

Seeking Christ over the Darkness of Pornography

In planning articles for young adults, we spend a lot of time thinking about the issues they are facing now. There are so many. But as we were brainstorming for this month, we were led to a topic that has affected us personally, our friends, and countless others: dating and pornography. We knew that planning this section was going to be tough. After all, pornography affects so many people in heartbreaking, sometimes life-shattering, ways. And for young single adults, it can make the future seem even more uncertain than it already does, especially in preparing for marriage.

We truly saw Heavenly Father's hand guiding our work as we started receiving stories from young adults whose relationships have been affected by pornography. And we see that there is more than just a glimmer of hope for happy, addiction-free eternal marriages. Why? Because every single story testifies of the life-altering, hope-giving, healing power of Jesus Christ and His Atonement.

So if you find yourself in a relationship that's affected by pornography, we invite you to read this month's section, with articles shared vulnerably by others who know all too well that the struggle against pornography is real. These articles cover topics like how to bring up pornography when you're dating and how to address it (page 44), how to respond when someone admits to a struggle with pornography (digital only), how forgiveness and healing are possible for both people (digital only), and how the Spirit can lead you to know how to proceed in your relationship (digital only).

We know that if you rely on the Savior and invite the Spirit into your life as you seek answers, Heavenly Father will lead you in the right direction for your unique situation. The darkness of pornography may be prominent in the world, but the Savior's healing light outshines any darkness. All we have to do is seek Him.

Sincerely,

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Read President M. Russell Ballard's advice on what to do when your dating relationship is affected by pornography in his article in the digital version of this month's *Liahona*.



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