

# Coming Out of Homosexuality

## Clarity and Compassion for the Struggler

Introduction

### The Lost Sheep

“Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!”  
 “I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”  
 (Lk 15:4-7) --Jesus

“... the kindness of God leads you to repentance [and faith].”  
 (Rom 2:4) --Paul

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### Workshop Outline

- Introduction
- Unbiblical Answers and Critique
- Biblical Answers
- Biblical Counsel
- David’s Story

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### Fruit of the 1960s

Sexual Revolution

- Extra-marital heterosexuality
- Homosexuality
- Homosexual “churches”
- Legalized abortion

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### Stonewall Inn (Bar)

Violent Protests  
 June 28, 1969  
 Greenwich Village, New York

Homosexual rights activism began in U. S. and the Western world  
 June “Gay Pride” parades

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### World’s View Today

- Not a moral issue
- No longer a choice
- In-born / Unchangeable

Key issue – most combative over, legal foundation

Civil Rights Issue

Decriminalization → Social Acceptance → Equality

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**Pain and Trouble**

- Disease
- Physical Trauma
- Poor Quality of Life

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**Pain and Trouble**  
Disease

- **Viral and non-viral infections (14 major)**
  - Syphilis, human papilloma, herpes, HIV, hepatitis A, B, and C
- **Increased HIV rate for homosexual men (50 x)**
- **HIV can develop into AIDS**
  - Opportunistic infections or malignancies
  - Carriers of communicable diseases
- **Chronic disease and cancer**

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**Pain and Trouble**  
Physical Trauma

- Rectum tearing
- Sphincter muscle chronic problems
- Prostate damage
- Hemorrhoids
- Genital, rectum, or colon ulcers
- Removal of foreign objects

Doctors in this community know the common problems

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**Pain and Trouble**  
Poor Quality of Life

- **Majority have dozens of partners**
  - Infidelity is the norm
- **Loneliness**
  - Anonymous sex worsens the loneliness
- **Do not experience biological children**
  - Without undistracted devotion to the Lord (1 Cor 7:35)

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**Pain and Trouble**  
Poor Quality of Life

<p><b>Depression</b></p> <p><b>Alcohol abuse</b></p> <p><b>Cigarette smoking</b></p> <p><b>Illicit drug use</b> <i>(Amyl nitrate "poppers," marijuana, Ecstasy, amphetamines)</i></p>	<p><b>Anxiety</b></p> <p><b>Attempted suicide/suicide</b></p> <p><b>Life expectancy lowered</b></p> <p><b>Body image</b> <i>(Leading to sinful eating and exercise patterns)</i></p>
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Several times the rate of heterosexuals

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**Pain and Trouble**  
Poor Quality of Life

<p><b>Reduced job opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Discrimination</b></p> <p><b>Hatred</b></p> <p><b>Victimization</b></p> <p><b>Guilty conscience</b></p> <p><b>Emotional, spiritual, and physical pain</b></p>	<p><b>Perverse forms of stimulation for some</b> <i>(children, transvestites)</i></p> <p><b>Unable to enjoy oneness and pleasure intended</b></p> <p><b>Mastered by lust</b></p>
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Life wasted living in disobedience to God

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**Pain and Trouble**  
Compare to Life with Jesus

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”  
(Mt 11:28-30) --Jesus

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**Pain and Trouble**

“In the face of overwhelming evidence . . . The homosexual lifestyle is anything but gay. The pain we choose [self-denial or self-indulgence] may be either redemptive or destructive in the long run.”  
--Thomas Schmidt

**Straight & Narrow?**  
*Clarity & Compassion in the Homosexuality Debate*

**Unbiblical Answers and Critique**

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

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**Secular Cause Theories**

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      A[Secular Cause Theories] --> B[Nature]
      A --> C[Nurture]
      B --> D[Biological]
      B --> E[In-born]
      C --> F[Developmental Factors]
      C --> G[Learned Behavior]
      D --- H[Combination of causes]
      E --- H
      F --- H
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**Nature**  
Biological  
In-born

