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Guard Your Heart through Sexual Purity

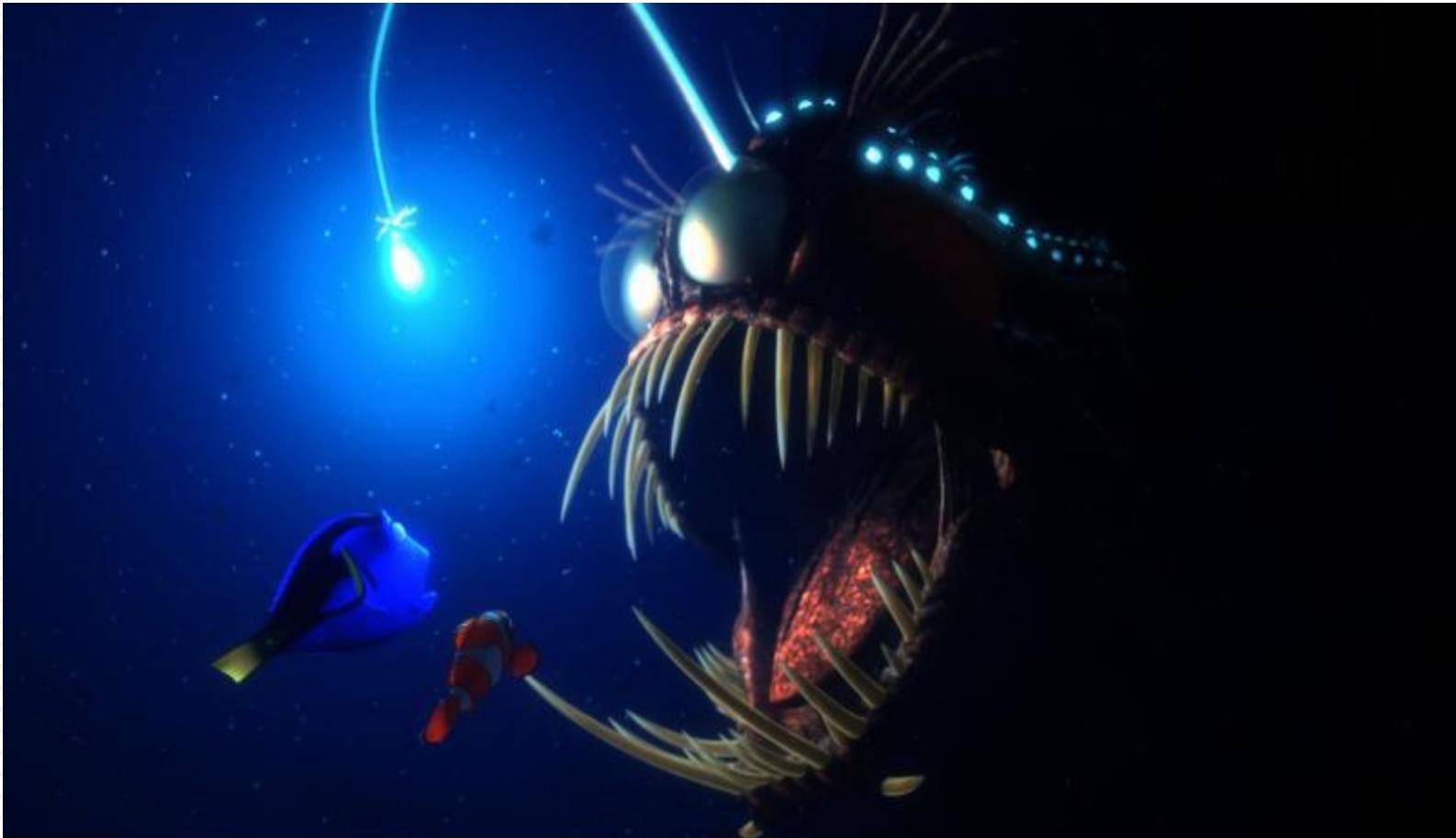
**Guarding your heart by loving
who you are supposed to love.**

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Proverbs 5:1

¹ My son, be attentive to my wisdom;
incline your ear to my understanding,
² that you may keep discretion,
and your lips may guard knowledge.

- ³ For the lips of a forbidden woman^o drip honey,
and her speech is smoother than oil,
⁴ but in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
sharp as a two-edged sword.
⁵ Her feet go down to death;
her steps follow the path to Sheol;
⁶ she does not ponder the path of life;
her ways wander, and she does not know it.



Dory and Marlin encounter a hungry anglerfish in the animated feature film, *Finding Nemo*.
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- 7** And now, O sons, listen to me,
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- 8** Keep your way far from her,
and do not go near the door of her house,
- 9** lest you give your honor to others
and your years to the merciless,
- 10** lest strangers take their fill of your strength,
and your labors go to the house of a foreigner,
- 11** and at the end of your life you groan,
when your flesh and body are consumed, ...

**12 and you say, “How I hated discipline,
and my heart despised reproof!**

**13 I did not listen to the voice of my teachers
or incline my ear to my instructors.**

**14 I am at the brink of utter ruin
in the assembled congregation.”**

**15 Drink water from your own cistern,
flowing water from your own well.**

**16 Should your springs be scattered abroad,
streams of water in the streets?**

**17 Let them be for yourself alone,
and not for strangers with you. ...**

**18 Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice in the wife of your youth,
19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe.**

**Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight;
be intoxicated always in her love.**

**20 Why should you be intoxicated, my son, with a
forbidden woman
and embrace the bosom of an adulteress?**

**21 For a man's ways are before the eyes of the LORD,
and he ponders all his paths.**

**22 The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him,
and he is held fast in the cords of his sin.**

**23 He dies for lack of discipline,
and because of his great folly he is led astray.**

During this time of reflection:

**What specifically do I need
to do this week to guard my
heart from sexual
temptation?**

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8