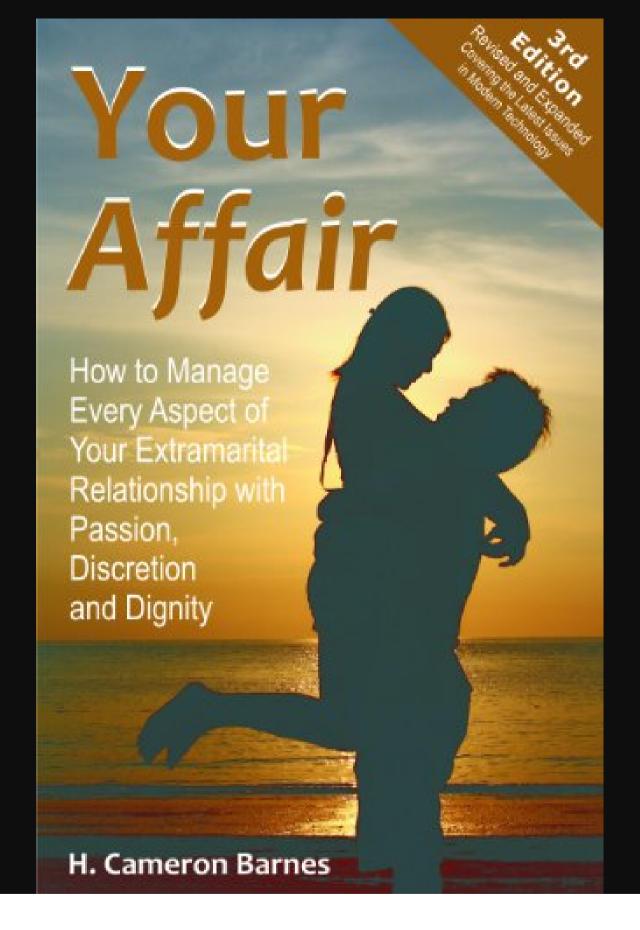
# The Wisdom of Sexual Purity





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#### Myth 1: Sex that is not traditional is not sex

## Myth 2: Sexual sin has no impact on your personhood

### Myth 3: Sexual sin does not hurt others



## Fleeing temptation is not a long-term solution



- Proverbs 7: 6 At the window of my house I looked down through the lattice.
- 7 I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense.
- 8 He was going down the street near her corner, walking along in the direction of her house
- 9 at twilight, as the day was fading, as the dark of night set in.

Proverbs 7: 10 Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent. 11 (She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home; 12 now in the street, now in the squares, at every corner she lurks.) 13 She took hold of him and kissed him and with a brazen face she said: 14 "Today I fulfilled my vows, and I have food from my fellowship offering at home. Proverbs 7: 15 So I came out to meet you; I looked for you and have found you! 16 I have covered my bed with colored linens from Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon. 18 Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning; let's enjoy ourselves with love! 19 My husband is not at home; he has gone on a long journey.

Proverbs 7: 20 He took his purse filled with money and will not be home till full moon." 21 With persuasive words she led him astray; she seduced him with her smooth talk. 22 All at once he followed her like an ox going to the slaughter, like a deer stepping into a noose 23 till an arrow pierces his liver, like a bird darting into a snare,

little knowing it will cost him his life.

- Proverbs 7: 24 Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say.
- 25 Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths.
- 26 Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng.
- 27 Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.



Judges 2: 16 Then the Lord raised up judges, who saved them out of the hands of these raiders. 17 Yet they would not listen to their judges but prostituted themselves to other gods and worshiped them. They quickly turned from the ways of their ancestors, who had been obedient to the Lord's commands.

Numbers 25: While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, 2 who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate the sacrificial meal and bowed down before these gods. 3 So Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them.

- Hosea 2: 14 "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her.
- 15 There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.
- There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt.
- 16 "In that day," declares the Lord, "you will call me 'my husband'; you will no longer call me 'my master.'



# Essentially, sexual sin is not a physiological or emotional problem

At its core, sexual sin is a spiritual problem

I Corinthians 6: 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.



Genesis 39: 12 She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

2 Samuel II: 4 Then David sent messengers to get her.

Judges 14: 2 When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."

Genesis 6: 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of mankind were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

#### They all took more than they should have.



Genesis 3: 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate.



