**Law of Cleaving (LOC)**

We now know that there are areas in the brain where memory and emotions are connected. Furthermore, the areas of the brain where **memory** and **emotions** form appear to be linked to the brain’s **pleasure** **center** (see Addendum A pg.111). The linking of **memory** and **emotions** to the **pleasure** **center** is an important feature of the **Law of Cleaving (LOC)**

which is found in Gen.2:24.

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*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall* ***cleave unto his wife****: and they shall be one flesh.*

The LOC was established to encourage life-long marital commitment. Sexual union, and the **pleasure** that results from it, influence us to emotionally cleave (join) to our spouse. The **memories** of sexual intimacy allow a husband and wife to re-live the experience in their minds when separated. This is all made possible by the Law of Cleaving (LOC).

The mere thought of your spouse may invoke intimate memories of how that person **smelled** when wearing a certain perfume or how that person **felt** when they touched you. Memories may also be initiated by the **sound** of that person’s voice.

The ability to mentally re-experience a sexual event, though separated physically, was designed to intensify the emotional bond between husband and wife. The divine intent was that sexual intimacy would unite a husband and wife in every dimension of their being, spirit-soul-body.

The LOC helps to explain why a man can **see** a picture of his wife, **smell** the perfume she wears or **hear** her voice and have emotionally charged mental flashbacks of her. Exposure to certain signals received via the “doors” of sight, sound, smell, taste or touch prompts an emotional and spiritual “re-connect.”

The LOC activates memories and emotions that allow a husband and wife to continuously re-connect, even when they are physically separated. In a real sense, the LOC allows a husband and wife to unite, not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually as well.

**Law of Yielding & Bondage (LOY&B)**

Laws were established to protect us. However, the same laws that were established to protect us, when violated, may be activated to harm us. Every law, when violated or broken has negative consequences. The same is true for the LOC. How do we violate the LOC? By committing sexual sin.

When the LOC is violated, the same biological mechanisms that were intended to bind a husband and wife are activated.

In other words, you still may become emotionally and or psychologically bonded to your sexual partner even though you are not married to each other. If your sexual partner is not in covenant with you through marriage, the **LOY&B** is activated resulting in negative spiritual consequences. Some of those consequences may include; heartbreak, emotional wounds, psychological scars, ungodly soul ties, sexually transmitted diseases and spiritual defilement.

Activating the LOY&B initiates the formation of ungodly soul ties (UGSTs). When this happens, you become connected to ungodly people and or things in ways that are not healthy. I want to re-emphasize,

when the **Law of Yielding and Bondage (LOY&B)** is activated, you become connected to people and or habits in ways that are unhealthy**.** However, you are not afforded the protection offered by the **Law of Cleaving**. Simply stated, you are **connected** but you are not **protected**.

**Mental Strongholds**

UGSTs are the reason you can **physically** be in bed with Jack, and at the same time have your **mind** on John. UGSTs are the reason that Jane may have your **body**, but Jill may have your **heart** (mind). In this way, UGSTs can debilitate and hinder your life. UGSTs, working through the LOY&B, can emotionally and psychologically bind you to people and sexual encounters of your past.

Sexual sin, through the LOY&B, perverts the LOC. It undermines the **godly soul tie** through sexual lust and perversion. Multiple sexual partners may potentially attach a man or woman to many sexual partners. This causes personal instability and spiritual defilement. As a result of the LOY&B, the sexual experience is no longer holy, sacred and unique. The LOY&B degrades the sex act and reduces women to mere sex objects to be abused and exploited.

What Happens In Vegas

When sexual sin is committed, ungodly soul ties that form are often difficult to break. (See Sex & The Bible Vol. 3 p.79-83). "Flashbacks" that re-connect us to past events and people can hinder us in many areas of our lives. These flashbacks can be rekindled when a picture (**sight**) of a past lover, the **smell** of her perfume, or **hearing** a song re-activates the memories and emotions you experienced when you were with that person. Mental flashbacks of a former partner occurring when you are intimate with your current spouse may undermine your marriage.

The reality of these kinds of mental and emotional flashbacks is why “**what happens in Vegas does NOT always stay in Vegas.”** In fact, if these ungodly soul ties are not severed and or broken…………..