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Society's Bane: Homosexuality

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This week, my guest (Bryce) and I dive into the second part of a two part series concerning effeminacy in men. The first part was geared more towards soft, weak, effeminate men in our society and that behavior being condemned in scripture. This week we dive into effeminacy in its fruition, namely homosexuality. This sin has been welcomed and invited in our evangelical Christian circles in America. The church has largely capitulated on this issue and terms such as "gay Christian" are now commonplace even in "reformed" circles. The scriptures are extremely clear on the topic although our culture would war against it. Christians cannot serve two masters. Thanks for listening!

Key texts: Genesis 2:18,21-25; 19:1,4; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Matthew 15:19-20; Mark 10:5; Romans 1:24-27

Resources:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ArOQF4kadHA> -> San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLGrh94mync> -> A good critique and response

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IZFCB9sduxQ> -> Tim Keller (bad) take on homosexuality (specifically around the 3:00 mark)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RmpplTFDTY> -> Jesus DID speak to homosexuality

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-homosexuality.html> -> Read This

<https://www.gotquestions.org/homosexuality-Bible.html>

My guest joining me this week on the Sunday series is my brother Bryce. Bryce is getting his undergraduate degree in philosophy and hopes to get his MDiv. from a seminary after he completes his undergrad. He hopes to be a pastor shepherding Gods people one day.

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Transcript

(music) Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him." So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. "And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man." Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.

She shall be called woman because she was taken out of man. Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." Welcome guys to the For the King podcast. Last week Bryce and I started a new series on the Sunday portion of the podcast.

Just if you're new to the podcast, Wednesdays is more Christian worldview implications, and those are maybe more sporadic uploads. But every Sunday Bryce and I upload something more theological, something concerning the scriptures straight from the text, and our commentary and hermeneutic interpreting the text for you guys. That's what Sundays are.

So last Sunday Bryce and I started this new series talking about, it's just a two-part series. It's going to be, we're wrapping it up this week concerning effeminate men. And then now this week we're bringing that to fruition of a society that is continually given over to effeminacy and the sin of men not acting like men.

We'll come to fruition in a society that is full of homosexual behavior, homosexual people, people with same-sex attractions, inflamed lusts for people of the same sex. And we're going to walk through how the scripture interacts with that. And we wanted to start off reading Genesis chapter 2, 18, and then 21 through 24.

Like I just started off the podcast reading because we want to root all of this in creation. So welcome to the podcast, that's what we're talking about today. Anything to add Bryce? Oh good.

Oh yeah, also I'm joined with my brother Bryce. He's usually with me. He always forgets about me.

I forget to introduce this guy. I'm just behind the curtains. You're just an afterthought.

I'm just kidding, I love you. No, I'm more like the Wizard of Oz. Controlling everything.

Literally, you know Bryce actually created the whole podcast and I've just been fronting like it's my podcast. Yeah. Yeah.

I'm the head of the franchise. I'm the covenantal head. You'd like to think so.

All right, let's jump into it. So we're going to start today reading out of Genesis chapter 19. And this is concerning Abraham's cousin Lot goes and lives in this very wicked town and region called Sodom and Gomorrah.

He's specifically in Sodom. But God destroys both Sodom and Gomorrah because they're just an extremely wicked town and people. And we wanted to start here because we see homosexual behavior first of all, but also Sodom and Gomorrah all throughout the scriptures after this moment is used as a symbol of just extreme human depravity.

You know, we've already had a narrative in Genesis where humans continually fall in their depravity. And then what does God do? He judges completely and destroys the earth with the deluge, the flood. And then we have this kind of like a smaller little microcosm of that same thing playing out.

Sodom and Gomorrah get utterly destroyed because of their depravity. Right. So let's walk through and see just how homosexuality kind of invoked and was a part of this incurring judgment on them themselves.

So, Genesis chapter 19. I'm going to read verse one and then I'm going to jump down to verse four. "The two angels came to Sodom in the evening and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom.

When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and he bowed himself with his face to the earth." And then he talks to them for a second. These are two angels that God is sending as a messenger to bring Lot out of the city because he's about to destroy it and they're there to warn him. Angels are messengers.

