APPLICATION

- Are you living under the authority of God's Word? How can you know more about God and His Word every day?
- How has this lesson helped you adjust your understanding of sex and marriage? How will you apply what you've learned today as you live to honor God?
- How can you guard your heart and mind against the worldly perspective of sex and marriage? In what area do you need God to renew your mind?

PRAYER

- Declare that God's Word is the final authority in your life.
 Pray for a deeper hunger and thirst for God's Word, and that God would renew your mind as you meditate on His Word every day.
- Pray that your life and your body would be an instrument of righteousness and you would honor God in how you live and what you do.
- Pray that God would be honored in every marriage and relationship. Ask God for grace to uphold His standards in your life and that we would be godly examples in our culture and community.



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WEEK 2

Authority

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WARM-UP

- Tell us about the best wedding you have attended. What did you like about it?
- Who do you think young people look up to these days? Why?
- Which married couple do you admire the most? Why?



²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **GENESIS 2:24.25**

Sex is God's idea. His Word clearly states that sex is to be exclusively enjoyed between a man and a woman under the covenant of marriage. As Christians, we must hold fast to His Word, not allowing popular culture or the opinions of others to define sex for us. In this lesson, we will look at three principles on authority and sex from God's Word.

God's Word is our only authority.

¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **2 TIMOTHY 3:16,17**

God's Word is the absolute standard of our lives Pofers

turning to Christ, we lived according to the standards of the world, but we now accept His Word as the basis of what we believe and how we live. How does God's Word guide you in your daily life?

2 Sex is God's idea.

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. GENESIS 2:24

In the beginning, God saw that everything He created was good, including sex. Therefore, sex is God's idea—and because of this, we are to regard it with reverence and honor. The Bible says that sex is only to be experienced ar enjoyed within the confines of marriage. What does God's Word say about honoring marriage? (Hebrews 13:4)	nd s

3 Sex should only be between a husband and a wife.

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. **GENESIS 2:25**

Sex is part of God's purpose for man. God placed appropriate boundaries for sex: within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. Its purpose is for both procreation and pleasure between a husband and wife (Genesis 1:28). How does the truth that God created sex to bless His children and for their enjoyment change how you see Him?