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I love homosexuals!

I love homosexuals. I love them dearly. I have many very dear friends who are homosexual and I treasure them. I find people who have strong stances on homosexuality, who have not taken the time to get to know individual homosexuals and especially to love them deeply.

I have spent much time with many dear friends who are homosexual. Because I dearly love them, I listen carefully. When I listen carefully and love deeply, I get the immense privilege to hear their heart, hear their fears, their desires and their yearnings.

Homosexuals are not a group to me. They are individuals whom I love dearly.

I find homosexuals to be very tender, sensitive people who have faced much rejection.

I realize that there are exceptions to all generalities. However, in general, I have found homosexuals to be very tender sensitive people who have faced much rejection. I am not just talking about rejection after they began a homosexual lifestyle. I have found them to be people who faced rejection for a long time before they began to practice the homosexual lifestyle. Add that rejection to their sensitive nature and the rejection can pierce to a much deeper level.

I have also found some truth in the statement that homosexuals can be bitter, very biting and harsh in their reactions. There is a phrase within the inner healing community that carries much truth. This phrase is:

“Hurting people hurt others”.

It is not incongruous that someone can be tender, sensitive, kind and loyal and yet also be biting, sharp, bitter and quickly agitated if they feel attacked.

Have you loved them enough to listen?

When you really listen and you really love homosexuals, you will find that almost every single one of them has times when they greatly wish that they were not in a homosexual lifestyle. This is not something that is shared often. It is a very painful and private thing for a person to admit. They have to feel extremely loved and very safe before they admit it.

It is also not something that they feel all the time.

- Some homosexuals wish every week that they had another choice in their lifestyle.
- Some homosexuals don't ever wish for another choice.
- Some homosexuals only wish they had another choice in quiet reflective moments.

When you truly love a homosexual, you will want them to have a choice about their lifestyle. You will not force any choice on them.

However you will be protective of them having a freedom of choice.

Love requires giving people a choice!

If you love someone and want a romantic relationship with them, you hope and wish that they will want to love you.

- If you had the power, would you control their mind and force them to be attracted to you?
- Would you turn them into a mindless robot who has no choice but to be attracted to you?

Of course you would not. If you forced them to be attracted to you and gave them no choice – that would not be love. If you truly love someone, you want to give them choice.

This is the entire message of Jesus. Because God LOVES us he sent Jesus to make sure that we have a choice. That is why John 3:16 is the most famous verse in the Bible. For God so loved the world...

Jesus offers to every person that he will come into our lives and change us from the inside out. Jesus offers us another choice because he loves us.

What about the aspect of “Feeling” homosexual?

Feeling strong urges does not mean that you are born with those urges. It also does not mean that you always have to feel those urges. Let me give you seven examples of other groups who “Feel” strong urges to operate in certain behaviors.

I have worked very closely with many individuals in each of these groups. I love these people. They are not groups to me. They are individuals whom I love deeply.

1. Greedy people

Greedy people feel a massive craving to obtain more and more things. This craving for more things often brings ruin to many of their relationships. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

2. Fearful Anxious people

Phobias can crush a person’s soul. There are so many types of phobias. There are people who are paralyzed and won’t leave their home because they feel overwhelmed by feelings of fear. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

3. Pornographers

Pornography often starts out as experimentation. However, it quickly becomes addictive. Soon the pornographer is not able to have healthy relationships because of their craving for pornographic visual stimulation. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

4. Anger Addicts

Anger addicts eventually lose all of their friends and are alienated from all family members. It is a terribly sad and lonely existence. They make hundreds of resolutions to stop exploding in rage. However, without intensive counseling and facing the root reasons for their anger, they remain trapped by their feelings of anger. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

5. Compulsive Liars

Compulsive liars often face great wounds as children. Those wounds cause them to run to falsehoods as a refuge. Unfortunately, the refuge eventually becomes more of a trap than the original wounds. Lying becomes their first reaction. They feel shame and often hate themselves. Their lying alienates them from dear friends. Yet, lying feels so much more comfortable. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

6. Pedophiles

I am not saying that you have to approve of the pedophile’s lifestyle to love them. You can love someone deeply while not approving of their lifestyle. Pedophiles are often horribly wounded in childhood. Those wounds cause cravings in their soul. There is hope for the pedophile to be healed of their wounds and to change their cravings. It is not easy. However, there is hope. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

7. Substance Abusers

Substance abuse is another area that begins as a point of experimentation or as a reaction to soul wounds. The craving quickly becomes terribly overwhelming. If this person, whom you love, wanted to change – you would not tell them that they were born this way and that they cannot change because they have these feelings.

