



Part Two: How Far Can I Go?

If intimacy and sex have become separated, many people are determined to bring the two back together again, but often, we fail. Porn, sex outside of marriage, masturbation, oral sex - where do these forms of sexual expression fit in God's plan? How far can you go sexually? Will any of this lead to intimacy?

Bottom Line: In an attempt to go as far as we can sexually, we engage in activity that is not beneficial to us or others. Contrary to what we might think, there is actually real life within the limits of sexual expression that God has designed.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6. 12 , Proverbs 6.20-29 , 1 Corinthians 13.4-10

For Further Study: Proverbs 5

Community Group questions:

1. Forgetting sexual acts and thoughts for a moment, do you have a history of wanting to "push the limits" of what is allowed? Why or why not? What have you learned from that tendency?
2. Thinking back on your life, are there any impulsive things you've done that you are grateful for? Any you regret?
3. Does Paul's principle in 1 Corinthians 6.12 ring true for you in terms of sexual behaviour. Do you believe that while we can do virtually anything, not everything is beneficial? Try to name some examples and give a reason for why you feel this way.
4. Read Proverbs 6.20-29, and focus especially on verses 27 and 28. For a single person, how might pornography, masturbation or oral sex be examples of things that seem good in the moment but cause longer term? What about for people who are married - do you believe the same principle is true?
5. The teaching of this week's scripture and message is that there is life within the limits imposed by God on sexual expression. Do you believe that by staying inside the limits God has drawn for sexual expression, you will find life?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-10. Discuss the kind of intimacy and love described

in 1 Corinthians 13. How much would you like to have that kind of intimacy as part of your life? Then notice that nothing in 1 Corinthians 13 (or the surrounding chapters) is the least bit sexual, indicating this is the kind of love that Jesus Himself can bring anyone - single, celibate or married. Discuss whether you believe it's possible to have that quality of love without sex?