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THE GOOD GUIDE:
WHY THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC IS STILL THE BEST CHOICE

BIG IDEA: IN A BRIEF CULTURAL MOMENT, THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC (ETHIC=SET OF PRINCIPLES) CONCERNING MARRIAGE, SEX AND GENDER HAS CHANGED (AS SOCIETY PERCEIVES IT) FROM THE HARD BUT RIGHT CHOICE TO THE "HATEFUL" CHOICE OF THE "HARD RIGHT." **SIMPLY STATED, BIBLICAL SEXUAL MORALITY IS NOW CONSIDERED IMMORAL, AND THIS AFFECTS OUR GOSPEL WITNESS**. CHRISTIANS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THIS ETHIC, RECOVER A CONFIDENCE THAT IT IS TRUE AND GOOD, AND DEVELOP A SKILL SET AROUND EXPLAINING THIS ETHIC TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, NEIGHBORS AND BROADER CULTURE.

OUR PROMISE: BECAUSE THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC IS INCREASINGLY CONTROVERSIAL AND (BY ITS VERY NATURE) A SENSITIVE TOPIC, WE APPROACH THIS TOPIC FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE, SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE, AND USE DISCRETION WHEN SPEAKING ABOUT SEXUALITY. THAT SAID, WE ALSO ENDEAVOR TO BE CLEAR AND USE RECENT EXAMPLES SO THAT CHRISTIANS ARE EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC FROM A BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE.

TOPICS COVERED:

- **THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC**
- **WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT SEXUAL ETHICS**
- **HOW TO MODEL THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC**
- **HOW TO EXPLAIN THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC**

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC

THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC IS OFTEN BRANDED AS OUT-OF-DATE AND OPPRESSIVE. BUT, MOST CULTURAL OBSERVERS AND EVEN CHRISTIANS ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE REIGNING SEXUAL ETHIC PRIOR TO THE GROWTH OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. WE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE ROMAN SEXUAL ETHIC AND HOW THE EARLY CHURCH DIGNIFIED WOMEN, ENCOURAGED FATHERHOOD AND PROTECTED CHILDREN.

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WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT SEXUAL ETHICS

THE CHURCH OFTEN POINTS TO MORAL CONFUSION IN OUR CULTURE. HOWEVER, MANY CHRISTIANS ARE ALSO CONFUSED BY THE WHIRLWIND OF CULTURAL AND THEOLOGICAL OPINIONS IN THE NEWS, THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA FEEDS AND THEIR FAMILIES. AS CHRISTIANS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE RETURN TO SCRIPTURE FOR A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT MARRIAGE, SEX, PORNOGRAPHY, HOMOSEXUALITY AND TRANSGENDERISM.

HOW TO MODEL THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC

G.K. CHESTERTON ONCE SAID, "THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL HAS NOT BEEN TRIED AND FOUND WANTING. IT HAS BEEN FOUND DIFFICULT; AND LEFT UNTRIED." THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC. BEFORE WE CAN CONFIDENTLY AND PERSUASIVELY EXPLAIN THIS ETHIC TO OUR CULTURE, WE MUST MODEL THIS ETHIC IN OUR OWN LIVES, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR CHURCHES.

HOW TO EXPLAIN THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC

THE BIBLICAL SEXUAL ETHIC IS NOT JUST TRUE, BUT GOOD. AND IT NOT JUST GOOD FOR THE CHRISTIAN SUBCULTURE--IT IS GOOD FOR EVERYONE. FOR THIS REASON, WE MUST BE EQUIPPED TO EXPLAIN THIS ETHIC TO OUR FRIENDS, FAMILIES, NEIGHBORS AND CULTURE IN A WINSOME BUT TRUTHFUL WAY. IN THIS PART OF THE PRESENTATION, WE GIVE THREE TALKING POINTS OR PERSUASION POINTS FOR COMMUNICATING ABOUT THIS TOPIC.

MATERIALS PROVIDED

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION
HANDOUT FOR NOTE TAKING
PHOTO AND BIO OF SPEAKER