

Y.R.P. – Desperate Housewives

In the mid to late 2000's there was a popular television show called Desperate Housewives. One of their more controversial relationships was the adultery going on between John Rowland the gardener, played by Jesse Metcalfe, and Gabrielle Solis the rich, lonely housewife, played by Eva Longoria. It was controversial because John Rowland was only 17 years old on the show. This controversial episode reminded me of the story found in Proverbs 7:6-23:

While I was at the window of my house, looking through the curtain, I saw some naive young men, and one in particular who lacked common sense. He was crossing the street near the house of an immoral woman, strolling down the path by her house. It was at twilight, in the evening, as deep darkness fell.

The woman approached him, seductively dressed and sly of heart. She was the brash, rebellious type, never content to stay at home. She is often in the streets and markets, soliciting at every corner. She threw her arms around him and kissed him, and with a brazen look she said, "I've just made my peace offerings and fulfilled my vows. You're the one I was looking for! I came out to find you, and here you are! My bed is spread with beautiful blankets, with colored sheets of Egyptian linen. I've perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. Come, let's drink our fill of love until morning. Let's enjoy each other's caresses, for my husband is not home. He's away on a long trip. He has taken a wallet full of money with him and won't return until later this month."

So she seduced him with her pretty speech and enticed him with her flattery. He followed her at once, like an ox going to the slaughter. He was like a stag caught in a trap, awaiting the arrow that would pierce its heart. He was like a bird flying into a snare little knowing it would cost him his life.

Proverbs is written from a father to a son. After extolling the value of wisdom in chapters 1 through 4, he spends chapters 5 through 7 warning the son against fornication and adultery. Now both of those sins aren't unforgivable sins, but they do have consequences that others sins do not. In 1 Corinthians 6:18 says every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against their own body. Hebrews 13:4 says that God will surely judge people who are immoral or commit adultery. Sexual sin has severe consequences (compared to being hunted or trapped) because it violates God's covenant of marriage. And God is all about covenants.

How am I like an ox being led to slaughter, a stag or bird caught in a trap, or a fish hooked by a lure?

Notice the seductress in Proverbs 7 goes to church (she had just made her peace offerings). Not everyone who is in church is a committed Christian. Who are the committed Christians in your life?

P2R (Point 2 Remember): "Play a little now, pay a lot later"