



## Sex – It's A Good Thing

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**Exodus 20:14 – “You shall not commit adultery.”**

Accountability

**Matthew 5:27-29 – “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.”**

**C** – orrection

**U** – pdates

**R** – eminders

**E** – ncouragement

Trust your spouse's opinion

Work at your marriage

**SOS 4:7 – “You're beautiful from head to toe, my dear love, beautiful beyond compare, absolutely flawless.”**

“Raya”– “friend” or “companion” or “soul-mate.”

**SOS 8:7 – “Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.”**

“Ahava” - emotional love or a deep affection

“Hav” - to give

**SOS 1:2 – Your lips cover me with kisses; your love is better than wine.”**

“Dod” - to “carouse,” to “rock” or to “fondle.”

*“We have our raya flame. We have our ahava flame. And, we have our dod flame. One flame burning all by itself will never be as hot as all the flames burning together. I mean, we were created for all the flames to burn as one. Anything less is less than what we were intended for. When you separate the flames, it can never really satisfy. It's like you're living outside of how God wired you to live.” – Rob Bell*

60% of men have had an affair

40% of women have had an affair

80% of marriages have at least one partner that had an affair

90% when you add in emotional affairs and internet affairs.

**Here is the point: Work on your marriage. Work on all the aspects of it. God has wired you to have all 3 flames burning in your marriage.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 – “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.**

**SOS – 2:7 – “I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, By the gazelles or by the does of the field, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.”**