SPECIAL ISSUES
Sexual Sin in the Church

NOTE: The section “Sexual Distinction in the Church” was skipped during the teaching time of Secret Church: Family, Marriage, Sex, and the Gospel due to time constraints. The following manuscript is from Pastor David’s notes for this section.

Now, let’s talk about sexual sin in the church. In light of the eye-opening statistics we saw earlier of pastors and church leaders who are involved in pornography, who have been involved in affairs, I know that there are men and women and churches represented all over the place, tonight, that have experienced the pain of seeing a pastor or church leader fall into sexual sin. We, as The Church at Brook Hills, have walked through this in our history, and God has been so gracious to this church in the middle of all of it. Even if you haven’t walked through something like that personally in your church, the possibility, and I hate to even say that, but you probably will.

Erroll Hulse sums it up:

It is a morbid and depressing fact that when it comes to adultery, there are too many casualties among pastors. Ministers are just as vulnerable as others. No area, no country, no denomination is immune. The damage done in each case is irreparable: the breakdown, as far as ministry is concerned, final. This is a distasteful subject, but we cannot shirk it. The matter demands faithful treatment. Let him who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

So, I want to treat this issue with fear and trembling...not resigned to say, “Well, it’s going to happen in more pastors,” but with an urgent, solemn longing that it stops happening...and doesn’t happen in pastors and church leaders listening all across locations tonight, including myself.

For those who have walked through times like this in the church, there is a lot of hurt and pain and disillusionment that can creep in. So, what I want to do is simply give you ten words of encouragement for those of you who have been hurt or disillusioned by sexual sin among leaders in the church. These are ten words of encouragement...all springing, mainly, from 1 Corinthians...that I gave our church when we walked through a similar road with a pastor who had served here.

Find your comfort in prayer.
First, find your comfort in prayer. Look at 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, and just get a glimpse of who God is.

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace
to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is holy. From the start in verse 2, Paul says the church is sanctified and called to be holy. A reference to Leviticus 11:44-45: “For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

Then, in 1 Corinthians 1:8, Paul prays that they will be made blameless by this holy God. The God we pray to is holy; that’s the only way His church can be made holy. This means that God has absolutely no sin in Himself. He is whole. His integrity is unquestioned. He is without fault.

Now, this is important because, in light of the scores of stories of sexual sin among leaders in the church, there are many people who look at all the hypocrisy, and the inconsistency, and the worldliness, and partiality, and greed, and insensitivity of these leaders, and they sit back and stamp a big question mark over the reality of the whole Christian faith. They begin to question, “Is anything real? Or is everything just a fake?” Many of you are angry at what seems to be rampant hypocrisy, and it’s driving you away from God. What I want to do is to remind you, tonight, that God is holy, and as such, He hates hypocrisy ten thousand times more than you do. If you don’t believe me, look at Malachi 2:1-9 and see the rebuke of hypocritical priests in the Old Testament. It is stronger than any language I could use.

And now, O priests, this command is for you. If you will not listen, if you will not take it to heart to give honor to my name, says the Lord of hosts, then I will send the curse upon you and I will curse your blessings. Indeed, I have already cursed them, because you do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will rebuke your offspring, and spread dung on your faces, the dung of your offerings, and you shall be taken away with it. So shall you know that I have sent this command to you, that my covenant with Levi may stand, says the Lord of hosts. My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared me. He stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But you have turned aside from the way. You have caused many to stumble by your instruction. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts, and so I make you despised and abased before all the people, inasmuch as you do not keep my ways but show partiality in your instruction.

God is holy, and He hates hypocrisy.

God is holy, and God is present. Three times in the first five verses of 1 Corinthians, Paul mentions that the church is “in Christ,” and then in verse 8, he says, “He will keep you strong to the end.” He is with you; You are in Him; He will keep you. It is in times of
struggle in the church that God’s presence is most felt. Look at Matthew 18:19-20, "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

"Where two or three are gathered...” In the middle of church conflict, Jesus reminds His church that He is right there with them. When struggling with sexual sin among leaders in the church, you don’t walk through these emotions and thoughts alone. His presence is very real, and God is faithful.

1 Corinthians 1:9 says, “God is faithful.” He is faithful. Ladies and gentlemen, people and pastors, even those whom we respect most, will let us down, but God will never let you down. Now, this is especially important in situations like we’re talking about. Many of you, in your faith, were greatly influenced by a certain leader. Maybe he led you to Christ, he baptized you, he challenged you, and when you think of some of the spiritual markers in your life, that leader was a part of those times. A leader like that, oftentimes, has huge influence in wonderful ways on the church.

