

1. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 42 - 'Love until it hurts'

- How do husbands and wives together reflect God's big plans for the world?

Questions I still have about
Ephesians 5:21-27

'... they must love 'til it hurts, and let themselves be the object of that love.'
You: An Introduction, page 98

- Explain what you think Jensen means when he says 'love 'til it hurts'.



GOD SAYS YOU ARE ...
made in his image, male and female, which unites you and also establishes you as different so that you can complement one another.

2. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 42 - Having your period reminds us of the curse of sin

our world before God. Last week we saw that God has given us life as a gift and that life is good. However, sickness and death are a reality check reminding us that there is something very wrong with this world. Humanity can't maintain its holiness. You and I serve our own selfish desires above serving and praising God for the life he has given us. This self-before-God way of living is sin and when sin entered the world it brought sickness and death. Now, being sick or having your period isn't a sin—but it reminds us that the body and therefore all of humanity now live with the curse of sin. Sin excludes us from God's presence. Sin makes us untouchable, unclean and undeserving of God. You and I face sickness and death and it's a result of the fallen world in which we live.

For the Jewish people to be right before God there was only one way to restore someone or make up for sin. This was through a blood sacrifice which was the symbol of life.

3. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 54 - Stay sexually pure. Die for your faith if necessary.



NOT YOUR OWN

- *What did Jesus (willingly) do with his body? Why?*
- *What connection does Jensen make between Jesus' body and yours?*

Make sure students understand from this exercise that Jesus willingly gave over control of his body—and the comfort that went with this control—for our freedom. We can submit our bodies to God's will in a similar way, using them to obey God by keeping them sexually pure, by working them hard for Christian service, even by dying for our faith if necessary. But all of this is good because our bodies were made to give God glory, and to belong to the large body of Christians that Christ has brought together through his death and resurrection.

4. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 84 - Sex should be between a husband and wife. Students wrestling with their gender are directed to Patricia Weerakoon's book, *Teen Sex By the Book*. This book is still banned by the Department of Education.

We must not shy away from talking about sex and gender, but should openly talk about God's glorious design for sex and our sexuality. We must convey that God is not trying to spoil our fun, and it's not that he is against sex. Rather we have to point our students to an understanding that God values sex so much that he desires to protect us from abuse, pain and suffering by keeping sex to a relationship between husband and wife.

If you happen to have questions from teenagers who may be wrestling with their gender, Patricia Weerakoon has written an excellent chapter on this subject, entitled 'Boy or Girl?' in *Teen Sex By the Book*, available from CEP.

5. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 35 - Abortion is wrong.

- Offer some examples from the book that give alternative views on our love for life.

For example:

- » For every medical discovery, there is the invention of another savage engine of war.
- » The development of philosophies to justify mass killing, such as those in Nazism, terrorism.
- » The invention of cars, machinery, the consumption of food, clothing and other luxurious items that destroy the environment.
- » We're happy for the government to sanction the **killing of the unborn** (an estimated 90 000 per year in Australia).³

6. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 49 - Jesus is the victim who has bought our bodies. Submit your body to the Lord's ownership.

to keep the body of Christ pure.) To the feminist movement, the use and abuse of the individual female body by society is blamed, at least in part, on church attitudes. The argument in favour of abortion rights is, in fact, an argument about rights over bodies. And Christian opposition to abortion is seen as an attempt to subdue and control the bodies of women further.

But there is a difference: Jesus Christ has not stolen our bodies, or bullied his way into power over them. He has bought them—bought them at the cost of his own body. He does not make us his victims in order to subdue and control our bodies. Instead, he becomes the victim: he voluntarily submits his body to be victimized—to be pierced, nails driven through his hands and feet, and a spear into his side—in order to purchase freedom for our bodies, releasing us from the control of evil.

Submitting your body to this Lord's ownership is not offering it to be abused or dominated, but allowing it to achieve the glory and honour for which it was made—a body united to other bodies in the body of Christ.

7. Seed:SRE -

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/10/27/coming-school-gate-battle-over-religious-education-public-schools>

- Mistakes males and females make in relationships: females talk too much, chase him, plan everything, and give in sexually.

mistakes females make...

