

**“Come Out From
Among Them”**

**God's Call to
Restoration**

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Isaiah 52:11; 2 Cor. 6:17

■ Isaiah 52:1-12

- Speaks to Israel as if they are already in captivity**
- Then calls them to **return** to their homeland where He would **restore** their special relationship with Him**

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■ **Isaiah 52:1-12**

■ **Some lessons for us from vs. 1-10**

- **Zion symbolic of God’s people**
- **“Put on your beautiful garments”**
- **“How beautiful ... are the feet of him who brings good news ...”**
(See Romans 10:15)

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■ Isaiah 52:11-12

■ God’s call of restoration to Israel

- Depart! Go out from there**

- Not to touch any unclean thing**

- Familiar to Israel**

- Leviticus 11:1-47**

- “You shall be holy, for I am holy”**

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- **God calls us out of captivity**
 - **2 Timothy 2:24-26**
 - **Romans 7:21-24**
 - **Luke 4:16-21**
 - **Ephesians 4:8**

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- **God calls us to be separate**

- **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

- **“perfecting holiness in the fear of God”**

- **1 Peter 1:13-16**

- **“Be holy for I am holy”**

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- **The blessing of separation**
 - Called to separate *from*
 - But also called to separate *unto*

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Separation From

- **Not walk in darkness**
John 8:12
- **Dead indeed to sin**
Romans 6:11
- **Not conformed to this world**
Romans 12:1

Separation Unto

- **Have light of life**
John 8:12
- **Alive to God in Christ**
Romans 6:11
- **Transformed by the renewing of your mind**
Romans 12:1

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Separation From

- **Once far off**
Ephesians 2:13
- **The power of darkness**
Colossians 1:13
- **Uncleanness**
1 Thessalonians 4:7

Separation Unto

- **Have been made near**
Ephesians 2:13
- **The Kingdom of the Son**
Colossians 1:13
- **Holiness**
1 Thessalonians 4:7

Jesus set the bar very high

- “You have heard that it was said... but I say to you...” (Matt. 5:22,28,32,34,44)
- “You shall be perfect just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matt. 5:48)
- “be holy for I am holy...” (1 Pet. 1:16)
- “...partakers of the divine nature...”
(2 Pet. 1:3)

Because of negative reactions, sometimes Christians choose to lower the bar

Setting the Bar

Nor
homosexuals...
will inherit the
kingdom of God (1
Cor. 6:9-10)

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- Homosexuality

Setting the Bar

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, (Gal. 5:19)

- Adultery, fornication
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- Homosexuality

Setting the Bar

- Lewdness, immorality
- Adultery, fornication
- Homosexuality

who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness (Eph. 4:19)

we write to them to abstain from... sexual immorality (Acts 15:20)

Setting the Bar

- Not a hint, nothing to do with it
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- Lewdness, immorality
- Adultery, fornication
- Homosexuality

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity (Eph. 5:3)

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them (Eph. 5:11)

Setting the Bar

- Lust, Adultery in heart
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- Not a hint, nothing to do with it
 - Lewdness, immorality
 - Adultery, fornication
 - Homosexuality

But I say to you
that whoever
looks at a woman
to lust for her has
already committed
adultery with her
in his heart. (Matt.
5:28)

Setting the Bar

- Flee lust
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- Lust, Adultery in heart
 - Not a hint, nothing to do with it
 - Lewdness, immorality
 - Adultery, fornication
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Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Tim. 2:22-23)

Setting the Bar

- Pursue, meditate on pure things
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- Flee lust
 - Lust, Adultery in heart
 - Not a hint, nothing to do with it
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whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things. (Phil 4:8)

The standard is not simply to avoid
immoral actions.

The Standard is not simply to
avoid immoral thoughts.

We are commanded to pursue
and think holy/pure things.

'Faith

'Love'

'Righteousness'

'Peace'

***A Christian's
Goal***

'Pure'

'True, noble,
just'

