



**Sex, The Gift We Can't Figure Out
(How to Manage Sexual Temptation)
Young Adults Service**

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Introductory Text: Genesis 1:26–28 (NKJV):

26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "**Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.**"

Main Text: Matthew 17:14–21 (NKJV)

Introduction:

- This sermon is more about sex than sickness. I want to use the story of a family's struggle with a sickness to illustrate how you can overcome some of the tall challenges you face in your life. Sex is a gift that is designed to add to your life. The tragedy is it has become for many a hindrance to their future.

I. Three Important Lessons That Can Be Applied to Your Sex Life

1. A Father with a sick son faced an overwhelming challenge that he brought to Jesus

- 14 And when they had come to the multitude, **a man came to Him**, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him."

2. Jesus alone healed the man's son because he brought the challenge to Him

- 17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour.

3. The disciples did not believe, and had not made the spiritual investment necessary

- 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "**Why could we not cast it out?**" 20 So Jesus said to them, "**Because of your unbelief;** for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. 21 However, **this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.**"



II. Four Important Stories I Know About Sex

1. I know of good people bound by **pornography**
2. I know of good people who have committed **adultery**
3. I know of good people who **struggle** in their sex lives
4. I know good married people who have highly **dysfunctional sex lives**

III. Two Solutions That Will Help In Your Sex Challenges (Matthew 17:14-21)

1. **Face the truth** about your challenge and reach out to people that can help you
2. **Believe** in your freedom and **invest** in your spiritual growth

IV. The Balance You Need To Keep In Mind About Sex (Sex is not evil)

1. Sex is not evil, it was created by God for pleasure and procreation
2. Sex is the gift that the enemy uses to mock us because we can actively participate in the creation of life.
3. Sex is the one thing that can redefine your life, options, family, generations and emotional state forever

Conclusion: Prayer