1. **THEY TALK TOO MUCH** : giving up their emotional virginity, leaving them exposed & vulnerable
2. **THEY CHASE HIM** : causing an imbalance in the relationship & rejecting a guys need to chase, hunt.
3. **THEY PLAN EVERYTHING** : a man rarely dives into a job that's already filled. Guy will become passive, lazy.
4. **THEY PAY** : Paying represents the chase that is so essential to the males need for challenge. Sets tone.
5. **THEY GIVE IN SEXUALLY** : you have opened yourself up to experiences of all kinds : hurt, danger, regret—if relationship ends.

mistakes males make...

1. **THEY GUESS** : lack understanding of what it means to be a man from God's designer perspective.
2. **THEY LET THEIR BODY RULE** : the strongest sexual organ is the Brain. Failure to control it = frustration.
3. **THEY LACK COURAGE** : to work out ways to avoid temptation, & learn approp. ways to interact with girls.
4. **THEY BELIEVE THEIR MATES** : guys will lie about sexual successes to impress mates = low self-esteem.
5. **THEY PLAY IT LIKE A GAME** : which leaves them looking like a player that eventually no girl wants.

COULD USE A HANDOUT for this section

MARRIABLE



RELATIONSHIP SUCCESS RATES :

Marriage = **50 out of 100**

Living Together = **5 out of 100**

8. Seed:SRE - <http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/2015/10/27/coming-school-gate-battle-over-religious-education-public-schools> - Marriage is between a man and a woman. Men are providers; women are nurturers.

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The Goal =
 Marriage

The Players =
 1 Male and 1 Female

The Rules =

1. Men were made to chase.
2. Women were made to be pursued.
3. Men are generally the main providers.
4. Women are the nurturers.
5. Men communicate differently to women.
6. Women want different things out of relationships than men.
7. If you keep doing what your doing, you'll keep getting what you've got.

BOOK 1
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98001001 - 10/10/2014 - The Family: About Life, Love and Sex - "Homosexual Relationships" - Gender - Focus On The Family, 2004 - page 62

DATING Pa

Famous Lines & Great "NO" Answer

FAMOUS LINE	"NO" ANSWER
* If you <i>loved me</i> , you'd let me.*	*If you <i>loved me</i> , you wouldn't be asking me to give something I'm saving.*
* But I'm <i>committed</i> to you.*	*Funny. I don't see a wedding ring.*
* Don't you want to <i>show me you love me</i> .*	*I don't have to have sex to <i>show you</i> I love you
* I thought you were <i>serious about me</i> .*	*I thought you were <i>serious about</i> accepting my feelings without pressuring me.*
* It's safe -- I have a <i>condom</i> .*	*You want me to bet <i>my life</i> on that <i>piece of rubbish</i>
* I thought this relationship was going <i>somewhere</i> .*	*If sex is <i>somewhere</i> , then think about going somewhere else.*
* But we should <i>celebrate our love</i> .*	*Great--pick me up at 7.00 with roses and we'll go <i>dinner</i> .*
* You are the <i>only one</i> I want to give myself to.*	*Great - if I'm the <i>only one</i> , you can wait till marriage
* <i>Other people</i> have sex and they're safe.*	*Well, I'm not <i>other people</i> and you don't know if they're safe or not. I'm not betting my future on other people

Student to cut out
 paste best answer
 next to each "line".
 Answers listed above

9. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 89 - '...wives are to submit to their husbands' (sic) loving leadership...'

- *What is the husband's role?*
- *What is the wife's role?*

Students' answers should refer to how males and females complement each other and also how a husband and wife in their love and service of each other reflect Christ's love for his Church. From their reading of Ephesians 5:21–27, encourage students to tease out the different roles of the husband and wife: wives are to **submit to their husbands'** loving leadership, as he in turn submits to God and is responsible for the wife, especially for her spiritual wellbeing, so that she will remain faithful to God throughout her life and enjoy being part of his eternal kingdom. This leadership from the husband is to be sacrificial, caring for her needs and dying for her if necessary.

10. You: An Introduction - Michael Jensen, page 41 - Husbands and wives have different roles.

Delighting in difference



Read 'This is my lover' in Chapter 10 of *You: An Introduction*.

- Our thinking about how to flatter the opposite sex has certainly changed since Bible times, but what does Jensen say is the point of the two passages from Song of Songs?



Read 'Here comes the bride' in Chapter 10 of *You: An Introduction* and Ephesians 5:21–27.

- What is the husband's role?



- What is the wife's role?