**Nurture**  
Developmental Factors  
Learned Behavior

Combination of causes

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**Nature Theory**  
Secular Evidence is Against In-born Theories  
Unchangeable Gay Gene Example

- **Homosexual gene not found**
  - After 20 years of research, not a single valid study
- **Identical twins do not share same orientation**
  - If one twin was homosexual, then the other twin would also be homosexual
  - Concordance rate would be 100%

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**Nature Theory**  
Secular Evidence is Against In-born Theories  
Unchangeable Gay Gene Example

- **Shows up and disappears in family lines**
- **Homosexuality is reversible**
  - Homosexuals throughout history set free (1 Cor 6:9-11)
  - Not uncommon to become heterosexual later in life

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Nature Theory

Scripture Disproves Unchangeable In-born Theories

*"... God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able . . . Therefore, my beloved, flee idolatry." (1 Cor 10:13, 14)*

- **Moral commands of Scripture can be obeyed**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Nature Theory

Scripture Disproves Unchangeable In-born Theories

*"... and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind . . ."*  
(Eph 4:23)

- **God changes sinful desires to a desire for Christ and holiness**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Nature Theory

Scripture Disproves Unchangeable In-born Theories

*"... male and female He created them."*  
(Gen 1:27; Mt 19:4)

- **People are created by God to be heterosexual**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Nature Theory

Scripture Disproves Unchangeable In-born Theories

*"Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified . . ."*  
(1 Cor 6:11; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 5:1; Jn 8:31, 32, 36)

- **People change by believing**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Nurture Theory

Developmental / Learned

- **Theory: Nurture (external) cause of homosexuality**

*"... 'That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications [Grk. *porneia*, sexual immorality], thefts, murders, adulteries . . . All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.'" (Mk 7:20-23) --Jesus*

- **Truth: Nurture is not the cause, but a provocation**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

**Secular "Causes"**  
(nurture theories)

are actually

**Provocations to Sin**  
(out of the heart)



## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Secular "Causes" = Provocations to Sin

- Parental
- Sexual experiences
- Sibling or peer relations
- Verbal and physical abuse
- Heterosexual difficulties
- Affirmation

*\*Male examples (similarly applies to females)*

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Provocations to Sin

#### Parental

- **General unhealthy relationship**
  - Lack of relationship and/or abnormal role learning
- **Mistreated by father, lacking father role model, or extremely busy father**
  - Most relate longing to be loved by a male figure

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Provocations to Sin

#### Parental

- **Treated as worthless leading to poor social skills**
  - Male peer group may notice and ridicule
  - Easier to intimidate into silence if molested
- **Too close to mother**
  - Overly dependent and identified with mother
  - Kept from close relationship with father
  - "Smothering mother" syndrome

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Provocations to Sin

#### Parental

- **Death of a parent, chronic illness, divorce, or actual abandonment**
  - All can be interpreted as abandonment, betrayal, or absence of security
- **Favoritism**
  - Seeking approval of another male
  - Avoid female rejection

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

- Psychotherapy (APA)
- Integrationist Therapy
- Biblical Revisionism
- Affirming "Church"

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

#### Psychotherapy

- **APA: Encourages the lifestyle!**

"Coming out is often an important psychological step for lesbian, gay, and bisexual people. Research has shown that feeling positively about one's sexual orientation and integrating it into one's life fosters greater well-being and mental health. This integration often involves disclosing one's identity to others; it may also entail participating in the gay community." 2010

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems Psychotherapy

- How far afield man's theories take us

From Mental Disorder to Promotion					
American Psychiatric Association			American Psychological Association		
Prior to 1973	1973	1975	1994	Today	Tomorrow
Cited in DSM as a mental disorder	Removed from DSM by political pressure*	Released a public statement as not a mental disorder	Way some of population expresses love and sexuality	Coming out and gay community activity needed	?

