

WRITE ABOUT IT

- Q: Are you wishing you had special permission these days? Why?
- What do you plan to do about that?
 - Who can help you work your way through this desire?
- Q: Do you think God gives you special permission? Why or why not? If you're not sure, look up Proverbs 1:10, Proverbs 7:1-27, Romans 6:12-14, and 1 Peter 2:9.

~~what difference~~ does it make?

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- Q: If you think it makes a difference to save sex for marriage, say so—and give your reason.
- I've done everything else. At this point it's just a technicality. What difference does it make?
I think it makes a difference because—
 - I already did it with people I dated before I was a Christian. What difference does it make?
I think it makes a difference because—
 - We've been doing it almost as long as we've been dating. It's too late to turn back. What difference does it make?
I think it makes a difference because—
 - My mother does it with her boyfriend. And I know she expects me to do it too because she left a package of condoms on my bed—that tells you what she thinks of me. So what difference does it make?
I think it makes a difference because—
 - I'm afraid Jesus will come back before I have sex, and I'll miss it. Besides, I know God will forgive me. I mean, he has to—he's God. I mean really, what difference does it make?
I think it makes a difference because—
 - I was raped by my stepbrother, okay? And I feel like a piece of garbage. So what difference does it make?
I think it makes a difference because—
- Q: Do you think what you do sexually matters today? Why?

~~being "careful"~~

A few months after his prom night, my friend Jim told me what it was like for him to have sex for the first time:

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