

SHAPING THE PATH OF CHASTITY

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Song of Songs 2

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“Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does of the field: Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires.”

Song of Songs 2:7



אַהֲבָה (*ahavah*)

“sexual passion”



An aerial photograph capturing a devastating forest fire. A massive, intense column of orange and yellow flames rises from a dense green forest, billowing upwards and outwards. Thick, dark grey smoke fills the upper right portion of the frame, partially obscuring the sky. The fire appears to be spreading rapidly through the trees. The contrast between the vibrant fire and the lush green forest highlights the scale of the destruction.

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“The charge is that the girls should not allow themselves to be aroused sexually until the proper time and person arrives. The natural joy of sexual awakening is ruined by premature experimentation. Thus it is that she adjures them by the doe and gazelle: for a woman to awaken love before it pleases is to deprive herself of the full experience of romance and sexuality symbolized by these graceful animals.”

Duane A. Garrett, *Song of Songs*, NAC 14, 392-393

“Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues.”

C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*, 90



The naked truth is that from a biblical perspective,
it is impossible to defend sex outside of marriage.



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1 Corinthians 6

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“It does not matter what the two people have in mind ... [sex] unites them in that strange, impossible to pinpoint sense of ‘one flesh.’ There is no such thing as casual sex, no matter how casual people are about it.”

Lewis Smedes, *Sex for Christians*, 109

“Sex is, in Paul’s image, a joining of your body to someone else’s. In baptism, you have become Christ’s Body, and it is Christ’s Body that must give you permission to join His body to another body.”

Lauren Winner, *Real Sex*, 123

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To live a life of chastity, you've got to
shape the path.



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“arouse”

causing love to initially awaken



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“awaken”

repeated efforts to set love in motion



In shaping the path of chastity:

set boundaries

be accountable

invest in your relationship with God

An aerial photograph capturing a devastating forest fire. The scene is dominated by intense orange and yellow flames that are consuming a large area of the forest. Thick, billowing white and grey smoke rises from the fire, filling the upper right portion of the frame. To the left, a dense, healthy green forest stands in sharp contrast to the burning area. The fire appears to be spreading along a path or a cleared area, with individual trees visible as they are engulfed in flames.

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A word about grace and forgiveness ...