\* No new scientific research or clinical study

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems Psychotherapy

- Right observations with wrong presuppositions results in wrong theories

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."  
(Col 2:8; Ps 119:113-118) --Paul

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems Integrationist Therapy

- Too similar to psychotherapy (training and theories)
- Sufficiency of Scripture is not practiced
- Polluted nature or idolatry minimized or ignored

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems Biblical Revisionism

Overarching Claims of Scholar-Activists

- "Modern homosexuality"
- "Loving and committed" relationships
- "Natural homosexual orientation"
- Churches are wrong
- Motive to maintain male dominance
- Other O.T. Scriptures no longer binding

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems Biblical Revisionism

Destruction of Sodom (Gn 19:1-29)

"Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them." (Gn 19:5) --Young and old men

Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems Biblical Revisionism

Destruction of Sodom (Gn 19:1-29)

- Ancient Near East hospitality culturally imperative
  - Serious offense not to be hospitable
- Passage not sexual in nature
  - Cannot know the Hebrew word *yada'* is translated correctly as "have relations with them" (Gn 19:5)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Biblical Revisionism

## Destruction of Sodom (Gn 19:1-29)

- Passage prohibits rape only
- **Pride and neglecting the poor are the sins condemned** (as revealed in Ezekiel 16:49)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

## Destruction of Sodom (Gn 19:1-29)

- **Hebrew word *yada'* context is a sexual context** ["*have relations with them,*" lit. "*have intercourse*"] (Gn 19:5)
  - Used in unambiguous sexual context with Lot's two daughters (Gn 19:8)
  - Use within the same story confirms the sexual intention
- **Men's sexual lust was homosexual lust**
  - Refused Lot's offer of two daughters to "*do to them whatever you like*" (Gn 19:8)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

## Sodom (Ez 16:44-50)

"Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy. Thus they were haughty and committed abominations before Me. Therefore I removed them when I saw it." (Ez 16:49, 50)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

## Sodom (Ez 16:44-50)

- **Ezekiel describes prosperity leading to pride**
  - Cultural factors lead to pride (2 Chr 26:16)
- **Pride was the root sin but not the only sin**
- **Pride led to "*abominations*" being practiced**
  - Same Hebrew word in the Law prohibition (Lv 18:22, 20:13)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

## Sodom (2 Pt 2:6-10)

"Sensual conduct of unprincipled men . . ." (v. 7)  
 Lot "felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds . . ." (v. 8)  
 "Those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires . . ." (v. 10)

- **Open pattern of sexual immorality**
  - Not rapes which are done in secret or a lack of hospitality

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

## Sodom (Jude 7)

". . . These indulged in gross immorality [Grk. *ekporneuo*, giving over to sexual sin] and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire."

- **Sexual immorality worthy of eternal judgment**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Biblical Revisionism

#### Marriage as Taught by Jesus

- **He did not condemn homosexuality in the N.T.**
  - Therefore, it is permissible
- **Silent on the subject**
- **Brought a "new commandment" based on love** (Jn 13:34, 35)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

#### Marriage as Taught by Jesus

"... 'Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,' and said, 'FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH'? 'So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.'" (Mt 19:4-6) --Jesus

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

#### Marriage as Taught by Jesus

- **Taught from creation a divinely ordered institution** (Gn 1, 2)
- **Upheld heterosexuality and life-long commitment** (Mt 5:27, 28, 19:4-6, 9; Mk 10:5-9)
- **Jesus was love and truth** (Jn 1:14, 8:31, 32, 14:6)

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Historical Interpretation

#### Marriage as Taught by Jesus

- **Jesus is the Creator of the male and female anatomies and biblical marriage**

*"All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." (Jn 1:3)*

*"Consequently, the idea that Jesus was, or might have been, personally neutral or even affirming of homosexual conduct is revisionist history at its worst." --Robert Gagnon*

