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**Judul** : Pel. 8. Being Faithful in Marriage

**Bahan Alkitab**: Exo 20:14; Mat 5:28, 19:3-9; Ef 4:29, 5:4

**Ringkasan Bahan SM**:

Points of Learning:

I.

Cognitive: The 7th commandment requires purity before marriage.

Affective: Children aware that any impurity in words or thoughts that can lead to lust or adultery breaks this commandment.

Psychomotor: Children pray to Holy spirit and read God's word to guide their heart and mind.

II.

Cognitive: God ordained marriage and also commands faithfulness in marriage.

Affective: Children realize marriage in only for a man to a woman for a lifetime commitment.

Psychomotor: Ask God to help them learn to be faithful to God then they will be able to faithful to spouse in their marriage.

**Introduction**: Singapore tap water are safe to drink because we know it is chemically treated, filtered and disinfected. If accidentally there is just a tiny speck of mud in the filtered water, we will not drink it anymore because it is impure. Are you aware that sometimes we allowed impurities become part of our body (in mouth, mind/heart also behavior)?

**Background of story**: In Exo 20 – God gave 10 Commandments to Israelites.

I.

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| Exo 20:14 You shall not commit adultery. Is this law only for married couples? Does adultery only about unfaithfulness or disloyalty to the marriage covenant.  In Mat 5:28, Commit adultery is not only physical, but as an attitude of heart and mind. Lust (desire) that never results in adultery still breaks God's commandment, as do behavior, words and thoughts that can lead to lust and adultery, such as speaking or listening to obscenities and coarse joking (Ef 4:29; 5:4), watching inappropriate movies and tv shows and dressing immodestly. |
| Being pure in heart relates to ***thought***, desire or attitudes e.g. when we think impure things or we want to do impure behavior, this is inside our heart that will lead to unfaithfulness. |
| What does impure in ***language***? Ef 4:29, 5:4 if the words we use is not helping/building up other but saying things that will lead others to think impure thoughts e.g. dirty jokes. We should not listen to them. Impure language or dirty jokes are all around us. How can we avoid listening to it? Turn Off the tv/radio, change topic, ask them to stop or leave the communication.  What is impure in ***behavior***? Things we do or the way we dress that will lead to improper desire. |
| Any kind of impurity is improper for God's holy people. In 1 Tes 4:7, 1 Cor 6:19-20 Our body is temple of God. We are to glorify God in our body.  So, this commandment teaches us to be pure in heart, language and conduct. It requires to protect our purity, making sure we are pure in our heart, in what we say, in how we behave and that we also protect the purity of other people too. So, it is also including unmarried people.  Pray to God the Holy Spirit to guide our heart and mind every day. |

II.

God ordained marriage. He made marriage to be between one man and one woman. It is not between Man and Man or Woman and woman, or one with more than a partner. And also not divorced and remarried. (Read Mat 19:3-9)

Who is the 1st husband and wife? Read Gen 2. When Adam is alone, then God gave Eve. So, God ordained marriage. They are so closely united that they become one flesh. Meaning their relationship should be closer than any relationship they have. Ef 5:22-33 marriage should be faithful to only one.

Marriage is a lifelong commitment. We need God's help to be able to stay faithful. In a holy matrimony, the couple will make a marriage vow and the pastor will pray asking God's blessing for the couple. Do you know what is marriage vow? It is a promise to be faithful to the spouse in sickness or in health, in plenty or in want, in joy or in sorrow, as long as they both shall live.

What is faithful in marriage? Be Loyal, dependable, keeps that promises ONLY to their spouse. They are to care, strengthen, helping and respect to each other.

Who are the Bible examples of faithfulness? God is faithful to his people. Christ sacrificed himself for the church. When we obey God, we'll be faithful to our spouse.

By giving this 7th commandment, we know that God who ordained marriage also protects marriage.

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| **Questions to ponder**: |
| 1. What is adultery? The act of unfaithfulness to the marriage covenant. 2. Is there non-physical adultery that still violate God’s Law? Yes. Impurities in thoughts, languages and behaviors that can lead to lust. 3. Why are impurities improper for God’s people? Because our body is temple of God. We should glorify God in our body. 4. What should I do to keep my self pure? Pray for God’s help, read the bible, avoid temptations. 5. Who ordained marriage? God. 6. In Gen 2:24 “… they shall become one flesh.” What does it mean? The couple will have the closest relationship they have. 7. From whom we learn faithfulness? From God who keeps his promise. From Christ who sacrificed himself for the church. |
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**Ayat Hafalan**: 1 Thes 4:7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.