Title: A mothers separation

Text: 2 Cor 6: 14Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. 18And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty

Intro: Mother choosing child over life's dreams. Point:

- A mother separates herself from the things of this life to have a special relationship with her child.
- She creates a peculiar relationship with her child. (Peculiar)
- Her child will be bound to her for life. Joh 19:26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Joh 19:27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.
- God calls you to this kind of relationship. Sermon (separation to not from.)
- *** It starts with Birth. Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Peculiar

Ex 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a **peculiar** treasure unto me above all **people**: for all the earth is mine:

Deut 14:2 For thou art an holy **people** unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a **peculiar people** unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

Deut 26:18 And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his **peculiar people**, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar people**, zealous of good works.

1 pet 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a **peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light;

1 John 3:1 **Behold**, **what manner** of **love** the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not

James 4:4-5 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

1. **Separation isn't primarily <u>from</u> but <u>to</u>. III** marriage = to wife

To Good music Colossians 3:15-17, God James 4:4-8, good thinking Rom 1:28 + ps1:1-3,

- 2. It isn't to impoverish life's enjoyment but to promote it.
 - III. Goliath on a leash barking at the big dog.

Ill makes you Gods child. (Different relationships with God)

4. God wants you to be different but not judgmental.

Peculiar people (vs next page)

- 3. There is a separation of conviction and a separation of standards.
- **III** Cliff = conviction guardrail = standards.

Ill conviction = not commit adultery - standard = not be alone w member of the opposite gender.

4. Grace doesn't eliminate Separation it adds to it.

Exo 20:14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Mat 5:27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

-God doesn't just want your action he wants your heart.

1 Cor 11: 13 Judge in yourselves: is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? 14Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? 15But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

Colossians 3:15And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 16Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Romans 1:28And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Ps 1:1Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

1 Tim 2:9-10 9In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

10But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

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James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Come out from among them and be separate says the Lord. Separation is an exchange:

- You are giving up one thing for something better.
- I'm giving up being entertained by the world to be entertained by my walk with God.
- Giving up the vanity the world has to offer for the reality of what God has to offer.
- I'm giving up a relationship with the world for a relationship with God.
- I'm giving up living for my needs and living for God's needs.
- I'm giving up treasures on earth for treasures in heaven.
- the more you separate the stranger you become to those who don't separate.
- it's not about what you give up. You can give everything up and still miss the whole idea of separation. It's about what you're getting. The beliefs that giving something up is worth what you're getting in exchange.
- exchanging time: the time you spent trying to fortify your life with money you don't spend trying to fortify your life with God
- the time you spend in medicating yourself with entertainment. You spend entertaining God or being entertained by God.
- the time you spend consumed with the cares of this world you exchange to be consumed with caring for what God wants
 - the time you spend preparing for your future in this world you exchange for preparing for your future in heaven
 - Soulwinning is hard because you spent time gaining the approval of this world and your exchanging it for the approval of God.

III. Leave and cleave = seperation- Gen_2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mat_19:5 And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?

- Principal I have left other things to be with my wife.
- She is my best friend not my buddies
- I don't live to make myself happy. I get joy by seeing her happy .
- I don't confide with other woman. I confide with my wife.
- My parents are not my primary family. My wife and our children are.