

F.R.E.S.H. LOOK

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

In our contemporary world, we are bombarded with confusing and often conflicting information, especially when it comes to topics such as sex and relationships. This constant influx of mixed messages can leave us feeling lost, confused, and broken. However, it's time for a FRESH perspective — a new and clearer way to examine sex, marriage, and relationships through the lens of GOD'S TRUTH. We are drawing upon the insights shared by the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 7 to reevaluate our beliefs, correct our thinking, and gain a healthier understanding of God's design for our lives.

FIX OUR SEXUAL MINDSET (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)

The Corinthian church grappled with serious issues related to decadence and immorality, prompting the Apostle Paul to provide guidance on how to approach our understanding of sex. He encourages the church in Corinth to practice self-control and discretion rather than indulging in sexual desires impulsively. Paul underscores God's design for marriage, emphasizing that sex is a beautiful and sacred act within the confines of marriage. He asserts that sex is a shared responsibility and a means of expressing love and intimacy between a husband and a wife. He advises against withholding sex from one's spouse, as this goes against biblical principles. To fix our mindset regarding sex, we need to see it from God's perspective as He intended it. Sex in marriage is meant to be a source of joy, bonding, and love. It is portrayed as a designed and beautiful expression of love that promotes unity, protection, and a sense of belonging in marriage.

RESTORE PURITY (1 Corinthians 7:7-9)

Paul encourages individuals who are single to find contentment instead of feeling incomplete or unfulfilled due to singleness. He emphasizes the importance of upholding sexual purity, considering it a gift from God. To maintain purity, it is vital to surround oneself with like-minded individuals and engage in a supportive community or discipleship group, ensuring mutual accountability. Ultimately, Paul highlights that victory in maintaining purity comes from focusing on Jesus Christ and seeking strength

and guidance from Him. God provides a way out when we are faced with temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13), and He offers strength and guidance during moments of weakness.

SANCTIFY OTHERS (1 Corinthians 7:10-16)

Paul addresses the issue of divorce within the context of marriage, emphasizing commitment rather than separation. He further adds that staying committed to an unbelieving spouse is an opportunity to influence and guide them toward holiness. While it is God who makes individuals holy, believers have a role in being a positive influence on their spouse. Paul extends this concept to suggest that married couples can also have a sanctifying impact on their children through their faith. However, he offers a word of caution for those who are not yet married: Avoid entering a marital relationship with someone who does not share your faith (2 Corinthians 6:14). Jesus takes this concept further, encouraging us to be a blessing to others (Philippians 2:3-4), emphasizing the importance of selflessness and serving others in our relationships.

HAVE UNDISTRACTED DEVOTION (1 Corinthians 7:29-35)

Paul's message transcends the topics of marriage and sex, urging us to shift our perspective. He reminds us that possessions and worldly concerns are fleeting and ultimately unimportant in the grand scheme of life. For our own benefit, Paul encourages us to focus on what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord (Philippians 2:3-4). Devotion means sitting well beside Him. How is your soul? Have you been so busy that you have no time for Jesus and are distracted by numerous cares, challenges, and worries? Jesus is inviting us to sit with Him, have a FRESH look, and see things from His perspective.

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

This I say for your own benefit; not to put a restraint upon you, but to promote what is appropriate and to secure undistracted devotion to the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 7:35

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What difference will it make in your daily life if you truly believe God owns your body?

In what situations have you experienced victory over immoral thoughts or actions? In what situations have you had failures?

What practical steps will you take to keep yourself pure and holy before God?

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See you at the **Welcome Center** at the 2ND floor lobby!

STEP INTO THE COMMUNITY

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

WOMEN2WOMEN

ALL WOMEN

Forgiven, so, Forgive! Forgiving Others: How to Guide

with Techie Quisumbing

October 5, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

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BIG MINISTRY

SINGLES

ScriptSure: Practical Ways and Tips to Help Understand The Bible

October 6, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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NXTGEN

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United in Jesus: Living Out the Lessons on 1 Corinthians

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing

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  ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12
 zoom for ages 7-12

Across MOTIVATE Family Camp

October 6 - 8, MMRC

REGULAR RATES:

PHP5,500/person for adults

PHP4,500/person for kids ages 5-11

children ages 0-4 are free of charge

Register at bit.ly/AcrossFamilyCamp2023

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

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GLC Level 1 Face-to-Face [OPEN TO ALL]

October 1, 2023, Sunday

- Book 1: One-by-One, 10:45 AM, Room 4A
- Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines, 1:45 PM, Room 4A

GLC Level 1 — Zoom [OPEN TO ALL]

October 4, 2023, Wednesday at 7:30 PM

- Book 1: One-by-One
- Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines

Go to bit.ly/GLCTraining2023 to register

GLC Level 2 — Face-to-Face [OPEN TO ALL]

October 1, 2023, Sunday

at 1:00 PM, Room 2A

Book 7: Family Life

GLC Level 2 — Zoom [OPEN TO ALL]

October 5, 2023, Thursday at 7:30 PM

Book 7: Family Life

Go to bit.ly/Book7FamilyLife2023

to register

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MOVE YDC 2023

Grounded: Discipleship in a Woke Culture

FACE TO FACE CONFERENCE

October 30 - November 1, CCF Center

REGULAR RATES:

PHP1,200 for regular tickets

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Get your tickets at moveydc.org

Singles Sports Camp

OPEN TO ALL SINGLES

November 10-12, MMRC

REGULAR RATE: PHP4,500

Registration runs until October 27 only

Register at ccfsports.org/register

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

God brought you here for His purpose.

1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE

5:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICES ENGLISH

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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