

How God Sees Sex

1 Corinthians 6

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The title of our message today is: **How God Sees Sex**

I mentioned at the beginning of the sermon *Our Place in Politics* last week, that I had never prepared for a sermon that I didn't quite know where to start. Well, this week, I know where I want to start, but I don't know in preparing for a message that I've ever felt such an incredible weight as it relates to the topic we are discussing today.

And as I've thought about that, I think it's because:

- We have so many young people in the room who have been bombarded and heavily influenced in what they think about this subject by media and the entertainment industry - since they were born! The smart phone for a child that is 15-16 years old has been around their entire life...they've had access to things previous generations did not.
- We also have a lot of young parents who have children that are in elementary school, and they are being introduced to concepts and ideas that we all know children that age aren't prepared or ready for!
- It seems every time you turn on the news there is another story coming out celebrating, advocating for and affirming the transgender movement – we know the names and stories of people like Caitlyn Jenner and Lia Thomas.

This is where we are today! We are at a place...just consider this.

- That when choosing a sex and gender for your Facebook account, there is no longer just male and female...it's no longer a binary choice, but instead one has over 50 options to choose from. You are literally whatever you desire to be or think you should be.
- In our public schools, our children get to pick the pronouns they would like to be referred to as – and it's not just in our schools, some businesses across this country are now having their employees sign off their emails with the pronouns they would like to be referred to!
- Where the US military will pay for sex reassignment service for any active service member...
- Where men transitioning to women can compete at the highest levels of sport including the Olympics...

- Mattel Toys earlier this year created the first transgender Barbie doll in their Tribute Collection...
- Where a Supreme Court Justice of the United States - most likely because of the severe criticism that would have ensued had she answered it refused to define what a woman is...

We are no doubt *Chasing Sanity* as it relates to sex and sexuality in our culture. As my friend Pastor Gregg Matte has said (which btw is incidentally speaking on the same topic today at Houston's First. We talked and prayed together this week about our messages). He said, and I agree that we have gone in our culture concerning these issues from toleration to affirmation to celebration – and if you don't, you receive condemnation.

And so, yes, I feel a weight to this subject today. From a pastoral standpoint my heart breaks over the confusion all this is causing in our children and grandchildren as well as in seeing the outright rejection of God's will and God's ways as it concerns how he sees sex.

Now, as we get into the details of the message today, to do this right, we have to do a bit of review of what we have talked about up this point in this series. In week one, we talked about the importance of a biblical worldview, and the role of the mind in a believer's life.

I asked you to pray four specific prayers. Here they are as a reminder – KEY if we are to have and live with a biblical worldview which is the lens to which we look at culture.

Lord, help me to fill my mind.

Lord, help me to guard my mind.

Lord, help me to train my min.

Lord, help me to use my mind.

We talked about as believers...as followers of Jesus we can have confidence in God's Word. If we don't, we won't live with a biblical worldview and listen: this is VERY important to remember especially about a topic like this.

What God's Word says must be THE determining factor in what we think about these issues.

- NOT what culture says...
- NOT what our feelings may be...
- NOT what our friends think or how they live...

As Christians, our minds must ALWAYS go to what does God's Word say about this? – this is what it means to have a biblical worldview.

Illus. NextStep disciple guide – I mentioned a few weeks ago a training guide our discipleship team helped edit and write. We have so many people coming to know Jesus and it's imperative that a solid foundation is laid for a new believer to have a healthy growing relationship with

Jesus. Well, in that six session book, the VERY first week we talk about the importance of what it means to live by faith and have a biblical worldview and we show them this image. Here's the faith definition and then I'll show you what is called the Train illustration.

Faith is living as though God's Word is true regardless of circumstances, emotions or cultural trends.

(SHOW TRAIN IMAGE) - Truth must ALWAYS drive the engine of our life. TRUTH. We believe in absolute truth as followers of Jesus – NOT subjective truth.

Subjective truth says, what's good and right for you, may not be good and right for me BECAUSE truth for you may not be truth for me. The irony is to even make that statement though, is to make an absolute truth!

So, we as Christians with a biblical worldview reject this notion of a subjective truth...we believe in an absolute truth and listen to this point that needs to be made – ALL truth is a narrow truth.

- $2+2+4$ – doesn't matter what someone else thinks or feels...
- Texas is bordered by Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico – NOT North Carolina, Florida or Wyoming...
- The earth rotates and orbits around the sun NOT the other way around...
- Medically, your heart pumps blood to your body, not your lungs or your stomach...