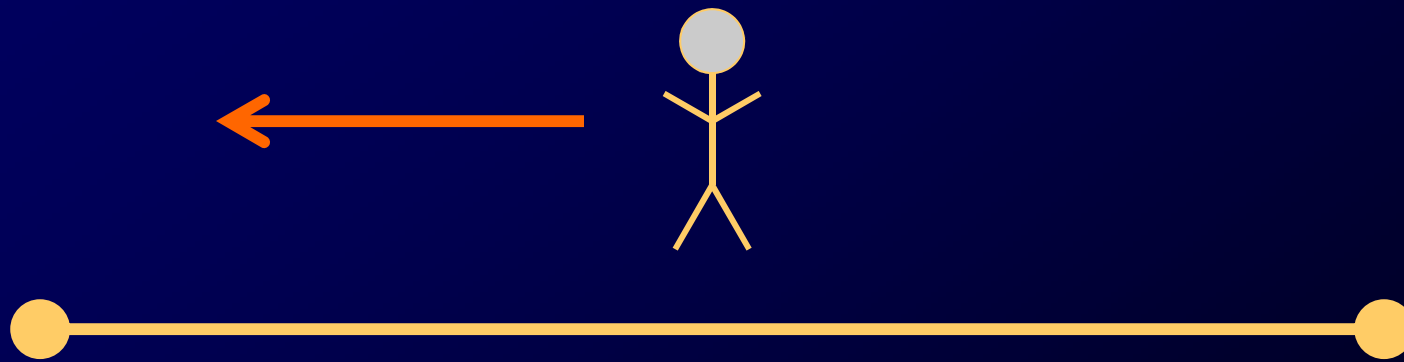
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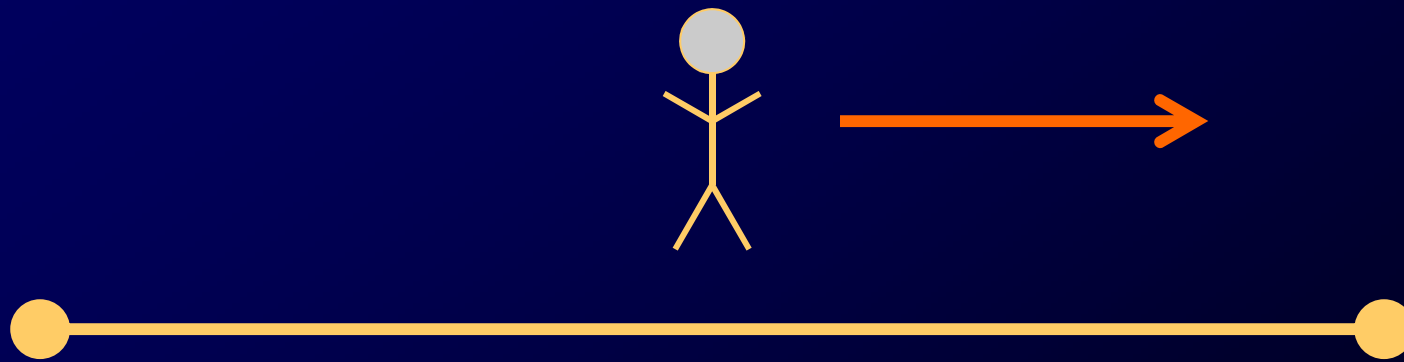
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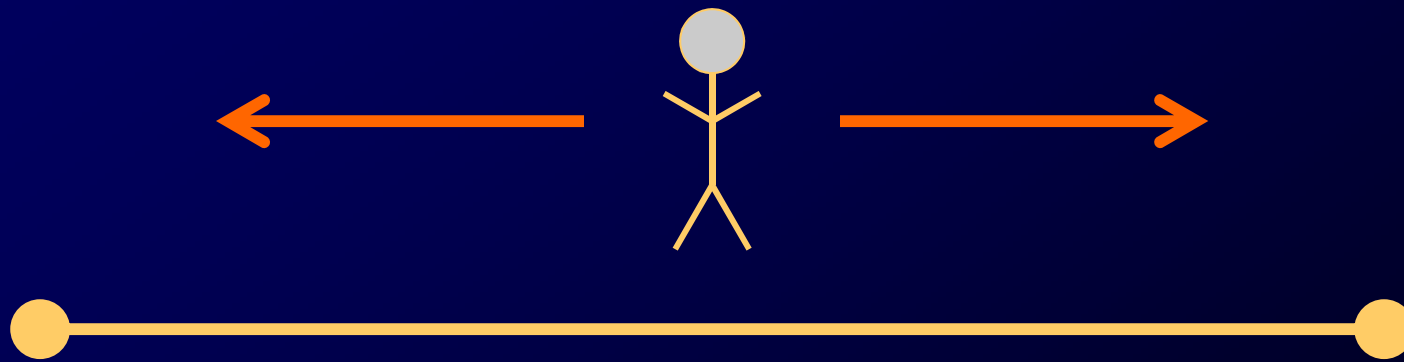
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“Is my behavior with my date pure,
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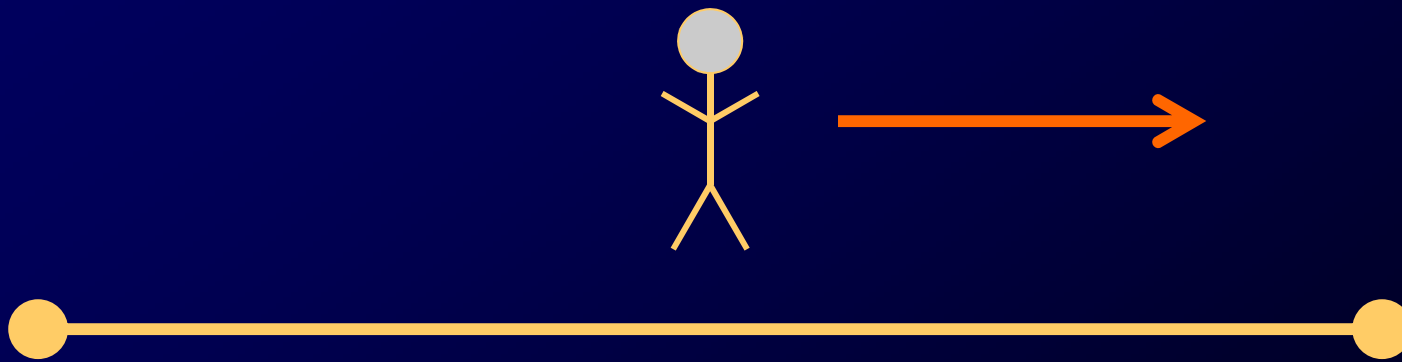