#### God gives us everything we need

Anything beyond what God has given causes wisdom to diminish



# Satan's most powerful tool for temptation:

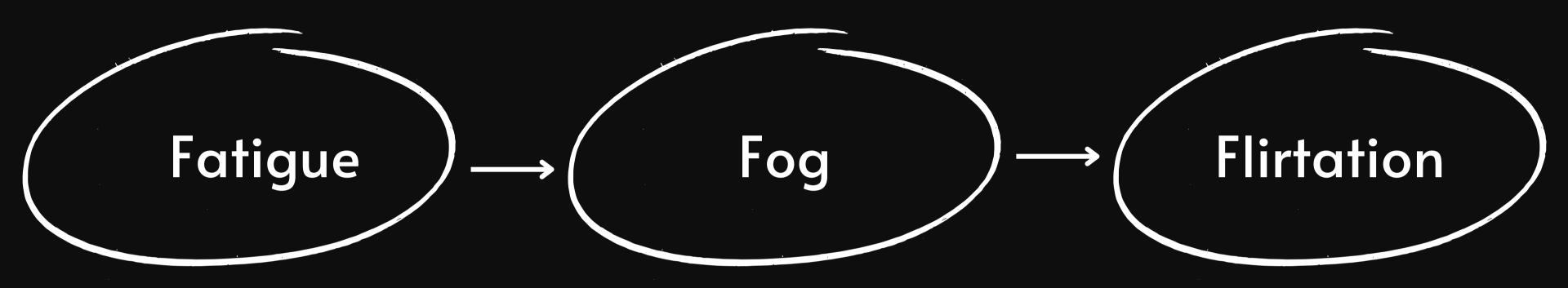
# Convincing us that we are living in deficit

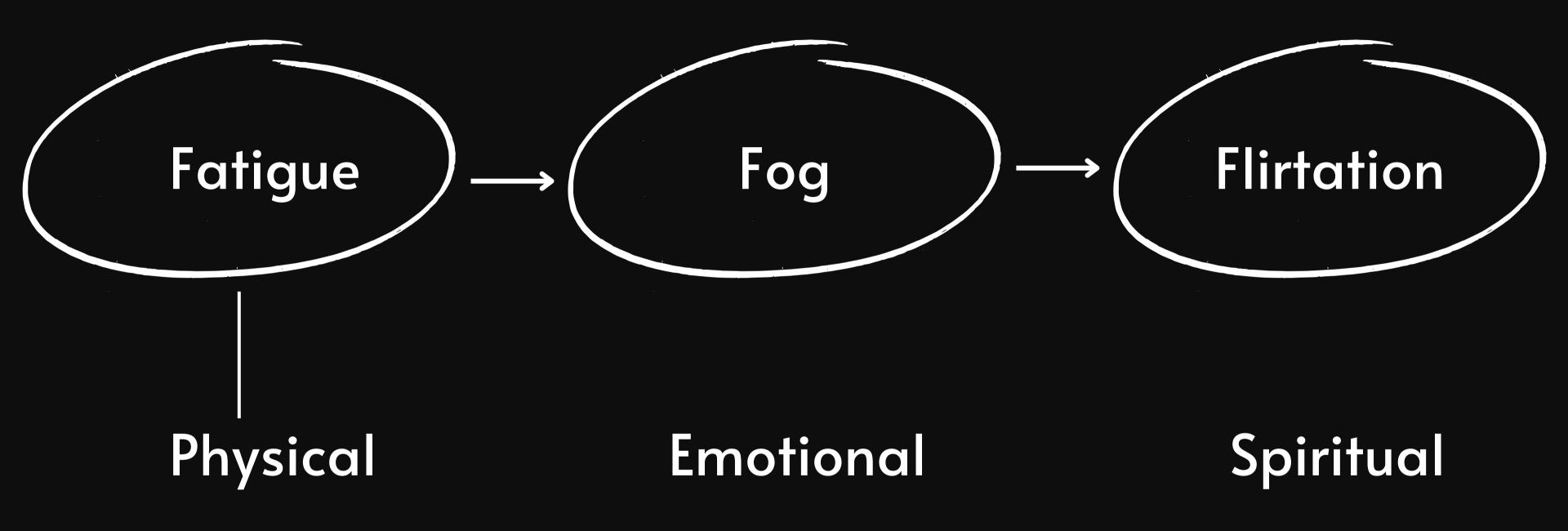
# Bibilical wisdom (and sexual purity) begins with believing we have enough.



Proverbs 7: 7 I saw among the simple, I noticed among the young men, a youth who had no sense.







# The byproduct of unsustainability is always CHAOS



### If you wait until the moment of temptation to resist

the odds are always against you...you're too vulnerable



#### DEVELOPING A FOUNDATION FOR PURITY

Lean into WISDOM
not LAW
(Is it wise...?)

#### DEVELOPING A FOUNDATION FOR PURITY

Seek balance in all three areas of importance (physical, spiritual, and emotional)

#### DEVELOPING A FOUNDATION FOR PURITY

Make SATISFACTION a spiritual discipline



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