Change is not easy

In all eight examples listed in this short paper, I have walked with many individuals through the extremely hard process of changing long term habits. I have cried with them, hurt with them, walked with them through the swamp of sorting truth from feelings, encouraged them, cheered them and loved them.

These are not groups to me. They are friends whom I love. Whether they wanted to change or not, I still love them. Whether they succeeded in their change or not, I still love them.

However, for those who did see permanent change, they learned the deep lesson that change is not easy. With major areas involving past pain and deeply seated habits, no one can change unless they have two assets.

1. First you need God's help as the main asset.
2. Secondly, you need loving, wise experienced friends who will walk with you through the entire process.

Change is not easy. However, because we love these individuals, we want them to have freedom of choice.

What does science say?

When someone says that people are born homosexual, they remove choice and tell a homosexual that they have no other option except to remain in a homosexual lifestyle. This is a very extreme unscientific statement and a very cruel statement to anyone who might not want to remain in a homosexual lifestyle. What is worse is that there is not one shred of scientific evidence to support this stance that someone is born homosexual.

In addition, there are tens of thousands of people who have left a homosexual lifestyle and lived a joyful heterosexual lifestyle for many years. If people were born homosexual, then it would be impossible for even one person to leave the homosexual lifestyle.

If someone really loved a homosexual, they would very carefully investigate this extremely radical theory that people are born homosexual. They would want scientific proof. They would want clear logic. They would not be eager to cruelly remove all options and remove all freedom of choice from the homosexual.

If you want to study what science says on this subject, I recommend a book by the world renowned Harvard geneticist Dr. Jeffery Satinover. Dr. Satinover holds degrees from MIT, University of Texas and Harvard. He is a former Fellow in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Yale University. His book is titled "Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth". Most of all I appeal to you to love homosexuals enough to give them freedom of choice.

Do you accept Homosexuals or do you try to change them?

I have been asked this question many times. This question makes me want to laugh or cry.

I cannot change anyone. I cannot even change myself. I was a selfish, arrogant, immoral person who blamed everyone else for all of my problems.

I tried to change myself many times and failed miserably. When I let Jesus begin to change me, I discovered a whole new lifestyle of humility, kindness and love. I continue to ask Jesus to change me every day. I ask for more of his humility, kindness and love.

Thus, I find it so funny that anyone would think that this pitiful weak person called "me" would try to change anyone. However, that level of misunderstanding also makes me so sad that I want to cry.

Do you want homosexuals to change their lifestyle?

I want everyone to know that they have a choice of changing their lifestyle. I also want to be such a humble, kind and loving representative of Jesus that they can see in my love, the love of Jesus and the offer of Jesus to give them a choice. I feel this way about every person who does not know the loving, life-changing power of Jesus Christ to give them a choice in their life.

Do you think that God and the Bible want homosexuals to change?

The Bible says that every person on the earth is separated from God and trapped in a life of selfishness. Whether it is complaining, lying, murder, being opinionated, blaming others, self-pity, anger or laziness, we are all trapped in selfishness. Jesus loves us so much that he paid the ultimate price to offer us a choice of another lifestyle.

Whether you agree or disagree on every point – please love them!

Whether you agree with me on all of these points or disagree, please hear my appeal. Please love homosexuals and every person enough to give them freedom of choice.

A million years ago when I was a Youth Pastor, the one encouragement that I constantly gave to the 8-18 year olds in my youth group was to remind them that these were the HARDEST years of their life and that everything gets easier and easier the older they get. This was the kindest and most helpful thing I ever shared with them.

I did more than repeat this message. I proved it constantly.

Many of my “kids” in my youth group are now in their 40s & 50s and I am still close with almost all of them. They have come back to me many hundreds of times to tell me how much it helped them that someone told them that the years 8-18 are the HARDEST years of a person’s life.

They tell me how that was the one light of hope that got them through some dark times.

Before I went into ministry, I studied sociology in college and considered becoming a sociologist. I used some of that education and background to help my kids.

I generally focused on three major pressures that 8-18 years olds face that no adult will ever again face.

1. The Open Environment of School

I explained to them that the whole sociological aspect of “*School*” was a level of cruelty that was only equaled in the prison system.

I explained that the first day of college they will be shocked to realize that “*Real Life*” never involves hundreds of same age people thrown together with lots of free time and very little supervision. In the adult world your entire life as an adult will be spent in very small groups.

After you leave high school, you will never again face the pack of rabid attack wolves that people call “*School*”.

In the adult world people CHOOSE their own small groups and find immense SAFETY in each small group. Their entire adult life will be spent exclusively in small groups of people.