In EVERY area of life truth is narrow truth – including theologically. What we believe about God...and what the Muslims believe about God...and what the Mormons believe about God – we can't ALL be right! There is only ONE that is true.

Sure, there can be elements of truth in different worldviews and religions, but truth is truth – it is narrow and absolute!

So, just think about this as we get going, the role of the mind and the need to think biblically...what TRUTH is because this so important as it relates to this subject we are dealing with today.

In week two, we discussed the problem of pain, evil and suffering. And we won't go into detail on this message, but as a reminder we simply said from a biblical standpoint that the reason there is so much hurt and pain in the world – God didn't design it this way – he DID create and design man with a free will, and due to man's rejection of God's Word, sin entered the world and chaos and devastation came with it.

Chaos...confusion...decay...death...ALL is a result of man rebelling against God. God is a God of order and sin comes along through the freewill of man and twists and distorts and perverts EVERYTHING!

AND...don't forget how sin started! It began with a simple whisper from the Enemy in **Gen. 3:1b** – “...**Did God actually say...**”

ALL sin starts with putting a question mark where God has put a period. I heard this from a pastor one time...it's a good word students to remember especially as it relates to this subject we are dealing with this topic of sex today: “When God says don't, what he means is don't hurt yourself.”

There is ALWAYS covering and protection and blessing when we submit ourselves to God and his ways and word – ALWAYS. The opposite is true when we decide to question and reject his word.

Week three, we made this statement, and it's also important to understand – we're still in the intro btw!

And let me just say, thank you for your patience in this series. I know we've been going a bit long in the services, I'll work in the future to trim up these messages so we can beat FaithBridge and these other churches to our favorite restaurants!

Week three we said this regarding the sanctity of life. That each person is loved, known and created by God. What's true for the person inside the womb is true for the person outside the womb – and this would be a good place to stop and say this...

You may be here today and struggling with your sexual orientation or questioning your gender identity. Don't think for a moment that this doesn't affect all of us in some way! We ALL have friends or family members or know of someone that is living a homosexual lifestyle or have what has been termed as gender dysphoria.

I want you to hear this loud and clear from me today and our church!

- God LOVES you – as you are! There is NOTHING you could do to make God love you anymore and NOTHING you could do to make God love you any less. He LOVES you – PERIOD.
- God KNOWS you – he sees what you're battling and struggling with...he knows you better than you know yourself.
- God CREATED you – He knit you together in your mother's womb. You are fearfully and wonderfully made the Bible says.

AND he created you – **Gen. 1:27** – “**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.**”

Remember what we said last week: Almost every cultural issue we have covered in this series and every competing worldview that exists goes back to Genesis 1-3. If you can poke holes or disregard Gen. 1-3, then you can live however you choose because this is where the basis of a biblical worldview is formed!

Now, as it relates to how God sees sex, I want to break this message into three sections. We are going to look at this as it relates to our physical body, our sexual activity, and our biblical identity.

The overarching text that I want to serve as our umbrella text is found in 1 Corinthians. This is a church that had some issues specifically as it related to sexual immorality. One pastor I know preached a sermon series on 1 Corinthians and called it: *The Church Gone Wild*.

Paul writes to the church in Corinth– VERY IMPORTANT – this is directed to Christians...he wants them to see sex as God sees it.

And listen to what he writes. I'm going to simply pull out one part of one verse, you can read the rest of it on your own so you can know I am not proof-texting or taking a verse out of context.

1 Cor. 6:13 – “The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.”

How God sees sex. Let's note first what this says about our: **Physical Body**

This verse as well as a plethora of other verses...many of which we will look at in just a moment teaches that the physical body was made by God and is for God. Just a few verses later, Paul would even give more clarity to this:

1 Cor. 6:19-20 – “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

There is something very significant...very spiritual about our physical bodies. Think about it! When God created man, we are created in his image, in his likeness, and he created us a certain way – with a physical body.

Theologically, we need to remember that Jesus was present at creation (“Let us create man in our image”) – and how did Jesus come to us? Wrapped in flesh!

He came in a physical body to this earth, and he promises to resurrect our physical bodies and transform them into heavenly bodies (1 Cor. 6:14, 1 Cor. 15). These “jars of clay” as they are referred to in scripture are significant!

What we do with our body is of great importance to God. In fact, Paul will say that the offering of our body to the Lord is an act of worship.

