**The truth is we know – maybe deep inside but we know this can't be true**

E. Sexual intimacy is both fragile and powerful



### III. THE IDEAL

A. Paul's ministry was to a pagan Greek thinking culture

**1 Corinthians 6:18a (NIV) <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality.**

**1 Corinthians 6:18b (NIV) All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.**

B. Your sexuality is deeply connected to who you are. It's connected to your soul.

C. Sex unites

**1 Corinthians 6:15 (NIV) <sup>15</sup> 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! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)<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.**

### IV. HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR BODY

A. The real deal

- Push back – this is old fashioned – no one does this anymore
- It's too late for me to have the "ideal".

B. Common sense isn't always common

**The question is:** How do you honor God with this part of your life?

- Sex really is a matter of choice
- Practice makes perfect
- Practice modesty

Here's why all of these things are important

- **Romance in marriage or dating is fueled by exclusivity**

### V. CONCLUSION

A. The ideal and the real deal

B. Determine the story you want to tell and live it