And then this is what the people of the city when they see these angels come down. This is what happens in verse four. "But before they laid down the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old," so this is every generation seems to be now acting in this way.

"All the people to the last man surrounded the house and they called to Lot, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them.'" And that word "know" in scripture, it says, you know, in Genesis chapter three, like I, or sorry, in chapter two, I think starting in three, or maybe at the end of three, I can't remember, but basically Adam goes and knows his wife Eve and that's a euphemism for, like, having sexual relations with your wife. You know her. On a way, nobody else knows her.

So this word "know" here is not like a, like, get to know that they're a human and what

their name is and what their favorite color is. This is like the most intimate way of knowing somebody, which is through sexual relations. - Right.

- And that's what these men want to do to these men angels, these angels that manifested in a man's kind of form, flesh, they're coming and wanting them. - Yeah. Yeah.

- Yeah, and that like even kind of goes into Genesis six, a little bit of the fallen angels wanting to have sex with man. You kind of see this reversal of that to where now it's men crying out to these good angels for sexual relation, which is completely against the natural and creative order that we've already established from Genesis chapter two. God made them male and female.

- For each other. - For each other. There cannot be any sort of homosexuality within that.

There can be no sort of angelic sexuality neither. - Exactly. - None of these things are permissible.

It's male and female and these are the two that can become one flesh. - Exactly. Yeah, I was going to bring that up too.

Genesis six, the death of woman and Jude, it talks about how there were angels that like, we can even go there. It says in Jude chapter one, you can go look at it yourself, but basically it says, like Sodom and Gomorrah were sexually immoral. So there are angels that are in a dark gloominess under eternal chains because of their sexual morality, which most people see that as pointing back to that Genesis six narrative where the angels come down and have relations with human women.

And then exactly we see the reverse here, but this time it's in a homosexual way. Yeah. - Yeah.

And also it's important to notice that this is not merely talking about an angelic sexuality because they ask, where are the men who came to you tonight? - Yeah. - So this is an important point to notice because some liberal theologians will say, well, this isn't necessarily homosexuality, Sodom and Gomorrah, you don't see anything about homosexuality. It's merely sinfulness of them desiring angels.

- Yeah. - Well, no, that's not what these men thought they were doing. What these men thought they were doing in Sodom and Gomorrah was saying, hey, there's these men that went into Lot's house, bring them out that we may know these men.

- Yeah. - And that is explicitly homosexual. - Yeah.

- Right? And that's not the only sin that these people were engaged in, but it is definitely characteristic of Sodom and Gomorrah in terms of what sin has its end in. - Exactly. -

Yeah.

- And also real quick note, we're not going to get into this too much. I'm just going to do a real passing comment on this. But I've heard a lot of people say, David and Jonathan were homosexuals.

There is a text in, I think, like Second Kings or the Chronicles or something where it says, David loved Jonathan after Jonathan dies in battle with Saul, his dad. And David's there and hears about this. He's weeping because he had, it literally says in the text, he had love for Jonathan, like he had love for a woman.

- Yeah. - And then people say, oh, they must have been gay together. They must have been homosexual because we have this really deep male friendship in the scriptures.

And it's, you know, David was a gay man. You know, that's what people say. - Right.

- That is completely false notion. All that's being described there is just a deep, exactly what it is, just a deep friendship between two guys. - Right.

- So I would say that is, it's not hinting at, it would say, knowing him, knowing a woman, like that's always the description of like wanting to have sexual relations. He never wanted, never, we never have any indication that David wanted to know Jonathan. - Yeah.

- Like he wanted to know a woman. It's just he had a deep intimate connection like a man has. - Like.

- Like how exactly? - Similar. - It's metaphorical, not literal. - Yeah, I would say Bryce and I, Bryce is my literal biological brother.

Bryce and I have a connection and a friendship that, you know, is not as intimate as Bryce is with his wife because Bryce is married, but it's analogous to just having a deep, a deep relationship with somebody. But Bryce and I are not homosexuals. - Yeah.

- And that's all that's being articulated in that text is just, he had a friendship, a close intimacy like a man might have with a woman, namely his wife, right? - Right. - But there's no indication of any sexual relations at all and David had plenty of women that we already know that he went in and knew them. - Yeah.

