**Baewatch Night 3**

**Welcome:** Welcome to regulars and newcomers. So welcome to week 3 of our Baewatch series.

**Objectives:** To give you a Biblical perspective on love, relating to the opposite sex, dating and marriage so that you…

1. Have high-quality relationships with the opposite sex.

2. Avoid unnecessary relational disappointment, heartbreak, and regret.

3. Live according to a higher and healthier standard.

4. Have a satisfying marriage in the future.

**Rules of Engagement:** (1) Be Real. (2) Take This Seriously (or Be Serious).

**Prayer**

Tonight is His & Her Beaches - the guys are going to stay in the youth room and the girls are going to make their way to a different venue.

**The Guys Session**

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*Don’t you realize that your bodies are parts of Christ’s body? Should I take the parts of Christ’s body and make them parts of a prostitute’s body? That’s unthinkable! Don’t you realize that the person who unites himself with a prostitute becomes one body with her? God says, “The two will be one.” However, the person who unites himself with the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Stay away from sexual sins. Other sins that people commit don’t affect their bodies the same way sexual sins do. People who sin sexually sin against their own bodies. Don’t you know that your body is a temple that belongs to the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit, whom you received from God, lives in you. You don’t belong to yourselves. You were bought for a price. So bring glory to God in the way you use your body.* (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)

*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator*. (Colossians 3:5-10)

*So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed. That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.* (Ephesians 4:17-24)

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**Becoming Keepers:** Challenge teens to become a community that holds each other accountable to that standard.

**The Story of Cain and Abel** (Genesis 4:1-12)

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Impartation:

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**The Pledge:** As guys we commit ourselves to being MBK’s: My Brother’s Keepers. Provide Permanent Marker pens for teens to tattoo themselves with the letters MBK to remember what they have pledged to be.

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Next Friday night is the fourth week of our Baewatch Series: Lifeguards Speak. Come and enjoy our Human Library!!!

Refreshments are served.

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