

We Can Do This

9th in a series on The Ten Commandments

1. Read Exodus 20:14 and paraphrase the seventh of the ten commandments.
2. Pastor Judy said that this could be reworded to be a positive instead of what seems to be a punitive command? How would you word the seventh commandment as a positive statement?
3. This commandment applies not only to those married, but also to those who are not married. How is it that choices we make when we are not married can affect what happens in your relationship when later you are married.
4. On the first level, as “Law”, what is the significance of the seventh commandment?
5. Jesus then takes it to the next level. Read Matt. 5:27-32. How does this broaden the scope of the seventh commandment?
6. Thus, on the second level (Vow) Jesus commands us not to lust. Given the saturation of the press and entertainment industry with sexual images and messages, how do you keep yourself from having stray thoughts once in a while?
7. On the third level (Nature or Calling) we see that God has a very special plan for this marriage relationship that mirrors His plan for the church as it relates to Christ. Read Ephesians 5:21-33. What are the features of marriage as God environs it?
8. Pastor Judy stated that a good marriage can cause us to become holy and blameless. How is that possible? Isn't that God's job?

9. In what ways did Christ demonstrate that He loved the church?

10. Is there a parallel between those expressions of love exemplified by Christ and a marriage relationship?

11. How does all this relate to the admonition for spouses to submit to one another?