

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

Fear, Love & Trust

## Law/Gospel

Manifestations of sin against the Sixth Commandment are shown in thought, word, and deed by failing to appreciate God's gift of marriage and by engaging in sex outside of marriage, homosexuality, adultery, use of pornography, and the like. I, too, fail to use my sexuality in ways that please God. **God blessed Isaac with a suitable wife, and He blesses me through His Son, Jesus, who on my behalf resisted temptation to abuse sexuality and then took the punishment for my sins on the cross.**

## Take-Home Point

God commands that I honor marriage and family.

## Bible Words

The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18

## Prayer

*Lord God, bless us with healthy marriages and families that honor You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

## Isaac and Rebekah

Genesis 24

God miraculously gave hundred-year-old Abraham and ninety-year-old Sarah a son that they loved. This son, Isaac, had not married when Sarah died thirty years later.

Abraham wanted Isaac to have his own wife and family, but not with one of their idol-worshiping neighbors. He wanted to bless Isaac with a God-pleasing union and sexuality. So he sent his most trusted servant to find a wife among his relatives in the faraway city of Nahor.

Abraham's servant asked God to show him the right woman for Isaac. The Lord led him to Rebekah, granddaughter of Abraham's brother (Isaac's second cousin). The servant gave Rebekah precious gifts and told her extended family about Abraham and Isaac. They concurred God had brought them together, and agreed for Rebekah and Isaac to marry.

The servant wanted to leave the next morning; Rebekah agreed. Isaac and Rebekah married soon after she arrived. After twenty years of marriage, God blessed them with twin sons, Esau and Jacob.

God created humans as sexual beings and blesses marriages with joy and, the Lord willing, children. These emotional and spiritual bonds and responsibilities of raising children include accountability to God. Used sinfully, sexuality becomes a source of tremendous, far-reaching trouble.

As a human, Jesus experienced every temptation in a sinful world in thought, word, and deed, yet He never sinned. Jesus offered Himself as the pure, blameless sacrifice on the cross to reconcile sinners to God. Jesus offers the perfect image of marriage as the Groom to His Bride, the Church.

## From the Catechism

### The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

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