

## 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, <sup>5</sup> not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. <sup>7</sup> For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.



### Discussion questions

*How does it change your view of God's sexual ethic to see it as flowing out of his character? How could we make sure we don't wrong anybody in the way we conduct ourselves?*

## Counter-cultural Counter-cultural sex

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### 5 reasons to accept God's sexual morality:

1. God wants more for us than instant gratification...

...he wants us to be like him

2. God's perfect will for sex flows from his perfect character

3. God has the insight and right to tell us how to live

4. God hates it when we cause others pain

5. God's morality includes redemption from our failure