

## **WEIRD SERIES LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION (PART 3)**

### **GOD'S NEW NORMAL FOR LOVE, SEX, AND ROMANCE**

**Introduction:** In this message, we explored God's desire to protect, redeem, and bring His grace in the areas of love, sex and romance, areas where in many ways the world has gone crazy. I Thess. 4:3 says it is God's will for us to be sanctified (set apart as different) and able to avoid all forms of sexual immorality. Pastor Dale urges that we set a standard of radical purity in a world that has become radically impure. (Being "sort of pure" never works.)

1. How does the standard of God's Word challenge some of the "normal" things we may have learned growing up? How was understanding God's Word in this area especially challenging to you?
2. What stands out to you about Jesus' love for the sexually broken, and how does it challenge the lies and beliefs the enemy often tries to tell people? What stands out as a word of hope the Lord would want to speak to sexually broken people?
3. What are some factors that make having community and accountability such an important part of overcoming our temptations?
  - a. Secrets give power to the enemy
  - b. Knowing that others struggle like we do, helps us find hope and encouragement
  - c. When people help us row our boat, we can go against the tide
  - d. God's grace flows through community
4. What do you relate to as an important key in overcoming temptations?
  - a. Keeping guard over your heart
  - b. Exposing lies that culture tells us to believe
  - c. Claiming the victory of Christ over our sin nature, reckoning ourselves dead
  - d. Setting standards based on God's Word that help us prepare for the battle
  - e. Asking for prayer
5. What is an example of a lie the enemy has tried to use to bring or keep you in bondage to impurity?
6. How does a revelation of God's perfect unconditional love bring the strength and grace on the inside, to die to old hurts and habits on the outside?