

Excerpt from Close Your Legs

Even You Can Be Made Pure

Luke 1:26-34 says: "...the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a...virgin...whose name was...Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women...you will...bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest... Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

Some of you have an ugly past. One that wreaks of trafficking, stripping, prostitution, rape, molestation, abortions and the like – whether by force or by choice. Some of you became hypersexual because you were a victim of sexual assault. Which means anytime you were in a sexual position, you yielded to the act of sex, simply because you didn't want to be forced again. Some of you have done things that were so disgusting that it brought tears to your eyes and hardened your heart. Others have been in love with men who were known rapists, traffickers, or pedophiles. Others of you watched as they stole the innocence of a child. Some of you even helped those men traffic those kids while others of you helped another woman get trafficked. No matter your past, the one thing we all share in common is that sex outside of marriage; in whatever form – extramarital, homosexual, or premarital – by force or by choice - left us all feeling unclean. And you may be wondering if sexual purity is possible. Thoughts of whether Jesus could really save, heal, cleanse and forgive us have raced through all of our minds.

But if you've ever struggled with that thought, I want you to seriously think about verse 34 which says, "...How can this be, since I do not know [or have had sex with] a man?' If Mary can have the Son of God without having sex, why can't you be made sexually pure, even though you've had sex with many?



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