

## Matthew 14 – The Two Shall Become One Flesh

### Matthew 5:27-30

***Fallen Condition Focus (FCF):*** We are hard wired to lust after the things we do not have, but only Christ can meet all of our needs.

#### Point 1: Reality of the law

- Basic prohibition of the law
- Jesus takes it higher: From external to internal
  - If the act is wrong, then indulging the temptations of that act is also wrong
  - Lust is fundamentally tied to discontentment
- All have sinned

#### Point 2: Call to Radical discipleship

- Why does He say to tear out eye and cut off hand?
  - Because the consequences of sin are so devastating
  - You would be better off maiming yourself, than falling into sin
- Figurative application
  - Living like they are no longer there
  - Sacrificing the things that lead to sin

#### Point 3: Why is sexual sin so bad?

- Earthly consequences
- It is against God's design
- Israel pictured as God's bride
- Two shall become one flesh – picture of union with Christ