

Vintage Jesus #10 - Q&A

- So sexual purity is the big temptation for everybody, but the younger you are, I like to say that now that I'm older, it's the big temptation. Because ultimately it is deciding I'm going to worship God or I'm going to worship sex. All the gravitational energy in our culture is worship sex. In fact, you're even, you're even, almost given it as a life-stage rite of passage. You're a teenager, you're in college, you move out of your parents' house. You're just gonna break commandments until later. What I would say for especially young men is this, Jesus was perfect. Jesus is the perfect example of a young man and Jesus was pure, okay. And so even for us as men, and I'd speak specifically to you since you're a young man, first thing we need to get is, what does a healthy man look like, okay. And his name is Jesus. What does a healthy, single man look like? His name is Jesus. And, and then within that, you need to know again, this will be very controversial. I keep saying that, but before I take the pin out of the grenade and hand it to you, you can either sleep with a woman or you can lovingly lead her. But if you're dating, you can't do both. You can either sleep with a woman or you can lovingly lead her, but if you're dating, you can't do both. And what a lot of guys will do when they're dating, they're very short-sighted. Let me think. Well, I want to have sex. That's not a bad end zone. Okay. But that's in marriage. So, get a job, move out of your parents' house. Right? I mean, these are just telling you that you follow the yellow brick road. I mean, that's, that's where you got to go. That's the path. Move out of your parents house. Get a job. Be responsible for yourself.

- [Male Audience Member] Get off their cell phone bill.

- Yeah, get off their cell phone bill. Somebody just got delivered. And I was like, wow, that's amazing. Oh yeah. Oh yeah. Get off their insurance, you know. Okay, it says the man will leave his mother and father, that means he's going to be independent, responsible, then marry his wife and then consummate their covenant. What a lot of guys want, they want sex, but they don't want marriage. And the truth is that the lie that the culture tells is that sex is the deepest connection, it's not. Actually the deepest connection is not the level of the body, it's the connection to the soul. That's why there are guys who will sleep with their girlfriends and won't pray with them, because that's too intimate. Okay. And so to, to lead within the relationship, as a man, means this, if you start sleeping with a girl you're not married to, you have automatically surrendered your position of leadership in the relationship. Because you can't look at her and say, honey, we got to do things God's way. She's like, my clothes are off, I thought we were already past that point. Right? It's hard to quote verses to the naked girlfriend. Okay. True?

- [Audience Members] Yeah

- Yes. Okay. And all the dads know this, the dads are with me. All the single guys, they're like, I'm never coming back, but all the dads are with me. Because here's the thing if your thing is, I believe that not only is God good, I believe sex is good, and sex is a gift that God gave, if we use it in the way that God gave it, therefore I'm not against sex, but I want to use sex to glorify God, to worship God, to honor God. As soon as you decide that sex is now going to be your

