



Dealing With Danger

June 8, 2025 Message Notes
John 8:1-11

NOTES

- Alligators: swim with caution. Alligators live in most of Florida's waterways.
- Swim only in the designated area. This area is monitored but not fenced.
- Be watchful for alligators, especially if no lifeguard is present.
- Report approaching alligators to a lifeguard or park ranger.
- Never feed alligators.

Adventure involves danger. The signs are there for a reason.

Jesus encountered predators in the form of Pharisees.



“Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say?”

John 8:4-5

It's a trap and the woman, who'd been involved in another kind of predator behavior, is the bait.

“... Both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.”

Leviticus 20:10

“If anyone of you is without sin, let them be the first to throw a stone at her.”

John 8:7

“Age and experience often temper youthful self-righteousness. But whatever your age take an honest look at your life. Recognize your sinful nature...”

John 8:9 note from the Life Application Bible

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?... You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.”

Matthew 7:3, 5

““Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you? No one, sir. Then neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin.”

John 8:11

Jesus doesn't condemn, but neither does he ignore or condone her sin. He's placing his cross between her and its consequence.

“The soul that sins, it shall die.”

Ezekiel 18:20



“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 6:23

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:17

“There is no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1

This story is relevant in our world of blame and shame, self-deception and indulgence.

There is so much chaos and confusion, especially in human sexuality.

Sin is a predator and sometimes we don't see it when it's at work within us.

Sexual sin brought down Samson, David, Solomon, Delilah, Bathsheba and others.

“Flee youthful lusts...” “Run from sexual immorality.”

2 Timothy 2:22, 1 Corinthians 6:18

“I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart...It is better to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.”

Matthew 5:28-29

“It is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,



adultery...lustful desires. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you.”

Mark 7:21-23

Internal desires may defile you but they don't have to define you.

Why does my sex life matter to God?

- Because you do. God loves you and wants the best for you.
- God wants you to know the freedom and fulfillment of living in His will.

There are only two ways to live your life:

- Apart from God going your own way, doing your own thing as if you are God
- In fellowship with God - personal relationship, walking with him, knowing his blessing, doing his will.

Jesus affirms the goodness of the human sexuality we find in the creation story of Genesis 1 & 2.

“At the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said ‘For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no-one separate.’”

Matthew 19:4-6

Heterosexual monogamy is God's intended creation ideal, with boundaries there for a reason.

- Freedom and fulfillment meant to be discovered in a growing covenant of marriage of committed love.

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- God wants to bring healing, hope and help to you to overcome the alligators in us and others

Brain science shows that emotional bonding hormones release in sexual activity and stimulate attachment, trust and commitment - what marriage means. But if there's no commitment, the bonding is ripped apart.

“Whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.”

1 Corinthians 6:18

Alligators: Swim with Caution

The world is a dangerous place, but God wants us to live here.

Swim only in the designated area

Sexual boundaries are there for our good.

Be watchful for alligators

You won't always see them coming from around or within you.

Report approaching alligators to a lifeguard

Stay connected and transparent to a group or a spiritual lifeguard.

Never feed alligators

They will treat you like food.

“There is a wildness in human sexuality that is meant to be shared in God's grace in the high adventure of marriage – high trust, high confidentiality, highly committed love – making a safe space where you can be ‘naked and not ashamed.’” (Genesis 2:25)

Resources to Consider Reading (below):



Sex - Parent Reading

[Talking to Your Kids About Sex](#) by Mark Laaser

[The Parent's Answer Book](#) by Dobson

[Questions Kids Ask about Sex](#) (Revell publisher)

Sex - For Parent/Student to Read Together

[Pure Excitement, a Godly Look at Sex, Love and Dating](#) by Joe White

[God's Design for Sex series](#) by NavPress.

[Preparing Your Son for Every Man's Battle](#) by Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stokoecker

[Preparing Your Daughter for Every Woman's Battle](#) by Shannon Ethridge



Living in a Gray World by Preston Sprinkle

What does it mean to be Welcoming by Travis Collins

Surfing for God by Michael John Cusick

Sex for Christians by Lewis B. Smedes

