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***Recap of 7/26/09:***

*As part of a strategy for purity we need to have a biblical understanding of God’s purposes for the sexual relationship.*

*1. There are four scriptural purposes for sex: procreation (Genesis 1:28); recreation and release (Proverbs 5:18,19); and communication (Genesis 2:24).*

*2. God has created us as sexual beings, therefore, in the context of the marriage relationship:*

*sex is good; it has been marred by the Fall (Genesis 3), and is for married couples only.*

*3. Sex outside of marriage causes us to sin against our own bodies in a way that is different from other sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-20) and has other destructive effects. It separates us from God, keeps other aspects of a relationship from developing, introduces fear and guilt into the relationship, and is training for unfaithfulness after marriage.*

*(Sources for this and other information see:* ***A Compact Guide to the Christian Life*** *by K.C. Hinckley and* ***Before You Say I Do*** *by H. Norman Wright and Wes Roberts)*

**“Why Me?”**

**Genesis 39:11-40:23**

 I. Wrongly accused 39:11-18

II. Wrongly Imprisoned 39:19-23

III. Forgotten 40:1-23