God, meaning it's going to be your highest priority, and when God says no, sex says yes, you obey sex, instead of God. What happens then in the relationship, particularly dating, if it's two Christians, the girl, the gal, the woman immediately loses respect for the man and she says, you know what, If you give him enough pleasure, he'll do what you want. That's a scary thing to know about somebody, if you're going to be with them for the rest of your life. Because what if somebody else comes along later and is going to give them more pleasure than you do? Okay, this is, this is really scary stuff. Secondly, that woman no longer can trust you to get her closer to Jesus, because everything you're doing is harming her first relationship, which makes her healthy. And then in addition, she cannot respect you because she knows that you're not following God, and how can she follow you if you don't follow God? And so what oftentimes happens is dating couples start sleeping together, and then the marriage is totally inverted, complicated in a disaster, and they wonder why we love God. No, but you didn't, you didn't architect it the way that God intended and designed. And so this is where I'll just say, you know, so for me, I was sexually active before I met Grace and then when I met Grace, I was not a Christian. We were sexually active. And then I became a Christian and I had to make a decision. Am I going to stop doing what God says is wrong? Or am I going to try and sort of, you know, create a reason why we're married in God's, people come up with all these stupid arguments, right? And single guys with no belts, they think they're really theological. Okay. We're married in God's eyes. No, I've seen them, their red, he's not even blinking He's, you're not married in his eyes. You know, guys will make all these arguments, but at the end of the day, I just had to decide it was wrong. And in the moment I didn't even need to agree with it. I needed to trust that the father loved me and his plan was best for me and for his daughter, okay. And so sometimes worship is surrender. And sometimes surrender means you don't agree. But, you assume that the God who is talking to you, loves you and knows what's best. And so I had to stop sleeping with Grace. I had to repent to her for sinning against her, by being intimate with her. And then we had to rebuild trust in our relationship because everything was backwards. I didn't know the Lord. We weren't praying together. It wasn't built on a biblical framework or foundation. Meaning, lot of guys, they're looking for a good time, they're not looking for a good legacy. You can have a good time with a gal, but you better invite God in if you want to leave a good legacy with a gal. And so we had to rebuild trust. We had to rebuild biblical framework, convictions, intentions, all of that. And in the early years of the marriage, quite frankly, it caused us a lot of friction and pain because there was guilt associated with something that God didn't intend there to be shame in. Because the Bible says that they were naked and felt no shame. When you do things that God forbids, your conscience, convicts you. And now you're associating shame with something that's a gift from God. So even early in our marriage, we both had shame associated with something that we shouldn't because we had done it in a way that was shameful. And so for us, we had to literally, sort of re-habituate the whole mind. And, and for me, it really came down to, I believe that God made us and I believe that God loves us, and I believe that what God intends is best for us. And, and faith is I'm going to live in light of that, and even when I don't agree, I'm going to assume that he's right and I'm wrong, you know. Yeah, but I would say that the sex issue, let's just be honest right now, it's gender identity and sexuality. That's where, that's where all of the cultural pressure is to worship created, not creator. And this'll be again, controversial, but we live in a culture where it's like, I'm going to recreate myself. God made you this way. No, I'm the

creator. I will recreate myself. I will, I will create a gender. I will create a sexual orientation. I will create marriage. I will create myself. It's like, is that how God made you? No, but I've decided that now I am, he's the creator, I'm the re-creator. This is just all of the cultural pressure that everyone is feeling right now. And, and the weird thing too is if you think about it, Jesus lived a perfect life as a Virgin. I mean, we don't even, we don't even, we didn't think that's a possibility. I mean, you know, we have a movie called the 40 Year Old Virgin, we put a comedian in it and it's comedy. So I, I, so I'm on social media and I use technology and I think you can get Bible teaching out or you can get all kinds of craziness out too. But, I think what you're alluding to is this, Satan takes Jesus and shows him everything in an instant and it's just like, what do you want? Now up until the advent of technology, you and I didn't have that same experience. Now we do. Now, we're like, God, we get to look into everybody's bedrooms and in their living rooms and we get to look in their shopping carts and we get to, and all of a sudden you're like, oh, I want that. And we read the Bible and we say, oh my gosh, how could Solomon have a harem with a thousand women? Well, for us, we just do it on our phone. We don't even give them the dignity of a marriage, you know? I mean, we're assembling harems every day. We're, we're, impulse buying continuously. What technology has given us is almost a God-like perspective to increase coveting and to reduce delayed gratification. You want this, buy it now, and a drone will bring it to your house. You want to be a glutton, just click, click, click, click, click, and here comes the pizza, the wings, and the beer, you know. I mean, it's, so all of a sudden, because of technology, we sit in a godlike position where we just send forth the decree and servants come and give us what we want. And the more we live in that godlike position, the more we self-destruct. All of a sudden addiction is up, gluttony is up, you know, alcohol consumption is up, poverty is up, over spending is up, credit card debt is up, and you know what that is? If you are worshiping someone other than God, you're never satisfied, so you keep consuming. It's more sex, it's more money, it's more anger, it's more gambling, it's more purchasing, it's more eating, it's more drinking. And people are like, I don't know why I'm not satisfied. Wrong. God. You put yourself on a throne. You're treating Amazon like an angelic staff to go bring you what you decree. I mean, it's, it's literally this demonic counterfeit. And, and this is why the worst thing you could tell an American, is no, because now you have offended God, and then the wrath comes out. And if any of you are customer service, you know exactly what I'm talking about. Like, if you worked at Starbucks, God shows up and gives a decree from the throne, and if you do not give God the decree from the throne, then the wrath comes from the God. I saw this over a mocha. I'd like to sell this over a mocha, a petulant, God pouring out wrath on a college kid who messed up a mocha. Okay. But this is the world that we live in, okay. And I want you to look at all of your life through the lens of worship. Who did God create me to be And how do I take the people and things that he has given to me and worship him rather than worship them.