

Evening Message Outline

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The Church's Response to Disordered Sexuality Genesis 19 / OWBG 47

- I. Introduction: In the beginning...order.
 - a. God gave earth its form (order) and filled it with living creatures.
 - b. Adam and Eve are instructed to reproduce and rule – that is, to fill and give order to life in God's world
 - c. There is an empty place in man's life without the woman. Together they can better carry out God's will.

- II. After the fall...disorder
 - A. Feeling guilty and fearful, Adam steps away from Eve and blames her to save himself.

 - B. Sin attacks the partnership of life and love God intends between a man and wife.
 1. Hooking up is a form of disordered sexuality in which two people relate to each other as bodies but not as whole persons.

 2. Porn is the lonely disorder of relating sexually to a picture – not a person.

 3. Adultery is a source of great pain because it violates the intimate oneness a husband and wife have formed.

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4. Homosexuality is the disorder of being attracted to the same sex.
 - a. The cause remains uncertain.
 - b. You do not choose same-sex attraction versus opposite-sex attraction.
 - c. This orientation leads to the misery of public humiliation, mockery, self-disapproval, social isolation, job discrimination.
 - d. To counter the suffering and self-loathing, the gay community formed a gay pride movement and is fighting for social acceptance.

5. The CRC distinguishes between a same-sex condition (unchosen) and same-sex behavior (a sinful choice).
 - a. This is a result of humanity's fall, not God's good creation.
 - b. Same-sex attracted Christians are called to live a celibate life of sexual purity.
 - c. The church is called to welcome celibate same-sex attracted persons and surround them with Christian love, friendship, and warm acceptance.

III. Conclusion