It is only the most vulnerable and weakest 8-18 year olds that we throw into the cold crushing torment of being permitted to be persecuted by their most vicious and sadistic peers in a huge open environment of hundreds. Once they pass the age of 18, they will never again face this open environment where it is free hunting on the weakest.

Surprisingly most people never tell kids that school is NOT Normal Life!

Young people are very smart. Once they understand that this is a weird sociological experiment created for maximum suffering and that it forever ends once they leave high school they can find the grace to endure.

2. The Sprinkler System of Volcanic Hormones

I explained to them their bodies and their brains go through more change in the years 8-18 than the next 30-40 years combined.

In their brains it is like an exploding volcano in a sprinkler system. It BURNS everywhere it goes. Our skin burns at 118 degrees and yet volcanic lava is 1,300 to 2,200 degrees. In the same way, these hormones burn through our minds and emotions.

I explained to them that their emotions will be more extreme and confusing during this time than the rest of their life combined. They will feel hate, love, depression, anxiety, frustration, and yearnings at levels that feel like their soul is being ripped apart from the inside. In other words NO ONE can fully handle the entire hormonal bath of the years 8-18.

Some of these emotions need to be legitimately processed but a LOT of these emotions are simply the results of these volcanic hormones bursting all over your brain in different directions.

As a parallel, I explained to them that I also did marriage counseling.

Most teens know the real reason why their parents argue. Teens can see that their parents often only argue because they were tired and grumpy. They could see that the “*Subject*” over which they were arguing was not the real issue.

In the same way, this helped the teens to see that some of their painful emotions were not because of the situation, but because of their raging hormones.

This gave them hope that life was hard now, but was going to get easier as their body eventually calmed down.

3. Three massive life decisions looming in their future!

Once they pass 13 or 14 years old, every teen feel the impending doom of the avalanche of these three mountain sized boulders rolling toward them. Very soon they must:

- i. Separate from their parents – usually very painful and messy.
- ii. Find a career – Terrifying!
- iii. Find a new family – even more terrifying!

Never again in their entire life will they face such massive decisions in such a short span.

Even worse than facing these decisions is the anxiety that comes from knowing these decisions are coming and not knowing what to do.

One Obvious Conclusion → Don't TRUST your Emotions!

In the end, as a young person, I ask them to learn one massive wisdom lesson from all of this pain. That lesson is to please do NOT trust your own emotions.

I tell them that if they can learn this lesson during this HARDEST time of their life, then they will be extremely successful, wise, and prosperous as adults.

When you learn to NOT TRUST your emotions, you learn:

1. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that you really **HATE your parents**
2. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that you really **HATE your Sibling**
3. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that you are so **DEPRESSED** that you want to **die!**
4. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that this person's ABUSE makes you LESS
5. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that ANGER makes you Stronger

6. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that **FEARS** have to **happen**
7. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that **Pleasure** can **Satisfy**
8. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that **Putting down** someone else makes you **better**
9. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that you can **NOT recover** from a **Broken Heart**
10. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that being **KIND** makes you **Weak**
11. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that **Skipping work** makes your life **Easier**
12. Although it feels so real ... It is **NOT** the **truth** that **Lying** helps you **Avoid Problems**

These are just a few small examples.

When you learn to always **SIFT** your emotions on the basis of **TRUTH**, you will have certain words attached to your name. You will be called:

- **Faithful** - *true to one's word, promises, vows, etc.*
- **Dependable** - *worthy of trust; reliable:*
- **Honorable** - *in accordance with or characterized by principles of honor; upright:*
- **Wise** - *having the power of discerning and judging properly as to what is true or right;*
possessing discernment, judgment, or discretion.

I have now been a pastor for over 40 years. It has been my immense privilege to be personally involved in the lives of my people throughout the 4+ decades.

In the last decade or more, I have been flooded with small children and young teenagers who are terribly distraught because they had weird emotions and have been told that they have NO CHOICE but to tie their permanent identity to those fleeting emotions.

They have been told that their emotions are the ONLY basis for truth and that their emotions will NEVER CHANGE. In a world that has gone insane, these are the most illogical and cruel messages ever given to children.

In almost every one of these cases, these are sensitive children who were bullied or harassed in a school situation. Most of them were enticed or forced to watch homosexual pornography. They were called "Gay" and were told that they had no choice in this identity. This may sound extreme but these types of situations have become extremely common.

Homosexual pornography is horribly graphic and traumatic to a young person. When told that if this porn stirred their emotions; this is PROOF that they are gay, this young tender soul feels trapped. They are also told that if they feel any attraction to someone of the same sex that this is now their permanent identity and that they have NO CHOICE in this identity.

I have sat with these young children and young teens who do NOT WANT to be Gay but have been told repeatedly that they have NO CHOICE because they felt a weird emotion a time or two.