Rom. 12:1 – “**I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**”

Romans 6:12-13 – “**Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness...**”

Go back to our **1 Cor. 6:15a** (passage) – “**Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?**”

As it relates to our physical bodies, before you choose to abuse them – and I’m talking everything from the areas of alcohol and drugs to sexual immorality to altering them via what is being called now “Gender Affirmation Surgery” to overeating and not exercising!

We need to understand that our physical bodies are the Lord’s. According to scripture...a biblical worldview concerning our body means we understand and embrace that our body is under the authority of Christ – made BY God and is FOR God!

He bought it...purchased it with his blood...it houses the Holy Spirit, and so before we introduce anything to it and before we do anything with it – we HAVE to ask this overarching question – does this glorify God- who is as we sung earlier, “Holy, Holy, Holy.”

Asking this question would simplify a lot of the issues we have surrounding sexuality today. Let’s look at our next section regarding how God sees sex. We’ve looked at our physical body.

Let’s look now at our: **Sexual Activity**

Going back to our 1 Cor. passage. **1 Cor. 6:13b** – “**The body is not meant for sexual immorality...**”

1 Cor. 6:18 – “**Flee from sexual immorality.** (Interestingly, all other sin, we are told to fight against...sexual sin is the only sin in scripture we are commanded to run from! God is telling us, “you can’t handle this!”) **Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body** (significance to this earthly body).”

Often times we will ask, I wonder what the will of God for my life is...and sometimes God spells it out in his word for us.

1 Thess. 4:3-5 – “**For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, ⁵ not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God.**”

Sexual immorality in the Bible is actually the word “porneia” and can be defined as any illicit sexual activity outside the confines of biblical marriage.

Listen, God designed sex. He created it. It was his idea. And NOT one time in scripture...NOT once is sex or ANY sexual activity outside of marriage between a man and a woman celebrated, advocated for!

The biblical view of sex is abstinence outside of marriage and faithfulness within the marriage – and again, I want to stress here, marriage as God designed it is one man plus one woman for life!

God set it up this way in Genesis chapter one. Jesus affirmed his Father’s establishment of marriage in Matthew 19 and every writer in the New Testament that deal with marriage and family affirm this truth as well.

It’s universal in scripture: ANY other sexual activity outside the confines of biblical marriage is sin, NOT God’s best and needs to be repented of...and if we need to spell it out in black and white this includes:

- Prostitution, bestiality, sexual violence of any kind, incest...

And for our culture, probably what deserves highlighting and these are in no particular order, but is prohibited in scripture just as strongly as those we just mentioned:

1. Adultery – WRONG in EVERY way, EVERY time. And don’t buy into the lie from the pit of hell that God wants you to be happy and if this is what makes you happy, then it’s okay.

I’m going to go into this in the application but just an appetizer here, the motto of the Christian faith IF there is one is death to self! Jesus said if you want to be my disciple, you must DENY yourself (Luke 9:23, Matt. 16:24). Denial of self should be the ANTHEM of our hearts, NOT pleasuring self. And that brings me to a second prohibition in scripture as it relates to sexual activity.

2. Pornography – if you want to know what in a large part especially for boys...for men...that is destroying purity, hardening hearts, searing consciences and adding shame, it’s the evil of pornography.

I asked one of our residents, Kal Kilgo to pull me some statistics this week regarding pornography...and I know sometimes, we hear statistics and we can check out when listening to them, but please don’t! Parents listen to this...and I will add these stats as well as the source on the notes page of my sermon this week.

- Porn users who watch at least once a month are exposed to a higher risk for depression, anxiety, sexually permissive attitudes, preoccupation with sex, inability to distinguish fantasy and reality, unrealistic ideas about sexual relationships, female body insecurities and male performance insecurities...

- 56% of divorce are from obsessive porn interest...
- 35% of all internet downloads are pornographic material...
- 40 million adults regularly visit porn websites...
- Every day 2.5 billion emails are sent or received containing pornographic images...
- 116,000 searches for child pornography daily...
- Increases odds of teenage pregnancy by nearly double...
- Increases risk of marital infidelity by 300%...
- 40% of “sex addicts” lose their spouse, 58% face financial loss, 33% lose their job...
- 68% of all divorces involve internet porn, and again 56% of divorces are due to ‘obsessive interest in porn’
- Porn industry annual revenue is more than the NFL, NBA, and MLB combined...
- Average age to be introduced to porn is 11, 94% will see it by the age of 14...
- 1/10 7th graders say they watch enough porn to consider themselves addicted and fear they won’t be able to stop...