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Biblical Revisionism

- **Alternative interpretation, multiple interpretations, or a sinister motive of the church**
  - Confuses the subject enough to advance their goals
- **Revisionists are accountable to God**
  - Distorting God's word *"to own destruction"* (2 Pt 3:14-16)
  - Leading strugglers astray
  - Basis for affirming church theology

*"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil..." (Is 5:20)*

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Affirming "Church"

- **Normal and good to be a Christian and homosexual**
- **Teaches biblical revisionism**
- **Liberal churches and homosexual denominations**
- **Range of acceptance**
  - Ignoring lifestyle, member, clergy, marriage



## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Affirming "Church"

## Metropolitan Community Churches (MCC)

- **Church denomination and international movement**
  - "Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons"
- **Founded in 1968 by Troy Perry in Los Angeles**
- **43,000 attendees; 300 congregations; 22 countries (2011)**
- **Implication of being like Christian churches except for homosexual passages**

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Affirming "Church"

## San Diego MCC

- **Another gospel was preached** (Mk 1:14, 15; Gal 1:6-9)
  - Love and acceptance only vs. Repentance and faith
- **Unconditional acceptance as a member**
  - No profession of faith, non-Christian faiths
  - To the point of being manipulative
  - Tempting due to rejection by others

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Affirming "Church"

## San Diego MCC

- **Promotion of same-sex marriage during sermon**
  - Made clear an agenda of MCC from the beginning
  - Same-sex marriage promoted on MCC website
- **Altering of God's gender references in Scripture**
  - "Father" changed to "parent" or "Creator"
  - "I am Israel's parent" vs. "I am a father to Israel"
  - "Christ" was used in place of the word "Son"

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

### Unbiblical Belief Systems

Affirming "Church"

## San Diego MCC

- **Lord's Supper open to all**
  - Regardless of faith or being under church discipline
  - "The Holy Spirit turns this into the body and blood, whatever that may mean to you."
- **Strongly warn strugglers about MCC** (Gn 4:9; Ez 33:1-9; Gal 1:6-9)
  - More darkness than revising homosexual passages

## Unbiblical Answers and Critique

## Biblical Answers

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### How to Know Right and Wrong

Determined Solely By God

- God-given Conscience
- God's Created Design
- God's Word

## Biblical Answers

### How to Know Right and Wrong

Conscience

"For when Gentiles [*unbelievers*] who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts . . ."  
(Rom 2:14-15a) --Paul

All people know homosexuality is wrong

## Biblical Answers

### How to Know Right and Wrong

Conscience

" . . . their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus." (Rom 2:15b-16) --Paul

Judged for violating even the conscience

## Biblical Answers

### How to Know Right and Wrong

Created Design

- **By observing the human anatomy**
  - All people know it is a male-female design
- **Male-female procreation**
  - Shown heterosexuality as normative

## Biblical Answers

### How to Know Right and Wrong

God's Word

- **Completes knowledge of right and wrong**  
(Gn 1:27, 28, 2:24, 25; Mt 19:4-6)
- **Sense of sin becomes violation of God's law**
  - "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination" (Lv 18:22)
  - "Degrading passions, unnatural, indecent acts" (Rom 1:26, 27)
  - Violation of seventh commandment (Ex 20:14; 1 Tm 1:8-11)
  - Idolatry (Rom 1:25)

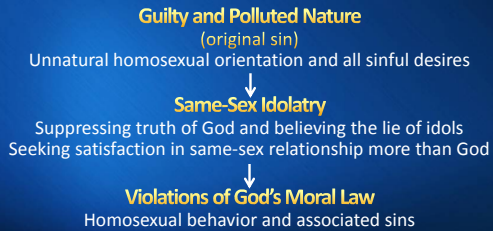
## Biblical Answers

### How to Know Right and Wrong

God's Word

- **Fear of judgment becomes specific**  
(Rom 1:18, 32; 1 Cor 6:9, 10)
- "Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals . . . will inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Cor 6:9b, 10)