Their level of fear, anxiety and absolute terror will break your heart.

No one tells them that emotions change constantly. No one tells them that EVERYONE feels tons of weird emotions from 8-18. No one tells them that you feel even more weird emotions when harassed.

No one tells that them that there are hundreds of thousands of people who "used" to be gay and CHOSE to change.

Of COURSE everyone has a choice.

Here is my Appeal – Please process these subjects carefully!

1. Are Emotions something we can **NOT change**?
2. Are Emotions the **ONLY basis** of our **Identity** and the **ONLY basis** of **Truth**?
3. Is it true or false that a person has **NO CHOICE** about being **Gay** and what does science say?
4. Are Christians being **judgmental** toward **Homosexuals**?

Lastly, please consider one other question.

5. Why is homosexuality the **ONLY** subject where it is **PUSHED** on us that any fleeting emotion **PERMANENTLY DEFINES** your core identity and removes all choice?
 - Why do they not say that **feeling suicidal** means that you have **NO CHOICE** but commit **suicide**?
 - Why do they not say that **feeling ANGER or feeling like you want to MURDER someone** means that you have **NO CHOICE** but to become a **MURDERER**?
 - Why do they not say that if you are **attracted to alcohol or drugs** that you have **NO CHOICE** but to be an **alcoholic or drug addict**?

Obviously we could come up with other embarrassing, illogical, extreme examples.

Again, why is homosexuality singled out so strongly when never before in history has any society taken such an extreme, illogical, and completely un-scientific stance on homosexuality?

The answer is too clear! Rejection of one's biological sex is a rejection of the image of God within that person. We are in the end times. *Mt. 24:10 many will turn away from the faith*

Satan's clear goal is to get people to reject God and his Word.

That is why this society has taken an irrational, illogical, unscientific stance that has never before been seen in history. Please study carefully. Please recognize the season in which we live and sort out truth from screaming lies. Let us be like the men of Issachar.

1 Chron. 12:32 from Issachar, men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do

Sexual Identity Research RESOURCES

I personally recommend starting with biographies. Arguments beget arguments but stories change lives. In addition, each of the tens of thousands of stories of full redemption of those who formerly were deeply involved in an unbiblical lifestyle and changed by the power of Jesus – irrefutably prove one thing. It is a choice.

1. Gay Girl, Good God The Story of Who I Was, and Who God Has Always Been Jackie Hill Perry

"I used to be a lesbian."

In *Gay Girl, Good God*, author Jackie Hill Perry shares her own story, offering practical tools that helped her in the process of finding wholeness. Jackie grew up fatherless and experienced gender confusion. She embraced masculinity and homosexuality with every fiber of her being. She knew that Christians had a lot to say about all of the above. But was she supposed to change herself? How was she supposed to stop loving women, when homosexuality felt more natural to her than heterosexuality ever could?

At age nineteen, Jackie came face-to-face with what it meant to be made new. And not in a church, or through contact with Christians. God broke in and turned her heart toward Him right in her own bedroom in light of His gospel.

Read in order to understand. Read in order to hope. Or read in order, like Jackie, to be made new.



2. Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God. A Broken Mother's Search for Hope. Paperback – May 3, 2011 by Christopher Yuan (Author), Angela Yuan Over 100,000 copies sold!

Christopher Yuan, the son of Chinese immigrants, discovered at an early age that he was different. He was attracted to other boys. As he grew into adulthood, his mother, Angela, hoped to control the situation. Instead, she found that her son and her life were spiraling out of control—and her own personal demons were determined to defeat her.

Years of heartbreak, confusion, and prayer followed before the Yuans found a place of complete surrender, which is God's desire for all families. Their amazing story, told from the perspectives of both mother and son, offers hope for anyone affected by homosexuality.

God calls all who are lost to come home to him. Casting a compelling vision for holy sexuality, *Out of a Far Country* speaks to prodigals, parents of prodigals, and those wanting to minister to the gay community.

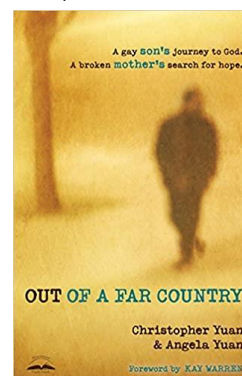
"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him." - Luke 15:20

Includes a discussion guide for personal reflection and group use.

About Christopher Yuan

Dr. Christopher Yuan has taught the Bible at Moody Bible Institute for over ten years and his speaking ministry on faith and sexuality has reached five continents. He speaks at conferences, on college campuses, and in churches. He has co-authored with his mother their memoir (now in seven languages), "Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God, A Broken Mother's Search for Hope" and he is also the author of "Giving a Voice to the Voiceless."