And don’t think this is a problem outside the church, it’s a problem inside the church – one stat I read was 68% of men in the church are watching it and 50% of pastors admitted to it! *Chasing Sanity!*

Satan’s no fool! He’s smart and in his desire to thwart the purposes of God and bring ruin to the crown of his creation - man and woman created in his image, what’s the most strategic, prudent way to this? What’s the best way to destroy the family, and bring corruption to the very fabric of society?

Sexualize children...create as much confusion and chaos around sex and sexuality as you can at as early as an age as you can – this will create the most residual and ongoing pain, hurt and trauma.

Let the evil hearts of men abuse, and victimize and steal purity and innocence – and is this NOT exactly what pornography does!

If you are watching pornography...addicted to it in any way, confess it to the Lord and then to a brother! Repent...start ripping up that fantasy world you are living in and give yourself to building up and investing in reality – learn what it means to walk in freedom and watch God

restore and bless your efforts to honor him in this area of your life. Another area that is strictly prohibited in scripture is in the area of:

3. Premarital sex – the pressure on people today to be active sexually before marriage.

We read in scripture of the holy “oneness” that comes with the physical and sexual union between two people. In the context of our 1 Cor. passage, this is the reasoning Paul gives to avoid sexual immorality.

1 Cor. 6:15-20 – “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”

Sex outside of marriage in ANY form defiles the marriage bed. You say, “Well, what about fooling around? What if it’s not really the act of sex, but you know, just playing around a little bit?”

Ask yourself this while you are playing and fooling around – Does it honor Jesus, and would you be cool doing whatever it is you’re thinking of if Jesus was in the chair next to you? And check this:

He is in the chair next to you! More than that as we have seen in this passage of scripture, you house the Holy Spirit! He’s in you! When you “mess around” – you are messing with a “oneness” that is only meant to be discovered and deployed within the confines of a marriage between a man and woman.

That’s why there is such a weight to sexual sin. It’s different than any other sin because it’s a sin against the body, and as the book of Hebrews promises, God will judge sexual sin.

Heb. 13:4 – “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”

Fourthly and finally as it relates to sexual activity that is prohibited in scripture is:

4. Homosexuality – Just an overview of scripture...there are 44 couples named in the Bible. ZERO are same sex.

There are a total of six passages in the Bible that speak to homosexuality specifically – in every one of them it’s described as sin. And let me just say this right here as we deal with this.

I understand that this can be a VERY personal issue. Some of you like me may have family members or have had family members or close friends that are living a homosexual lifestyle...and I just want to say a few things as we touch on this:

First, I want to make sure that we make a distinction between a person who identifies as a homosexual and a person who is struggling with same-sex attraction. You can struggle with same sex attraction and NOT be a homosexual.

There's a lot of questions out there about whether or not someone is born gay...and even among different scientific studies and differing opinions the common consensus is there is no clear proof from a genetic standpoint that one is born a homosexual.

Now, there is little doubt that some by nature and some by nurture or environment may have same sex tendencies...again, same sex attraction is real, but one doesn't have to give into the temptation to what they may desire and/or feel!

If you have same sex attraction, the call on your life as a believer in Christ is a call to holiness and obedience to his word just like any other believer. For you, this may mean a call to abstinence as it relates to your sex life. To act on homosexual desires is a choice to sin.

Paul puts it the most clear in his letter to the church in Rome. It's lengthy, but needs to be read:

Romans 1:18-32 – “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (recall the faith definition, the image of the train) For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. (You can know there is a God...look in the heavens...look at the complexity of our bodies...we know there is a moral law and we know in our hearts there is a moral law giver – v. 21) For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their foolish hearts were darkened. (As the mind goes, so goes the hearts...where the mind goes, that's where your passion will be! – v. 22) Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up (3x – v. 24, 26, 28 – “gave over” – same exact word used of the chief priests giving Jesus over to Pilate) in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature (unnatural – obviously, same-sex relationships); and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are

gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them."

Listen, the root sin of NOT just homosexuality, but EVERY form of ungodliness especially sexual sin of ANY kind is idolatry. We exchange the truth about God for a lie and start worshipping ourselves!

The bottom line whether its promiscuity, adultery, pornography, premarital sex or homosexuality is we want what we want OVER what God wants – AND that is worshipping self over God!