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“How far should I go with my physical
affections toward my date?”

“How short a skirt is too short?”

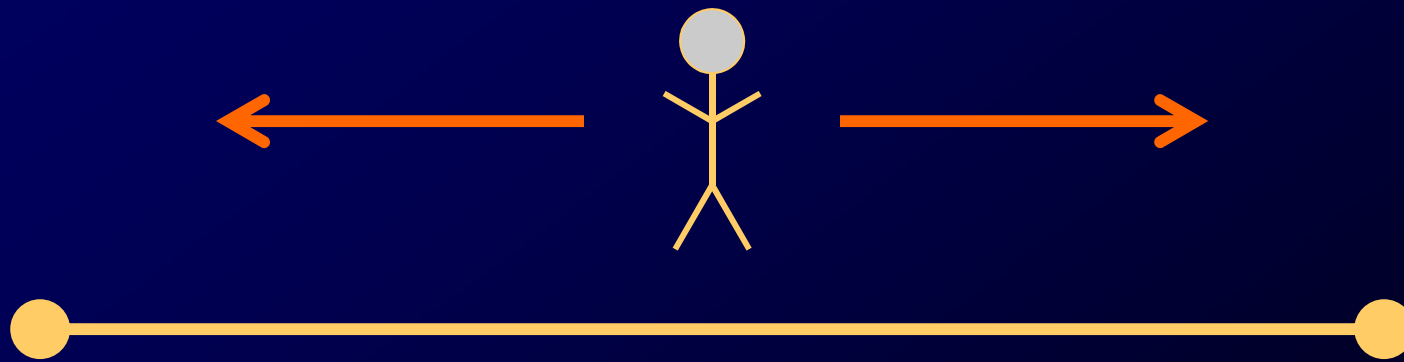
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“Is this outfit modest, virtuous?”

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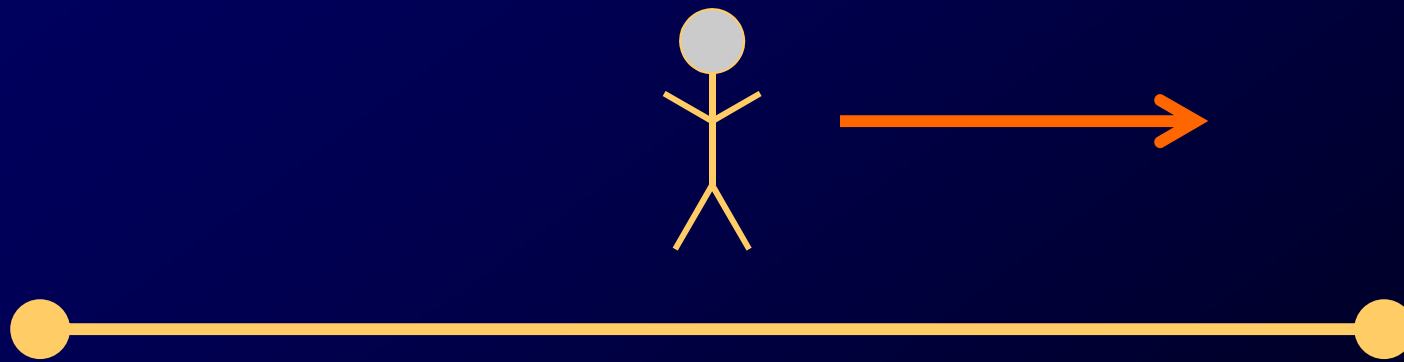


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“How short is too short?”

“Does this song/book/movie have too much sex in it?”