Christopher graduated from Moody Bible Institute in 2005, Wheaton College Graduate School in 2007 with a Master of Arts in Biblical Exegesis and received his doctorate of ministry in 2014 from Bethel Seminary. Dr. Yuan's newest book is "Holy Sexuality and the Gospel: Sex, Desire, and Relationships Shaped by God's Grand Story."



3. The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: Expanded Edition

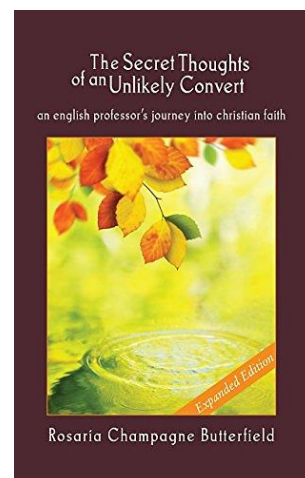
Rosaria, by the standards of many, was living a very good life. She had a tenured position at a large university in a field for which she cared deeply. She owned two homes with her partner, in which they provided hospitality to students and activists that were looking to make a difference in the world. There, her partner rehabilitated abandoned and abused dogs. In the community, Rosaria was involved in volunteer work. At the university, she was a respected advisor of students and her department's curriculum. And then, in her late 30s, Rosaria encountered something that turned her world upside down—the idea that Christianity, a religion that she had regarded as problematic and sometimes downright damaging, might be right about who God was, an idea that flew in the face of the people and causes that she most loved. What follows is a story of what she describes as a "train wreck" at the hand of the supernatural. These are her secret thoughts about those events, written as only a reflective English professor could.

"In April of 1999, I felt the call of Jesus Christ upon my life. It was both subtle and blatant, like the peace inside the eye of a hurricane. I could in no way resist and I in no way understood what would become of my life."

About Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Rosaria Butterfield was once a tenured professor of English who identified as a lesbian and worked to advance the cause of LGBT equality. After her conversion to Christ in 1999, she came to see the sinfulness of having any identity apart from Him.

Rosaria is married to Kent Butterfield, pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Durham, and is a home-school mother, pastor's wife, author, and speaker. She is helping Christians to better understand their LGBT neighbors and loved ones so that we can lovingly look past labels of sexual identity and share the gospel effectively.



4. **Freedom Marches** - <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2020/october/these-lgbtq-individuals-found-new-life-in-jesus-and-some-had-supernatural-encounters-with-god>

Former transgender, lesbian, and gay individuals who have left the LGBTQ lifestyle by the power of the Holy Spirit are taking part in a freedom march this weekend. The event was started in 2018 by Jeffrey McCall who once lived as a transgender woman but has come to know Jesus Christ and His unfailing love. This year's freedom march, called "Freedom Family Weekend", will be held in Lawrenceville, Georgia and is open to everyone. Those participating in the event will share their testimonies, pray together, and offer hope to those in search of salvation.

McCall once told CBN News, "The reason I started the Freedom March was because I felt like all of these stories of people that left the LGBT lifestyle needed to be heard. It sends a statement and gets these stories out there." During an interview with the Christian Post, McCall said he has seen a rise in response from people this summer who were ready to leave the LGBTQ lifestyle and follow God. "Probably around June or July we started, both in the Freedom March email inbox and in my ministry, For Such a Time, hearing from people that we did not know, saying that they wanted to leave the LGBTQ lifestyle," McCall said. "Several of them said they had supernatural encounters with God and they heard the Lord speak Scriptures to them. Others just heard Him say 'Leave the life'." "We've had the most activity that I've ever seen in my years of ministry," he added. And McCall believes the increase of interest was partly caused by introspection, induced by the coronavirus pandemic. "I believe that the coronavirus has been this season of so much chaos and turmoil in this country and it has driven people to just question things, to take an evaluation of our own lives and to realize that with all that's going on in the United States of America that there is way more to life than what they previously thought," he added.

The event will concentrate on liberation from LGBT lifestyles but also draw attention to the hardships our nation is currently facing. "One of the things that is happening in the United States right now is an open clash of good versus evil. We're seeing it in politics. We're seeing it in churches. It's clashing publicly," McCall explained. "And so with the coronavirus and all the things going on in our country in so many different spheres, the clash of good and evil is stirring up people's hearts. And when good and evil is battling all around you it makes you draw a line, and people are either going to have to step on side of the line of truth and grace and righteousness or they're stepping on the side of lies, deception, falsehood, and sin. It's time for people to wake up," he concluded.