So, some people start thinking, “Well, if he committed this sexual sin, what does that mean for all of those moments...all of those experiences in my life and ministry?” What it means is that every bit of trust that you have put in God as a result of that leader...every bit of that trust you have put in God is still good, because God is still faithful, and this faithful God has been working in your church. This faithful God has been working in your life, and this faithful God will continue to work in your life and in this church because His faithfulness will never end. You have no need to doubt or ask, “Is my salvation real?” Or, “Is my baptism real?” Or, “Is this ministry real?” Or, “Is my Word real?” Because God is behind your salvation, God is behind your baptism, God is behind His Word, and God is the reason for any good in any leader’s ministry. He is faithful.

"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations...” Deuteronomy 7:9. “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful,” Hebrews 10:23. So, find your comfort in prayer before the holy, present, faithful God.

**Find your direction in the Word.**
Secondly, find your direction in the Word. When you look at 1 Corinthians 2, you see Paul’s explanation of his preaching. He says, “...and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God” (1 Corinthians 2:4-5). Paul reminds us that our faith, especially in times of struggle, cannot rest on man’s opinion, but on God’s power; the power that is in His Word.

So, I want to remind you of the importance of God’s Word when it comes to situations like this. God guards us by His Word. We’ve got to be careful because it is in times of suffering and trial and confusion that we can easily slip into bad theology and make some of the most unbiblical statements in our counsel to each other. We are prone to follow our private religious hunches and opinions rather than letting situations like this drive us to God’s Word. I want to remind you, we don’t base our convictions on what we feel or think but on what God says.
God guards us by His Word, and God guides us by His Word. God does not leave us in the dark. He leads us through difficult times according to His Word, to show His power. So, find your direction in the Word.

**Find your wisdom in the cross.**

Find your comfort in prayer, your direction in the Word, and find your wisdom in the cross. Some say 1 Corinthians 1:17-18 is the theme of the entire book of 1 Corinthians. "For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

The cross is central for everything in 1 Corinthians. I want you to think about the implications of the cross for dealing with sexual sin in the church. First, the cross displays the severity of sin. There is no greater picture of the payment of sin than the cross. Sin is ugly, sin is brutal, sin is hurtful, sin is painful, sin leads to death. As Jesus cries out, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?” we see that sin is not just making a mistake. Sin is an offense to God of ultimate, infinite proportions.

As a result, any time we deal with sexual sin in the church, we must recognize the severity of sin. Do not try to lighten it, to make it seem like sexual sin among leaders...or anyone, for that matter...is not a big deal; it is a huge deal. If we respond to sexual in the church without contemplating the severity of sin, then we are fools. However, at the same time, the cross displays the wonder of grace. In the middle of the darkness of sin, we see the grace of Christ at the cross. So, we must remember in any response to sexual sin in the church, that if we respond without grace in our minds and our hearts and our words, we are also fools.

Now, we must have both of these. They are to be kept in balance...the severity of sin and the wonder of grace. An example would be David in the Old Testament. He was described as a man after God’s heart. What a gracious description of David, and I’ve heard this description used to gloss over sexual sin before. Does that mean that his sin was not severe? Absolutely not. Yes, he was a man after God’s heart, but what was the result of that sin for a young child? Death was the result. David was affected for the rest of his life on earth. So, when dealing with sexual sin in the church, we must emphasize both the severity of sin and the wonder of grace in our hearts and minds.

**Find your support in the church.**

Fourth, find your support in the church. This is one of the main themes of 1 Corinthians, and especially, the first few chapters. This book is all about the church, and this book is a reminder that we are in this thing together. We lean on each other. Look at 1 Corinthians 5:1-5.

> It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father’s wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you. For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing. When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.
Unfortunately, we don’t have time to digest all that this passage means, but I want to summarize this chapter with three statements. First, we are accountable to God. Paul is, obviously, very angry with the church because they had let sexual sin run rampant in the church. This was the church he earlier mentioned that was sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, and yet, they had done nothing to address the sexual sin in their midst. So, Paul reminds them that the local church is accountable to God for guarding, and protecting, and nurturing, and encouraging the holiness of His people.

The local church has a responsibility before God to treat sin seriously. We are responsible to each other. He says, “You have a responsibility to rebuke this person so that they will see their sin and be brought back to Christ.” In other words, Paul is saying, “Stop sweeping each other’s sin under the rug like it doesn’t matter. It does matter, and you have a responsibility to each other in the body of Christ to watch out for each other.”