Let's remember when God says, "DON'T" what he means is "don't hurt yourself."

We've talked about how God sees sex as it relates to our physical body, our sexual activity...and now let's finish up by looking at our: **Biblical Identity**

Isn't it amazing that most of this talk about sex has to do with our identity? So much about this is how I see myself or how others see me. And what I want to ask is since when did our identity become about our sex?

What should be the most private and personal thing in the world - our sex life and our sexual organs has now become the most public and political – talk about *Chasing Sanity!*

As Christians, our identity is NOT in what we feel about ourselves or WHO we think we are OR who others think we are! As Christians with a biblical worldview, we must see ourselves as God sees us. This is what I call our biblical identity!

And do you want to know how God sees you, Christian? He sees Christ! "In Christ" you are a new creation!

2 Cor. 5:17 – "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come."

Col. 3:10-11 – "and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in the knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all."

Gal. 3:26-28 – "for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Biblically, there are only two identities that matter– "in Christ" and "outside Christ". And you can go from being outside of Christ to being inside of Christ in a matter of seconds!

You can do it, by simply bowing your mind and heart before the Lord and calling on him for salvation. When you turn from sin, and trust Jesus's death, burial and resurrection, he changes you from within and gives you a brand new identity.

1 Cor. 6:9-11 – “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

“Such WERE some of you.” When you come to Jesus you are justified, sanctified and you are a new creation in Christ – THIS is your biblical identity... THIS is how God sees you!

I want to close this message and due to time it's going to be pretty abrupt. I can't unpack all of this the way I would like. Let me just give you three words in closing as application to this message:

1. **Surrender** – When it comes to the topic of sexuality, what we MUST remember and emulate is Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night of his arrest and betrayal.

Remember what he prayed? It was a prayer of surrender – “Not my will, not my feelings, not my emotions, not my desires, but your will be done.” When it comes to sexuality, we must pray the same and walk in the footsteps of Jesus totally surrendering this area of lives to the Lord.

2. **Protect** – What I mean by this is we must protect ourselves...put guards in place so that we don't fall prey to sexual temptation.

It takes knowing Christ and being in his Word EVERY day to make this happen. This is where we get the mind of Christ to THINK like him and where his Holy Spirit in us fills us so that we can LIVE like him.

Rom. 13:14 – “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

I could preach an entire sermon series on what this means! Don't give the Enemy an inch as it relates to sexual sin. Avoid it. Run from it...don't go anywhere near it!

Another idea when it comes to protection is to do what it takes to protect your marriage and to protect your kids. Moms/Dad's check your kids cell phones...as long as they are under your house, that's your cell phone!

Erwin Lutzer wrote in his book *We Will Not Be Silenced*– “**The cellphone in a teenager's hand is doing more to shape their worldview than one hour of Sunday School or the admonitions of parents. We are failing to pass our faith on to the next generation because they are captives to the culture, social media, their peers, and the indoctrination by the**

public schools. Parents clothe their children, feed them, and send them to school, but the hearts of their kids are being stolen and molded by a world that many of us don't understand."

Ask pointed questions, parents! Don't turn a blind eye! Part of protecting your kids is educating yourself. We want to help you in this.

Illus. This Wed – We are hosting in our FLC at 6:45 an evening with Ricky Chelette who is the Director of Living Hope ministries and expert on gender issues. It's called Let's Talk...encourage you to be here. **(SHOW SLIDE)**

3. Love – Don't forget the Greatest Commandment. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind...AND LOVE your neighbor as yourself.

Those that are confused at it relates to sexuality and what the world is selling...they are not the enemy. Remember, they are loved, known, and created by God.

If someone in your life is struggling with their sexuality or is sinning in their sexuality, we don't run them out of town (or out of our family or out of our church) – we LOVE them!

Now, this DOESN'T mean we embrace their beliefs or change ours. It doesn't mean we sacrifice even a little bit our convictions about what is truth and what is right in the eyes of God!

What it means is that as Christians, we understand that we are living in a messy, broken world, and however we handle specific situations as they come up in life – with family members, friends, classmates, work associates - if we are known for anything, let it be our love.

Let's be known for our love. Jesus said, "You will know my disciples by their love." May it be so. In a world that is going crazy as it relates to sexuality, let's keep *Chasing Sanity* by continuing to chase after the Lord.

Would you pray with me?

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