5. **Jeffrey McCall** - <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/us/2019/january/jeffrey-mccall-from-transgender-to-transformed>

In major cities across the country, Jeffrey McCall organizes freedom marches. These events feature men and women who have left the LGBT life.

One of the speakers is McCall himself, who struggled with homosexuality and drugs until the age of 23 when he decided he was in the wrong body and began living as a woman named "Scarlett." As Scarlett, he began drinking heavily and prostituting his body. During those two years, he was secretly watching Jentezen Franklin's sermons on YouTube. Jeffrey surrendered to God soon after hearing God tell him "You will live for me."

"I started struggling with same-sex attraction around twelve, and around fifteen years old I acted on it," McCall told CBN. McCall always wanted love. But over the years his sexual encounters left him feeling empty and used. "So, from 18 to 23, I lived in Nashville, Tennessee. And in those years, my whole identity was in being homosexual," he said. "I just partied and would shop, and that was my life, shopping, partying, and whoever was my boyfriend at the time. I was addicted to drugs. I was taking a ton of Xanax and smoking crystal meth," he recalled. "I'm about 6'4" almost, and I weighed about 160 lbs. at that time. I was very sick. So, I knew that if I didn't leave Nashville physically, I would die," McCall confessed.

He moved to Georgia to attend college. Four years later, he had a degree, and a new identity -- Scarlett. "The summer after graduating, I did my first drag show. I had grown up around a lot of transgender, transsexual drag queens because I had a family member who did shows," McCall explained. "And after that summer, I started living as Scarlet and I would start dressing and-and I started even dating men as Scarlet. And so, from there, it fed it even more that, you know, this is who I am. I'm in the wrong body," he said. "I thought, you know, I'm going to have the surgeries and transition into a woman and this is what's going to make me happy. And during those years as Scarlet, I was beginning to be very promiscuous, very promiscuous where sometimes it was more than one guy a day. During those years, I also prostituted my body," McCall continued. "That's when the drinking really heavily began," he told CBN.

One wild night, McCall got violently drunk and threatened to commit suicide. He spent two days in the psychiatric ward of the hospital. "Here I was hitting rock bottom. I'm in graduate school. I'm prostituting my body. I'm with all these different guys. I'm drunk every other day, I have nothing, really," he admitted. While living as Scarlett, McCall had a secret. Behind closed doors, he was listening to Jentezen Franklin, the pastor of Free Chapel. It was a church McCall had visited twice while in college. "He would come on television, or, I would look him up on YouTube. I would listen to him and the Holy Spirit was using it to convict me of sin," McCall said.

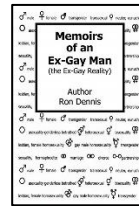
"And it was around the last semester of graduate school, I was sitting in my room and I was just crying. It was really, really late at night. And I was just weeping. I spoke to God, through my crying and weeping, and I said, 'God, I know people live for you, not just go to church on Sunday, not just play a religious game, like something happened and their life was transformed. And I said, 'Will I ever live for you?' My voice went silent. My thoughts stopped. And I heard God say, 'Yes, you will live for me,' he recalled.

A few months later, McCall made a difficult decision. "I'm going to throw away the hair, the makeup, the clothes, the shoes, and everything that I have as Scarlett. So, in June of 2016, I threw it all away. I went to a dumpster and I just threw my whole life away. And it wasn't a joke to me. It wasn't something I took lightly. I was planning to transition and have surgeries and change my body. So throwing that away was a huge step," he said. "And I thought maybe I'll just give God a chance. He did speak to me and said I was going to live for Him. And that summer the Lord and I began to try to have a relationship," he continued. "It was almost as if God, that summer, stripped everything I learned from the church, from the LGBTQ community, from everyone and said, 'Everything you've heard, just throw it out and I'm going to lay a clear foundation for you,'" McCall told CBN.

One night after church, McCall received another message from God. "I heard the Holy Spirit speak to me. He said, 'You're going to make a video. You're going to make a Facebook live video and cut ties with everything from your past. You need to publicly acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Savior and that you want to cut ties with-with being a drunkard, homosexuality, the life of Scarlet, all of it,'" he said. "And I made the video and thousands of people viewed it. And I started getting messages and calls like, 'You can't leave homosexuality. You're transitioning. Like, This is who you are. What do you mean you're just leaving everything?'" McCall noted. "When I started losing the friends and some family members, my relationship with the Lord just kept blossoming. The day that I made the Facebook live video, that was the day I was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible became completely alive to me," he recalled. "All of a sudden, I had a peace and joy I hadn't had since I was a little, little, little boy -- that peace and joy of like everything was lifted. And then the Lord started speaking to me and said, 'Go out and share.' My whole life's purpose now is to continue to share Christ's love," he said. "Not just speaking of it, but acting it out, showing it to the people that He loves them, that He wants them. This is so real it's like having the best thing you could get in the world and you want everyone to have it," McCall continued