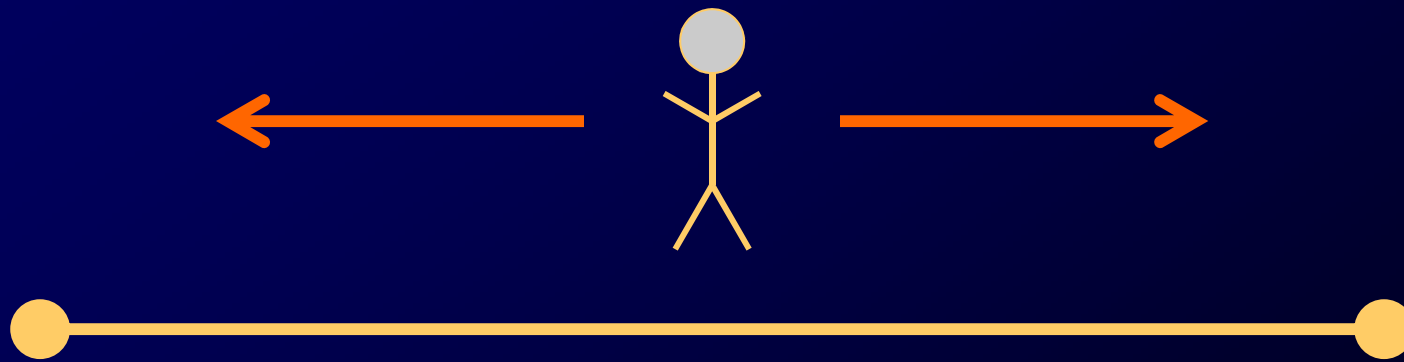
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“What does this song/book/movie have that is worthy of God’s praise, noble, pure?”

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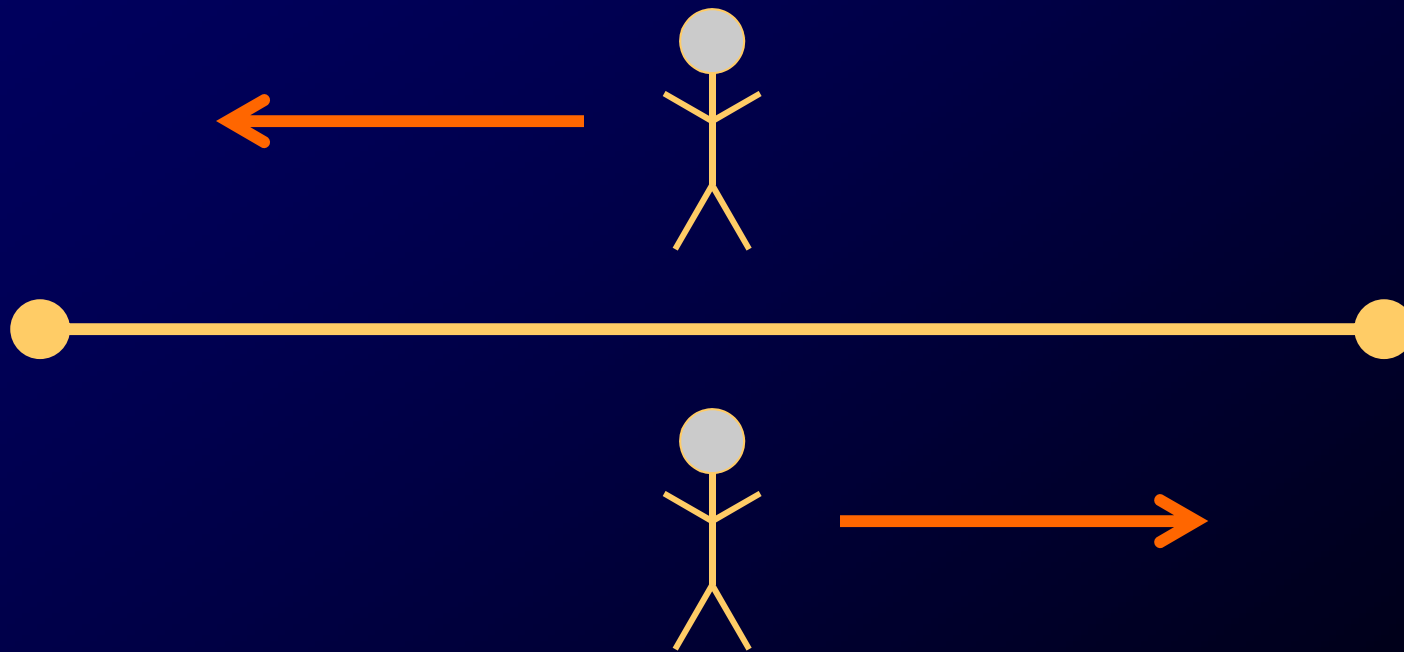
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How far can I go until I sin?

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Philippians 2:14-16

**We must shine as
lights!**

And hold fast!!