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You shall not commit adultery.
no adultery



If you examine the ten commandments closely, you will see that they all reflect an aspect of God's character. He commands us to be like Him, for we were created in His image. This commandment reflects His faithfulness.

What does it mean to be faithful

-to husband/wife?
-to friends?
-to boy/girl friend?
-to anyone?

One of the promises people make to each other when they marry is to 'forsake all others'. What does this mean?

Job said: "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.... if my steps have turned from the path, if my heart has been led by my eyes, or if my hands have been defiled, then may others eat what I have sown, and may my crops be uprooted.

"If my heart has been enticed by a woman, or if I have lurked at my neighbour's door, then may my wife grind another man's grain, and may other men sleep with her. For that would have been shameful, a sin to be judged. It is a fire that burns to Destruction; it would have uprooted my harvest."

(Job ch. 31 verses 1 - 12 excerpts)

In your own words, describe what Job is

saying here.

Adultery starts long before we 'get into bed' with someone we are not married to. Jesus said:

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.' But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, causes her to become an adulteress, and anyone who marries the divorced woman commits adultery. (Matthew 5: 27 - 32)

What is Jesus saying about adultery here?

And what about us....we are not married! Does any of it apply to us? You might like to read the article "Teener" some of us looked at last year (available on www.lumin.org.uk under discipleship then pdfs then sex)

Whether we are married or not, the principles from above apply:

- ***God is faithful and calls us to be faithful within all our relationships***
- ***Lust is always wrong***

What is lust?

These NT verses might help to describe it:

Ro 1:27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Eph 4:19 Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

Col 3:5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

1Th 4:5 not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

1Pe 4:3 For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do-- living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.

1Jo 2:16 For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does-- comes not from the Father but from the world.

God is faithful, and will never be unfaithful to us, no matter how we treat Him.

He calls us to be faithful to others too.

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