6. **Memoirs of an Ex-Gay Man: the Ex-Gay Reality by Ron Dennis**

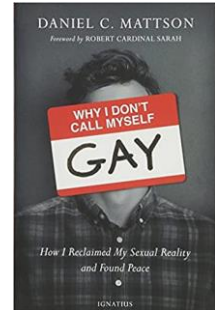
Read about the real life experiences of a gay man, and God's transforming power in his life. Read about a near-death experience, success and failure, and of life-long decisions and choices. This book will open your eyes, and help you better understand what it is like living in the gay lifestyle, or in a double lifestyle. You will better understand the transforming power of God. These experiences may not be too different from some of the experiences you might have had in your life.



7. **Why I Don't Call Myself Gay: How I Reclaimed My Sexual Reality and Found Peace Paperback – by Daniel Mattson**

Daniel Mattson once believed he was gay. Raised in a Christian family, and aware of attractions to other boys at age six, Mattson's life was marked by constant turmoil between his faith in God and his sexual attractions. Finding the conflict between his sexual desires and the teachings of his church too great, he assumed he was gay, turned his back on God, and began a relationship with another man. Yet freedom and happiness remained elusive until he discovered Christ and his true identity.

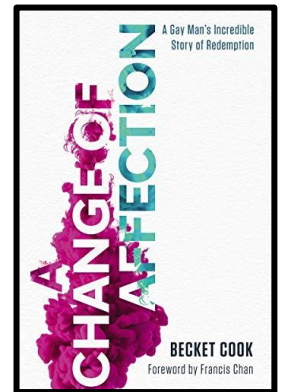
In this frank memoir, Mattson chronicles his journey to and from a gay identity, finding peace in his true identity, as a man, made in the image and likeness of God. Part autobiography, part philosophy of life, and part a practical guide in living chastely, the book draws lessons from Mattson's search for inner freedom and integrity, sharing wisdom from his failures and successes. His lifelong search for happiness and peace comes full circle in his realization that, above all else, what is true about him is that he is a beloved son of God, loved into existence by God, created for happiness in this life and the next. Mattson's book is for anyone who has ever wondered who he is, why he is here, and, in the face of suffering, where to find joy, happiness, and the peace that surpasses all understanding.



8. **A Change of Affection: A Gay Man's Incredible Story of Redemption Kindle Edition by Becket Cook (Author), Francis Chan (Foreword)**

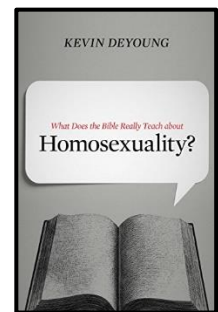
The powerful, dramatic story of how a successful Hollywood set designer whose identity was deeply rooted in his homosexuality came to be suddenly and utterly transformed by the power of the gospel. When Becket Cook moved from Dallas to Los Angeles after college, he discovered a socially progressive, liberal town that embraced not only his creative side but also his homosexuality. He devoted his time to growing his career as a successful set designer and to finding "the one" man who would fill his heart. As a gay man in the entertainment industry, Cook centered his life around celebrity-filled Hollywood parties and traveled to society hot-spots around the world--until a chance encounter with a pastor at an LA coffee shop one morning changed everything.

In A Change of Affection, Becket Cook shares his testimony as someone who was transformed by the power of the gospel. Cook's dramatic conversion to Christianity and subsequent seminary training inform his views on homosexuality--personally, biblically, theologically, and culturally--and in his new book he educates Christians on how to better understand this complex and controversial issue while revealing how to lovingly engage with those who disagree. A Change of Affection is a timely and indispensable resource for anyone who desires to understand more fully one of the most common and difficult stumbling blocks to faithfully following Christ today.



9. **What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality? by Kevin DeYoung**

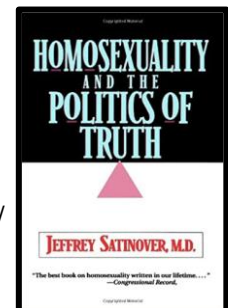
In just a few short years, massive shifts in public opinion have radically reshaped society's views on homosexuality. Feeling the pressure to forsake long-held beliefs about sex and marriage, some argue that Christians have historically misunderstood the Bible's teaching on this issue. But does this approach do justice to what the Bible really teaches about homosexuality? In this timely book, award-winning author Kevin DeYoung challenges each of us--the skeptic, the seeker, the certain, and the confused--to take a humble look at God's Word. Examining key biblical passages in both the Old and New Testaments and the Bible's overarching teaching regarding sexuality, DeYoung responds to popular objections raised by Christians and non-Christians alike--offering readers an indispensable resource for thinking through one of the most pressing issues of our day.