## Biblical Answers

**Cause of Homosexuality: Sin**

## Biblical Answers

**Direct Cause is Same-Sex Idolatry**

"For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature [idolatry] rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason [idolatry]  
God gave them over to [homosexuality] . . ."  
(Rom 1:25-27)

## Biblical Answers

**Penalty for Same-Sex Idolatry Is Homosexuality**

" . . . God gave them over to [homosexuality] . . . receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error [idolatry]."  
(Rom 1:26a, 27b)

God justly lets people experience what they desire

## Biblical Answers

**Predisposition**

- **There can be a predisposition to unnatural homosexual desire in some people**
- **Differing sinful predispositions in everyone**
  - Desire for revenge
  - Desire for too much food
  - Desire for drunkenness
  - Desire for approval of man, and much more

"But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own [peculiar] lust." (Jam 1:14)

## Biblical Answers

**Predisposition**

- **Sinful desire stems from polluted nature (original sin)**  
(Rom 5:12-19, 7:14-24; Eph 2:3)

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." (Ps 51:5) --King David

"Sinfulness marks everyone from birth, and is there in the form of a motivationally twisted heart, prior to any actual sins." --J. I. Packer, *Concise Theology*

## Biblical Answers

**Predisposition**

- **No one should trust or be led by innate desires**  
Human nature is deceitful, sick, and unknowable

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries . . ." (Mk 7:21) --Jesus

"Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin . . ."  
(Jam 1:15a)



**Biblical Answers**

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**Predisposition**

Progression of Sinful Desire			
Latent sinful desire in polluted nature	Conscious of desire*	Feed sinful desire and it becomes a ruling idol	Ruling idolatrous desire results in sinful behavior
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Ungodly nature	Ungodly desire	Ungodly worship	Ungodly behavior

\* Sinful desire does not have to be idolatry that rules the person. The ungodly desire should be starved and not fed.

**Biblical Answers**

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**Predisposition**

- Jesus was provoked by man and Satan but did not sin (Mt 4:1-11; Heb 4:15; 1 Jn 3:5)
- Provocation does not cause sin but the polluted nature
- Unnatural homosexual desire should remind the person that we are a sinful people

"If you are particularly inclined to any particular sinful action, it is but the breaking out of the original lust in your nature, and this should humble you."  
 –John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*

**Biblical Answers**

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**Unassailable Teaching of Scripture**  
Heterosexual Marriage

"Every discussion in the New Testament about marriage or sexual unions always and only seeks to regulate heterosexual unions because there is no conception of a proper homosexual union. There was no need to talk about fidelity and loving concern in same-sex unions because it was universally understood that homosexual unions were abominable . . . The fifth commandment stipulates 'honor your father and mother' . . . The tenth commandment requires that 'you shall not covet . . . your neighbor's wife.' These only make sense where heterosexual couplings alone are sanctioned."  
 --Robert Gagnon

**Biblical Answers**

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**Unassailable Teaching of Scripture**  
Heterosexual Marriage

Creation Ordinance

- God called marriage between a man and a woman "very good" (Gn 1:31)
- It was from the beginning
  - Therefore, it remains in effect unless God alone changes it (Gn 2; Mt 19:4, 5)
- Principle in which all other passages are interpreted

**Biblical Answers**

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**Unassailable Teaching of Scripture**  
Heterosexual Marriage

Bible from Cover to Cover

- Genesis to Revelation teaches heterosexual marriage
  - Genesis: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Gn 2:24)
  - Revelation: "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride [lit. wife] has made herself ready." (Rv 19:7)

Revisionists point to the trees,  
but do not see the forest

**Biblical Counsel**



## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Redemption

- **Redemption from worshiper of idols to worshipping God**  
(Is 55:1-3; 2 Cor 5:14, 15; Eph 2:1-9)
- **May be unclear if professing Christian is a true believer**
  - Gospel to be context throughout the counsel given

“. . . Have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.” (Jude 22, 23)

## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Progressive Redemption

- **Biblical structure to the change process**

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness . . .” (2 Tm 3:16)

## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Teaching of Truth

- **Unbiblical answers**
- **How to know right and wrong**
- **Predisposition to sin (polluted nature)**
- **Suppressing the truth / believing lies**
- **Idolatry (misplaced worship)**
- **Violation of God’s moral law**

## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Teaching of Truth

- **Three options for the cause**
  - Born to be this way (nature theory) **OR**
  - Externally caused (nurture theory) **OR**
  - Sinful desire from a polluted nature
- **Biblical answer: Sinful desire from a polluted nature**
  - Leading to idolatry that rules life

## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Reproof of Sin

- **Provocations have a strong effect on people**
  - Rejection or deeply hurtful experiences (from family, friends, professing Christians, or others)
- **Reproof in no way intended to diminish mistreatment**
- **Balance is important**
  - Sympathize and be compassionate about victimization plus address their sin

## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Reproof of Sin

- **Expose lies believed** (by discussing provocations)  
(Prv 29:15; Eph 6:4)
  - Parental, sexual experiences, sibling or peer relations, verbal and physical abuse, heterosexual difficulties, and affirmation
- **Parental provocation is usually the most dominant**
  - Parents commanded, “*Do not provoke your children . . .*” (Eph 6:4)

**Biblical Counsel**

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**Parental Provocation and the Lie Believed by the Son**

Example of Marital Provocation	Lie Believed by Son
Marital discord; poor role model of heterosexual marriage.	Something other than traditional marriage is better.
Father is not loved nor respected by mother (father is demeaned and/or is perceived to be miserable).	A close relationship with a female and/or the male role is not desirable. Female seen to have a better position in life.
Example of Father's Provocation	Lie Believed by Son
Lack of love Spends little time with son, withdrawn, unexpressive, emotionally distant, unavailable, not involved in son's interests, does not provide well, favoritism to another sibling, and/or abandons the family—child senses being unwanted, uncared for, or abandoned.	Greatest need is a male substitute; a loving, affectionate, or accepting relationship with a man.

\* Male examples (similarly applies to females)

**Biblical Counsel**

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**Parental Provocation and the Lie Believed by the Son**

Example of Mother's Provocation	Lie Believed by Son
Failure to Instruct Discouraging male activities; encouraging female activities, such as playing with girl's toys and not playing with boy's toys. Promotes wearing feminine clothing or keeping hair long.	Female role and feminine attractiveness is best. Views life through feminine (mother's) eyes.

- **Child can misinterpret circumstances or exaggerate provocation**
  - Even when raised by responsible parents

**Biblical Counsel**

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**Process of Change**  
Reproof of Sin

- **Expose the ruling idolatry that developed (based on lies believed)**
  - Inordinate desires (idols of the heart)
  - What has been the chief desires?

**Biblical Counsel**

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**Examples of Homosexual Idolatrous Desires**

Relationship Idolatry!	
Same-sex affirmation/admiration/ acceptance/affection	Hurt-free life
Sexual pleasure	Being in control
Same-sex body/body part	Happiness
Friendship/intimacy	Physical appearance
Independence (from God)	Opposite-sex gender identity
Independence (from the Bible)	Hatred of opposite sex
Independence (from parents)	Life cause (activism)
Independence (from authority)	Other idol _____

**Draw out (identify) the individual's specific and unique idolatrous desires**  
*"A plan in the heart of a man is like deep water, but a man of understanding draws it out" (Prv 20:5)*

**Biblical Counsel**

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**Process of Change**  
Reproof of Sin

- **Expose all the sin**
  - Polluted nature
  - Truth suppressed / lies believed
  - Ruling idolatrous desires
  - Choices and behavior

**Biblical Counsel**

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**Process of Change**  
Correction to Truth

Repentance and Faith

- **Jesus' message was repentance and faith**
  - Needed for conversion and throughout life

*" . . . The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*  
 (Mk 1:15) --Jesus

