

**Series:** The Lovable Law

**Message:** Marriage Malignancies, Part One

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:14 (NASB)

**Teacher:** Randy Pope

**Dates:** 11/12 March 2017

### **Genesis 2:22-23, 25**

*22 And the Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.*

*23 And the man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."*

*25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

### **Leviticus 20:10**

*10 If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.*

#### **1. Extra-Marital Sex**

God forbids extra-marital sex because:

- 1) Sex is designed as a tool for building a marriage while adultery uses sex to destroy a marriage.
- 2) Adultery betrays a covenantal oath.
- 3) Adultery betrays an innocent spouse.
- 4) Adultery destroys a family, often impacting future generations.

#### **To Those Marrieds Who Have Never Committed Adultery:**

- 1) Be aware of the environments which make one susceptible to the temptations of adultery.

Environments:

- 1) Parental Problems
- 2) Low Self-esteem
- 3) Destabilized Life Situations
- 4) Marital Conflict
- 5) Isolation
- 6) Diminished Spiritual Disciplines
- 7) Unusual Spiritual Warfare

- 2) Keep your spiritual pilgrimage progressing.
- 3) Discipline your eye to look straight ahead.
- 4) Distance yourself from relationships which could lead to the temptation of adultery.
- 5) Keep your activities pure.
- 6) Surround yourself with 2 or 3 accountable friends.
- 7) Work at strengthening your relationship with your spouse.

**To those involved in adultery:**

- 1) Confess it as sin and repent.
- 2) Put an end to it.
- 3) Seek help.

**To those with past moral failures:**

**Next Week:**

2. Pre-Marital Sex
3. Imaginary Sex