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PART ONE
GENESIS 16

THE DEVASTATION OF MORAL IMPURITY

AN IDOL IS ANYTHING THAT WE CLING TO IN THE PLACE OF GOD. IT IS A GOD-SUBSTITUTE. IT IS SOMETHING THAT LOOKS WORTHWHILE, AND CAUSES YOU TO TRADE IN WHAT YOU WERE INTENDED TO FIND PLEASURE IN (JESUS ALONE) FOR ITS TEMPORARY ALUREMENT. IT'S A TERRIBLE TRADE. IT NEVER WORKS. THE IDOL OF SEXUAL IMMORALITY HAS RUINED FAMILIES, IT'S RUINED NATIONS, AND IF YOU'LL LET IT, IT WILL HAPPILY RUIN YOU.

GENESIS 16 IS A STORY OF SUCH DEVASTASTATION. IT IS A STORY OF TRADING IN WHAT GOD INTENDED FOR A MAN-MADE PLAN THAT WAS DOOMED FOR FAILURE. IT WAS A RIP-OFF, BUT IF WE LOOK CLOSELY, WE CAN DISCOVER SEVERAL TRUTHS THAT WILL ALWAYS REMAIN CONSTANT REGARDING THE DEVASTATION OF MORAL IMPURITY.

- I. **MORAL IMPURITY COMES WHEN YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD CANNOT KEEP HIS PROMISES (VV. 1-4).**
- II. **MORAL IMPURITY LEADS TO DESTRUCTION THAT YOU CAN NEVER EVEN IMAGINE (VV. 4-12).**
 - A. **MORAL IMPURITY WILL DESTROY YOUR RELATIONSHIPS (VV. 4-6).**
 - B. **THE DESTRUCTION FROM MORAL IMPURITY WILL SPIRAL OUT OF CONTROL (VV. 7-12).**
- III. **MORAL IMPURITY WILL NEVER DEFEAT THE GRACE OF GOD (VV. 7-14).**
 - A. **THE GRACE OF GOD REQUIRES THAT YOU MAKE THINGS RIGHT (V. 9)**
 - B. **THE GRACE OF GOD ASSURES YOU THAT HE IS ALWAYS THERE (V. 13).**