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Series Title: The Beautiful Way

Sermon Title: Desire, Divorce, and Deceit: What does Jesus Say?

Matthew 5:27-37 (Pew Bible Page: 810)

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Sex, marriage, and truth are beautiful. How is that for getting to the point? The truth is we have a hard time talking about sexuality, marriage, and truth because we are so broken and confused in these three areas. For some, it is hard to listen to a message entitled, "Desire, Divorce, and Deceit," because you have been deeply hurt by desire; that is, people lusting after you rather than seeing you. Others have suffered through a lengthy divorce, the termination of what was to last a lifetime. You have suffered the pain of deceit, your partner's willful betrayal of trust you deposited in them. I have no desire to add to anyone's pain or stress today. Instead, my desire is to share what Jesus has to say.

1. Sin of the heart are as serious as physical acts of sinfulness
2. Allow Jesus to satisfy what culturally approved sexual practice will never satisfy
3. Be consumed with God's enduring purpose for marriage, rather than seduced by momentary opportunities for pleasure
4. Say what you mean; mean what you say