10. **Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth by Jeffrey Satinover**

Psychiatrist Jeffrey Satinover examines recent research reported in medical journals (and the popular press). He finds many of these studies flawed and cites evidence that homosexuality is indeed changeable. He explains how psychology, biology, choice, and habit all interweave to produce deeply imbedded patterns of sexual behavior. The model Dr. Satinover develops is based on modern science and psychological understandings of habit, compulsion, and addiction. Homosexuality, he writes, "is one of the many forms of soul sickness that is innate to our fallen nature".

Dr. Jeffrey Satinover has practiced psychoanalysis and psychiatry for more than nineteen years. He is a former Fellow in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Yale University and a past president of the C. G. Jung Foundations. He holds degrees from MIT, the University of Texas, the Harvard University



11. Living in a Gray World: A Christian Teen's Guide to Understanding Homosexuality by Preston Sprinkle

In today's world, the topic of homosexuality seems to be part of everyday conversation in the media, in politics, and even inside churches, with pressure to accept one view or the other. And if you're a Christian teen, there seems to be few easy answers to the issues you regularly encounter, such as: Can you be friends with someone who is gay? What if your sister is a lesbian, or you sometimes wonder if you might be as well? Does the Bible really say homosexuality is wrong? What does God want us to do and say?

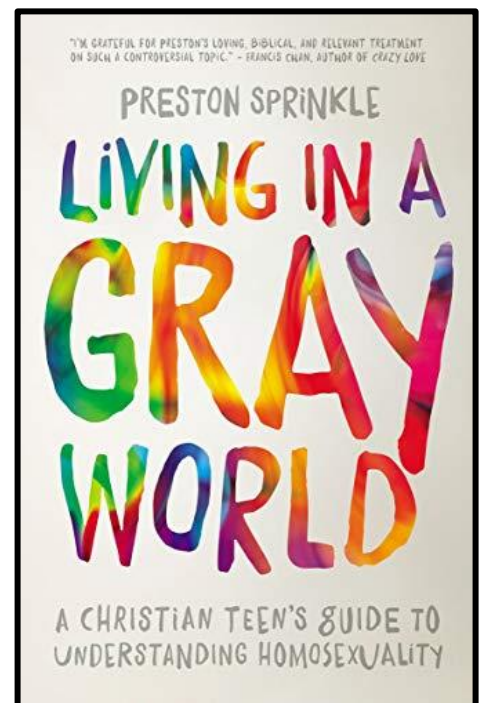
Preston Sprinkle has encountered these same questions, and as a theologian and a college professor he has dealt with these issues firsthand. Through honest conversation, real-life examples, and biblical research, Sprinkle unpacks what we can know to be true, and how Scripture's overall message to us today allows us to move forward and find answers that align with God's intent.

A God Send Reviewed in the United States

This is one of the most lovingly written conservative and Biblical views on this subject. I can not express enough the lovingly truthful and truthfully loving way this book was written. Very helpful in healing unanswered questions that one might not even know to ask, or how to ask. A great read for not only teens but also parents, family members and friends.

A Must Read! Such an important and relevant book. Reviewed in the United States

Unless you live under a rock you have wrestled with the questions in this book and struggled to find answers. Preston Sprinkle does a great job of helping teens and adults understand the issues and form a compassionate yet biblical view. Highly recommended!



12. Joe Dallas Books

I'm a Christian author, husband and father of two, married to my lovely wife Renee since 1987. We fellowship at Newport Mesa Church in Orange County, CA, and I run a ministry in Tustin, CA, called Genesis Counseling. Most of my writing has focused on sexual issues from a conservative Christian perspective, and since 1987, I've been honored to work with men who want to resolve conflicts between their sexual behavior and their relationship with Christ. Books include:

- i. When Homosexuality Hits Home: What to Do When a Loved One Says, I'm Gay
- ii. The Complete Christian Guide to Understanding Homosexuality: A Biblical and Compassionate Response to Same-Sex Attraction
- iii. The Gay Gospel?: How Pro-Gay Advocates Misread the Bible
- iv. The Game Plan: The Men's 30-Day Strategy for Attaining Sexual Integrity
- v. Speaking of Homosexuality: Discussing the Issues with Kindness and Clarity
- vi. Five Steps to Breaking Free from Porn
- vii. Christians in a Cancel Culture: Speaking with Truth and Grace in a Hostile World
- viii. A Strong Delusion: Confronting the "Gay Christian" Movement