

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

THE PARADOX OF BECOMING HUMAN

Part 2: *Hating To Love*

*"The incarnation shows us that humanness and sinfulness are not synonymous. Sinfulness is a perversion of humanness."
~ Myron S. Augsburger, Anabaptist Theologian*

Introduction – Incense, Betrayal, and Jesus

Revelation 5:8

Hating As The Best Way To Love

Luke 14:25-27

(Isaiah 1:1-14)

Spiritual Adultery – A Brief History Of Our Legacy

Isaiah 62:3-5

Exodus 34:11-16; Leviticus 17:7; 20:4-6; Numbers 15:38-40; Deuteronomy 31:16; Judges 2:16-17; 8:27, 33; Hosea 1-3; Isaiah 1:21; 57:3; Micah 1:5-7

Jeremiah 2-3

Ezekiel 16; 23

Our Marriage To Jesus – Redeeming God's Trust

Matthew 12:38-39; 16:1-4; Mark 8:38

Matthew 9:14-15; 22:1-2; 25:1; John 3:28-30

James 4:4; 1 Corinthians 6:15-17; 2 Corinthians 11:1-3;

Ephesians 5:22-32

Revelation 14:4; 19:6-9; 21:1-3, 9-10

Keys To Fidelity...

1. Flood your heart with _____.
1 Peter 3:15
2. Partner with the _____ in all that you do.
1 Peter 1:2, 14-16
3. Live in light of our future _____.
1 Peter 1:13

Conclusion – Two Questions

1. Are you spending time with your husband _____?
2. Is it _____ or is it _____?

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing Sunday's message, share the one thing that most encouraged or challenged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

2. Read Christ's words about our marriage celebration with him in **Matthew 22:1-14**.
 - a) What are some things we learn about the Kingdom of Heaven in its being compared to a Hebrew wedding feast? Brainstorm. How can we better manifest these qualities in our church?
 - b) What kinds of excuses do people use, then and now, to avoid the wedding feast of Christ? How should we respond to these excuses?
 - c) What do you think is the significance of the wedding clothes that we are expected to wear to the feast? Where do we get them? (Also see **Revelation 19:7-9**.)
 - d) What is the meaning of **verse 14**?

SO WHAT?...

3. What are some ways you are tempted to be unfaithful outside your marriage to Jesus? Does it hurt to flirt?
4. What can you do this week to increase your passion for purity in your marriage?

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