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"For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth." Deuteronomy 7:6

Facts of Life



Cohabitating women had a higher rate of surprise pregnancies compared to both married and noncohabitating women. Self injury occurs among about 4% of adults, 15% teens, and as high as 35% of college students. In the 2020 active sex trafficking cases, 59% of online recruitment occurred on Facebook. In 2017, 3 out of 4 pastors addressed porn-related questions with a parishioner within that year.

His Word

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Our Christian Response

Acknowledge

Notice and inquire about injuries in common areas of self harm (e.g., hands, wrists, thighs, stomach).
Actively listen to what the person is expressing with actions of self injury.
Seek medical care when necessary.

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Respect

- Recognize that our life and body belongs to the
 - Lord.
- Avoid attire that entices others to sin.
- Set boundaries to block explicit images on social media sites.
- Report sexting and requests for nude images.