- And conceived with them. That's not true at all. So just to clear that up, because a lot of liberal theologians will look at Jonathan and David and say they were gay.

- That's just mere, yeah, mere speculation. There isn't a text that talks about David knowing Jonathan. - Yeah.

- But on the contrary, it's only brotherly deep bond of warrior-like fellowship. - Exactly.

And we would have language like this in Genesis 19, I would say, "Oh, David wanted to know Jonathan." They would have just said that if David actually was gay.

And the Bible condemns homosexuality everywhere else and the Bible would have condemned Jonathan and David acting like that. Okay, let's move on. We've got to do that point enough.

Real quick, in Leviticus, we're just going to talk about some of the civil laws against, immoral laws against unlawful sexual relations. So in 18 verse 22 in Leviticus, it says, "You shall not lie with a male, as with a woman, it is an abomination." So if David really did really to do that, it's an abomination, obviously. And then in Leviticus 20, we want to derive a large principle from this text right here in Leviticus 20, 13, "If a man lies with a male, as with a woman," just like we just read, "both of them have committed an abomination." Okay, we already heard that, but here's what we get the severity of the sin.

"They shall surely be put to death, their blood is upon them." And adultery also, adultery is wrongful heterosexual desires, right? That also required death in Old Testament Israel, God's nation. So we just want to stress here with these two points that God, with Sodom and Gomorrah, it incurred judgment from God, deep, lasting judgment where God literally sent down fire and sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah. And then here we see people, the individuals that are given into this act, they are to be put to death.

So what's being articulated here is, this is like a point of no return almost. Just like if a human ever gets to a point where they murder somebody, then capital punishment is required. And the same thing with wrongful sexual desires, it's that damaging for society.

If there's a murderer out, you cannot let that person be a productive member of society. There's no chance. Even though they may repent, whatever, there's no chance.

Capital punishment is the way to go on that. Even if they do repent, they may be in heaven, but they're not allowed to be a productive member of society more because they destroy society that much. And that's why there were laws in the Old Testament against even sexual immorality, including homosexuality here, because it was literally that damaging to society.

And if we just read in Genesis 2, when we started off that, God makes them male and female and the man will leave his mother and father and hold fast to his wife and they'll become one flesh. So what happens there when you commit sexual immorality, either through homosexuality or just adultery and heterosexual wrongful desires, you are literally hating and killing your spouse. You have forfeited your ability to be a productive member of society.

And that's just how grave this sin is. Right. Homosexuality.

Yeah. And one of the foundational principles as to why it's so destructive to the society is looking at what is society built on and society is built on families. The basic unit of a society is the family unit, not individuals, because individuals are incapable at producing society.

Adam could not have produced or fulfilled the cultural mandate of being fruitful and multiplying without Eve. So the family unit of the husband and wife is foundational. That is the basic unit, not the man alone nor the woman alone.

It's not individualistic, but it's family. And that's why homosexuality is an utter denial of that family unit. You can't propagate society.

Exactly. And a homosexual. So it's fundamentally anti-societal and it only brings destruction to the society because it is unable and incapable to build society up.

Literally. There's no reproduction there. Yeah.

And that's very basic. That's very intuitive. You wouldn't even need to go to the scriptures to deduce that.

Right. And the reason- If you look at biology, it's impossible. Exactly.

And Rocky put a video in the show notes of last episode- I'll put it in here. Of this gay choir. And the guys is literally singing, barely a guy, but essentially declaring how they will convert our children.

They can't win by reproduction because they're incapable to reproduce. They only win by conversion. So a basic prerequisite to expanding the homosexual regime is only through conversion because you can't reproduce it.

Yeah. Or you can synthetically reproduce in terms of adoption. Yeah.

Or artificial insemination for women, but that's all synthetic. It's not based upon the foundational unit of family. That's taking an external source and planting it.

Yeah. But it's still requiring the other member. Yeah.

You can't take that out. You have to find female cells. You have to find- the creative order is still present.

For that baby, that baby that maybe a gay couple adopts, there still was a human mother. You know, it's impossible. You have to have female cells.

Right. 23 in. Yeah.

Yeah. Good there? Good. Yeah.

I think that's a good point. Okay. Do you want to go to the Gospels first or do you want to go to- let's go to Romans 1 and then finish off with 8. Yeah.

