

# River Valley Notes

## BOOMERANG

### Part #6: Rediscovering Love In A Culture of Skin

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#### Discerning the Current Direction

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**Sexuality as a \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*Like any other commodity in a consumerist environment... the consumer is \_\_\_\_\_ over how much of this commodity is consumed and at what level of \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Colossians 2:15, 3:5 (NIV) And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross ... Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.*

#### Discovering the Alternative

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**The Starting Point: God Is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*1John 4:7-10 (NIV) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

**God-Love:** A steadfast commitment to faithfully & \_\_\_\_\_ pursue the very best for its object.

**False-Love:** A feeling that must be \_\_\_\_\_ through consuming its object.

#### God's Purposes for the Gift of Sex:

**1. \_\_\_\_\_**  
*Genesis 1:28 (NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number..."*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Proverbs 5:18-19 (NJB) ...Find joy with the wife you married in your youth ...hers the breasts that ever fill you with delight, hers the love that ever holds you captive.*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Sex is the union of \_\_\_\_\_, not just bodies.**

*Genesis 2:18-24 (NIV) The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." ... Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

*1 Cor. 6:16 (NIV) 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."*

*"Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is really looking for God." --- G. K. Chesterton*

#### Secede & Embrace

**1. Look Up for God's \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.**  
*1 John 1:9 (NLT) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong.*

*Psalms 23:3 (NIV) ...he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

#### **2. \_\_\_\_\_ Up My Sex Life**

*Col. 3:5 (NLT) So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires...*

**The new standard for us with regard to healthy sexuality is what we want for our \_\_\_\_\_.**

#### **3. \_\_\_\_\_ Up My Married Sex Life**

*Song 8:6-7 (TEV) Close your heart to every love but mine; hold no one in your arms but me. Love is as powerful as death; passion is as strong as death itself. It bursts into flame and burns like a raging fire. <sup>7</sup>Water cannot put it out; no flood can drown it.*

*Song 6:12 (TEV) I am trembling; you have made me as eager for love as a chariot driver is for battle.*