Commandment Countdown: Rated R

Rated R for REALATIONSHIP - Genesis 2:24

Marriage requires faith and faithfulness.

Faith is being <u>persuaded</u> and faithfulness is <u>staying persuaded</u>.

God's design for marriage persuades couples to...

- ... <u>leave</u> their <u>parents</u>
- ... <u>cleave</u> to <u>each</u> <u>other</u>
- ... and weave their lives into oneness.

Faith is highly relational.

Rated R for ROCKS – Deuteronomy 22:22

Faith makes certain relationships holy.

These relationships must not be broken because they bear witness to God!

At the heart of relationship failure is broken faith.

Rated R for ROTTEN – John 8:7

It begins with a <u>persuasion</u> in the <u>mind</u>.

Porn is a <u>sell out</u> to a <u>fantasy</u>.

Men are persuaded by beauty.

Women are persuaded by strength.

Rated R for REAL – Ephesians 5:21-33

Jesus is both real beauty and strength.

Women are not made to <u>pursue</u> beauty but to <u>release</u> it.

Men are not made to achieve strength but to release it.

<u>Faith</u> is the gift at the center of a <u>strong</u> and <u>beautiful</u> relationship