Biblical Counsel

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**Process of Change**  
Correction to Truth

- **Repentance**
  - With knowledge takes place
  - Most basic fruit of repentance is sincere confession (1 Jn 1:8-10)
    - Confess to God primarily (Ps 51:4)
    - Confess to all others involved

Biblical Counsel

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**Homosexual Sin and Associated Sins**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Not honoring God/not thankful for Him</li> <li>● Suppressing the truth (known through conscience and created design); and for many people from Scripture</li> <li>● Blaming God and others</li> <li>● Idolatry           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Same-sex relationship</li> <li>○ Sexual pleasure</li> <li>○ Other specific idols</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Homoerotic lust</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Distorting the picture of the Triune God, Creator/creature distinction, and Jesus and His church</li> <li>● Spouse not loved, deprived sexually, and not first earthly priority</li> <li>● Pornography/self-gratification (all forms such as homosexual, bisexual, underage persons, transvestitism)</li> <li>● Homosexual fornication, sodomy, cross dressing, and other sexual immorality</li> </ul>
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Biblical Counsel

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**Homosexual Sin and Associated Sins**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lying and untrustworthy</li> <li>● Harm caused to family, extended family, friends, and others</li> <li>● Dishonoring parents</li> <li>● Discontentment</li> <li>● Drunkenness (alcohol and drugs)</li> <li>● Wasted time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wasted money</li> <li>● Defensive</li> <li>● Judgmental</li> <li>● Self-pity</li> <li>● Anger/hate/revange</li> <li>● Unforgiveness/bitterness</li> </ul>
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Biblical Counsel

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**Process of Change**  
Correction to Truth

- **Repentance**
  - Polluted nature and idolatry repentance missing

**Personal Responsibility and Repentance**

Psychotherapy	Integrationist Therapy	Biblical Revisionism	Affirming "Church"
None	Minimized or None	None	None

Biblical Counsel

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**Process of Change**  
Correction to Truth

- **Faith**
  - Love of God is found to be much better!
  - This love replaces the love of all other relationships (Lk 14:26; 2 Cor 5:14, 15)

"We love, because He first loved us." (1 Jn 4:19)

Bibical Counsel

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**Process of Change**  
Correction to Truth

- **Faith**
  - Believing the truth about homosexual sin, provocation to sin, and redemption from sin

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Worship of God

## Biblical Counsel

### Process of Change

#### Training in Righteousness

- **Biblical and disciplined living taught**
  - Relationships
    - *God and church*
    - *Males and females*
  - Gender roles
  - Marriage / Parenting
  - Love
  - Affirming Church
  - Health issues
  - Victimization
  - Old lifestyle behaviors
    - *Drunkenness, poor sleep habits, porn, laziness, etc.*
  - Ministry to strugglers
  - Remaining desire

## Biblical Counsel

### For Family and Friendships

Friend, Minor Child, Adult Child, Parent Leaving Family

- **Wide range of circumstances**
  - Same-sex attraction (believer) to same-sex lifestyle (unbeliever)
- **Remember the gospel**
  - Homosexual is a picture of the gospel in our lives
  - We were "*helpless, ungodly, sinners, and enemies*" requiring Christ to die for us (Rom 5:6-10)
  - Greatest problem not homosexuality, but damnation

## Biblical Counsel

### For Family and Friendships

Friend, Minor Child, Adult Child, Parent Leaving Family

- **Turn to God and His Word**
  - Seek wisdom from Scripture in a trial (Jam 1:5-8)
  - Loving and trusting God means obeying His word (Ps 56:3, 4; Prv 16:20; Jn 14:15)
  - Love those who seem unlovable (Mt 5:43-48; Rom 12:17-21)
  - Do not be overly surprised when unbelievers act like their polluted nature