Also, we are visible to the world. Look back at verse 1, “...of a kind that does not occur even among pagans!” Paul’s concern was not sexual immorality outside the church. He makes that clear later in the chapter. He’s most concerned about the fact that, because of their casual approach to sin in the church with each other, they were actually outdoing the world in immorality.

Brothers and sisters, there is a word there for us. What we are seeing in Christianity is an epidemic of sexual immorality that is much greater than one instance. The world is pretty convinced of the church’s lack of integrity as they look at the scandals that go on, and on, and on, in today’s church. The church, actually, tries to minimize the sin, and as a result, the church is shocking the world. We are accountable to God, we are responsible to each other, and we are visible to the world.

Find your examples in church leaders.
So, find your support in the church as you address the severity of sin and the wonder of grace, and find your examples in church leaders. Now, this might sound like an odd thing to say in light of this subject of fallen leaders, but watch this. Look at 1 Corinthians 4:14-17:

This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

One of the tendencies we have when we hear of sexual sin among a leader in the church is to begin to question every leader in the church: “Well, who’s to say that you’re not guilty? Or that you won’t do the same?” A cynical nature begins to creep in when we think about Christian leaders and pastors. This cynicism is unbiblical, and we must guard against it.
I don’t say this because I want you to think well of me or other pastors. I say this because it’s biblical. There are two main ideas here in the first verses of 1 Corinthians 4. God has appointed us for our service...called "servants" from the start of this passage. God has entrusted servants to the church for a reason; He has put them there. So, we respect them; we honor them.

1 Timothy 5:17-20 is particularly important here.

*Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.” Do not admit a charge against an elder except on the evidence of two or three witnesses. As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in fear.*

Some say, “When a church leader sins, aren’t they just people, too? Shouldn’t their sin be treated as privately as everyone else’s?” I don’t believe so based on Scripture. Here’s the deal: God puts servants of the church in a public situation with a biblical expectation that their ministry will be largely by example. As a pastor, if I embrace the burden of public influence by example...as the Bible says I must. I must accept that burden of influence when my example goes wrong, and needs to be reproved.

If you are to consider the faith and conduct of your leaders, I cannot believe you are to look the other way when our behavior falls short. We receive respect and esteem when we live uprightly, and we receive dishonor and shame when we walk in sin. We simply cannot say, “I will be public when I am good, and I will be private when I am bad.” Pastors, leaders, are servants set up by God as examples in the church. Hebrews 13:7 says, "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith."

Also, God will judge us for our stewardship. "They will give an account," says Hebrews 13:17, "to God.” I will give an account to God for how I shepherd The Church at Brook Hills...how I...how pastors care for the church, which Christ bought with His blood, (Acts 20:28).

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things,” Hebrews 13:17-18. “Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood,” Acts 20:28. This is heavy, humbling stuff for pastors.

**Recognize the extremely serious nature of sexual sin.**
Now, we’re going to shift a little in the second half of this list...these last five...to see how these truths have particular effect on our own lives. Part of our response to moral failure in the church is to recognize the extremely serious nature of sexual sin. I am convinced that we are so overexposed to sexual sin in our culture, whether inside the church or outside of it, that our sensitivity to sexual sin is dulled. We are very much like the Church in Corinth, which was victimized by pagan immorality.
Listen to 1 Corinthians 6:12-20,

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, ‘The two will become one flesh.’ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

These verses are loaded, but I want to camp out on two particular truths that are crystal clear in this passage. First, there is a tendency to treat sexual sin today just like any other sin, but that is not biblical. Now, hear me clearly. All sin is the same in that it separates us from God...no question about that. However, 1 Corinthians 6 is clear: sexual sin is different. “Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.”

Now, what's not exactly clear is what Paul means by this...what the exact difference is. However, Paul is obviously pointing out how harmful, how controlling, and how dominating this particular sin is. It is a strong and consuming impulse and drive and has the capacity to corrupt more deeply and widely than other things. It destroys deep inside, it shatters relationships, it devastates trust, it is a profound and penetrating sin. Any easygoing attitude toward this sin is dangerous...very, very dangerous.

Sexual sin is devastating. Look at the picture here: the whole Trinity is involved in this thing. God the Father in verse 13. Your body belongs to the Lord. He sent His Son to die for it. Your body is not your own to do with what you will. God the Son in verse 15. You are members of Christ. You are in Christ in the closest, most intimate way. You are one with Christ. It would be unthinkable to use Christ's body for sexual sin. No one would knowingly take the body of Christ and put it with the body of a prostitute, and yet, that's exactly what you do when you commit sexual sin. As a Christ-follower, you cannot separate yourself from Him. Just know that if you choose to sin sexually, you violate the fact that your body belongs to God and you indulge the Lord Jesus Christ in your sin. That’s why Paul says in verse 15, “God forbid! Never!” No, no, no, impossible, unthinkable, don’t do it! Don’t take the body of Christ and put it with a prostitute!