## Biblical Counsel

### For Family and Friendships

Friend, Minor Child, Adult Child, Parent Leaving Family

- **Speak truth with love** (Eph 4:15)
  - Make position clear—relationship desired, does not change care for person, serious sin, help is available, Jesus is better
- **Avoid two extremes**
  - No truth (weak or no message, no need to change)
  - OR**
  - No love (harsh, not listened to, perceived as hateful)

## Biblical Counsel

### For Family and Friendships

Friend, Minor Child, Adult Child, Parent Leaving Family

- **Type of relationship**
  - Actively love (Mt 5:43-48; Jn 3:16; 1 Cor 13:1-7; Gal 2:20)
  - Time together not required to revolve around speaking truth
    - Provides opportune times (Prv 15:23)
    - Key to obligation is knowing where you stand
  - Evangelistic and genuinely enjoying company
  - Cannot be as close as with a believer (2 Cor 6:14)
    - Differing motives, worldviews, interests, goals

## Biblical Counsel

### For Family and Friendships

Friend, Minor Child, Adult Child, Parent Leaving Family

- **Be example of struggling against own sin and pursuing Jesus**
- **Loving and redemptive church discipline** (Mt 18:12-22)
  - If member and unrepentant
  - Family relationship continues to be as close as possible
  - Grace of the church removed, but not the grace of the family



## Biblical Counsel

**For Family and Friendships**

Friend, Minor Child, Adult Child, Parent Leaving Family

- **Be watchful about harm done within family**
  - Increased divorce, violence, abandoning faith
  - Affects immediate family and extended family
- **Thank God in all things** (1 Thes 5:18)
  - Revealing the true heart
  - Remaining in control of each circumstance

**Conclusion****David's Story**

## Conclusion

**David's Story**

- **Professing Christian and baptized**
- **Recently married to Hayley, a Christian woman**
- **Mastered by pornography, drunkenness, anger, and other sins**
  - Homosexual past not disclosed to Hayley

## Conclusion

**David's Story**

- **Hayley initiated biblical counseling**
- **Counseled 5 months without progress**
  - Many sinful setbacks
  - Loss of job during counseling
- **Caught using homosexual porn**
  - Homosexual idolatry became the key issue

## Conclusion

**David's Story**

- **He had logically deduced either:**
  - Intended to be this way from birth
  - OR**
  - External cause for same-sex desire
- **David did not recall an external cause**
- **Believed lie he was born this way (through adulthood)**
- **He never considered a third explanation**

## Conclusion

**David's Story**

- **David was shown from Scripture the third explanation**
  - Source of his same-sex desire was his own polluted nature (from original sin)
- **For the first time he took responsibility for his sin**
  - No longer suppressing truth and justifying sin

"The thing that really turned things around for me was when it was explained to me that we were all born into sin and that sin was different for each of us. I always wondered how the desire could have been there. The only thing that can explain it is that we are born into sin." --David

## Conclusion

## David's Story

- David testifies to being born again!
- Spiritual fruit (as evidence of conversion)

"I no longer want to get drunk. I used to accept and enjoy pornography and downplay the sin. Now I have occasionally fallen, but I am miserable and repentant and want to be completely free. I have studied the Bible a lot more and other books by Christian authors. I have a great desire to learn more about the Bible and my calling in life." --David

## Conclusion

## David's Story

- Spiritual fruit (as evidence of conversion)

"I have a clear conscience. My anger is less often and less intense. It has been a huge stepping stone in my relationship with my wife. We are one person spiritually and becoming one person in other areas of life. I am convinced we would have divorced if the Lord had not saved me." -- David

## Conclusion

## David's Story

- Brother in the Lord
- Marriage is strong
- Full-time employment
- Some consequences remain (i.e., finances)
- Hayley is grateful for her growth in the Lord
- David is a treasured friend

## Conclusion

## David's Story

"Rejoice with me,  
for I have found my sheep which was lost!"  
"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy  
in heaven over one sinner who repents than over  
ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."  
(Lk 15:4-7) --Jesus

## Coming Out of Homosexuality

Clarity and Compassion  
for the Struggler