Then, you see the Holy Spirit. Can you desecrate the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit? We have to see sexual sin for what it is. It is not simply a mistake. It is not simply some small indulgence. It is not simply some biological act. It is a desecration of God Himself. There are people who go into sexual sin, thinking, “It’s forgivable.” What we don’t count is the harm, the enslavement, and the perversion. There’s no escape from the consequences. That’s why we flee from it. That’s why we consider our bodies as belonging to the Lord. That’s why we unite it to the Savior and embrace the Holy Spirit in our bodies. With that sacred view of ourselves, if we have any love for God and any concern for His holy nature, we will not violate His word in this area.

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Recommit yourself to wholehearted love for your spouse or future spouse.
Let sexual sin among leaders in the church drive you to recognize the extremely serious nature of sexual sin, to recommit yourself to wholehearted love for your spouse or future spouse. This is 1 Corinthians 7:1-4:

Now concerning the matters about which you wrote: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

I want to urge you to recommit yourself to wholehearted love for your spouse or future spouse for two reasons. Number one: the covenant of marriage is too precious. Men, you have entered into a covenant with your wife before God to honor her. Women, you have entered into a covenant with your husband before God to honor him. God, help us to guard this covenant.

Number two: the picture of marriage is too valuable. I hope that we have seen that tonight; that marriage is one of the clearest pictures of Christ's love for the church that we can show the world. Guard your marriage. Some of you are struggling in your marriage. Let tonight be a wake up call to you. Take heed lest you fall in your marriage.

Repent of any and all sins that you are hiding.
Which leads us to 1 Corinthians 10:6-10...next word of encouragement: repent of any and all sins that you are hiding.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

Oh, let the sins of those who have gone before you be a warning to you. Let the sexual sin of leaders in the church that have been exposed remind you that compartmentalization is always dangerous. Compartmentalization is living in two worlds. It’s believing the lie that one sin in this area of your life does not jeopardize the other areas of your life. It results in living two lives, one which justifies the other, and it is a dangerous road to walk.

Is there any area of your life that you are compartmentalizing? Repent! Also, be reminded that cover-ups are always temporary. Ladies and gentlemen, you cannot cover your sin. It will be found out. There are endless ways, it seems, to admit to a little bit of it, while still holding on to a little more over here. The enemy is so clever. He will give you secret ways to practice your sins while he, all the while, destroys you down deep inside. Let me remind us: religion is the biggest cover-up for sin in our lives. We can go through the perfunctory motions of church and ministry and simply pretend it’s not there. That’s dangerous. Stop pretending it’s not there. Repent!
Run away from any and all temptations that you are entertaining. Repent and run away from any and all temptations that you are entertaining.

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:11-13).

Repent and run away from any and all temptations you are entertaining! Oh, our pride is subtle. Our pride says, “This temptation is not a problem. You only looked at the pictures on the website once or twice.” Run away. “You only had one intimate conversation with her at work. Surely, it wouldn't lead to more.” Run away. “You only made a few decisions or business deals that didn’t seem ethical.” Run away.

Our pride is subtle, and our lives are susceptible. I do not want to address what we are addressing right now. I know I am not immune to anything I have warned you about, and I tremble when I hear the words, “Take heed, lest you fall.” We are all susceptible. God, help us to run away from any and all temptations that we begin to entertain.

Rejoice that sin will not have the last word.
At the same time, by the power of the gospel, this does not end on a heavy note, but on a joyous note. Even when we see sexual sin among leaders in the church, we can rejoice that sin will not have the last word.

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

Oh, there is coming a day when the Lord will resurrect our bodies. Can I speak for one moment here to the people, maybe pastors or leaders, who themselves are guilty of sexual sin? God has taken the record of all your sins...all your sexual failures and everything else...that made you accountable for judgment, and instead of holding them up in front of your face and using them as a warrant to condemn you, He put them in the palm of His Son’s hand and nailed them to the cross. The victory of Christ ensures that you stand before a holy God, “Not guilty.”

This is good news that we do not deserve. The Lord will resurrect our bodies, and brothers and sisters, the Lord will preserve His church. Do not be discouraged. When things, even trends, like this happen, do not think, "Oh, the church is falling apart.” The church of Jesus
Christ will never, ever fall apart. The very gates of hell cannot prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. Sin does not have the last word; Christ does. "Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen," (Jude 24-25).

Sexual sin in the church. Okay, we need a lighter and better note, and this is where we shall end.