Yeah. About Jesus. Yeah.

So Romans 1 is a very famous text about homosexuality. This whole section is talking about God's wrath against evil, unrighteous humans. That's found in verse 18 as well.

Yeah. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. So remember right there that Bryce and I aren't singling out homosexuality as the worst sin.

I would say the worst sin for society is murder. And then after that, I would probably put like adultery, both heterosexual misdeeds and homosexuality in that next category, if we would ever put tears to it. But all of them obviously incur judgment from God that is worthy of hell.

But in terms of how much it affects society, it's up there. Homosexuality is like top three that impact and destroy society. And that's why God treats it like he does in Leviticus and the wall and also Sodom and Gomorrah and then here.

So it says- is that fair? Yeah. That's accurate too. So- and I'm going to start in verse 24.

"Therefore, because they suppress the truth of unrighteousness, God gave them up in the lusts of their heart to impure 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." So who are homosexuals worshipping? The creature. And this is what happens when God does that, when he gives them up.

"For this reason, God gave them up to dishonorable passions for their women, exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature," talking about gayness and women. "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." Okay. So what happens in a society that's continually giving over to unrighteousness? More unrighteousness, more evil, more evil.

Well, eventually we see in Sodom and Gomorrah it manifested in just rampant, crazy sexual immorality. And what's happening in America as we continue to increase in unrighteousness, we see a rise in homosexual behavior and wrongful sexual actions. And this is the point that Paul is making in Romans.

And obviously, just like a heterosexual person needs to repent internally from unrighteousness if they don't want to incur judgment through adultery and things like that, the homosexual person has to do the same thing. There is no category in the scriptures. I just want to make this very clear.

There's no category in the scriptures for anybody ever being labeled a gay Christian. That's an impossibility. That would be like me as if I struggled with adultery, I would say, "I'm an adulteress Christian.

That's who I am." Or if I struggled with stealing, "I'm a thieving Christian. That's just who I am." And what happens when you make titles like that for Christians is you, first of all, you identify with the sin and then what do you do afterwards? You glorify the sin. This is who I am.

This is a part of me I can't change. This is my unique struggle that I can put my other things to death, but this one I'll never be able to put to death. It's a part of me.

I was born gay, whatever. It's a part of my being. Yeah, it's a part of my being.

And that, although you may have caused severe addictions to certain sins and you feel like you're unable to escape it, there's always a way out of temptation. And God will always help the saints achieve righteousness and holiness. He sanctifies those whom he loves.

Those whom he calls, he's going to glorify through justification and then sanctification. He's literally going to do that. So Bryce and I just want to be clear that in the Southern Baptist Convention, the SBC, there's some big names like St. Albert, Albert Mohler, Matt Hall.

There's a lot of these people that will use titles like Gay Christian. And Bryce and I just want to confidently affirm that that's an impossibility. And we want to deny any notion of ever glorifying sin or saying that gay people are born a certain way.

But, you know, there's no hyphen Christians. It's just you're a Christian or you're not. Exactly.

And if you're a Christian, you should be putting your sin. And if that sin entails homosexual desires, then by all means put that to death. But you should not glorify it nor shrink away and say, I was born this way.

I can't help it. You're not off the hook for sin. No one's off the hook for sin.

I could make the same claim. Oh, I was born just being extremely attracted to women and therefore I'm not going to wait till marriage. I was born being attracted to women.

And it's like, no, just because you think you're born a certain way, whatever, does not

mean that you can't put that you you're not supposed to put to death your unlawful things. Right. And also this goes again into this really dumb notion that you can have a sort of aesthetic appeal towards the same sex.

And it's just never something that you act on. Yeah. That in and of itself is also a sin that must be put to death.

Because like Paul says here, that which accords with natural relation, when it's talking about nature, we already read what men and women were made naturally as and that is male and female for one another. Right. And I already I offered a reputation last episode.

But here's an I'll say it again. You cannot be born gay because being born that specific way is already saying that the way that God has originally made male and female is incorrect. Because God made us male and female according to nature, which means that if you have a male sexual organ that fits the female sexual organ.

So you literally were not created or made attracted to the opposite sex. Yeah, because that's a that's an incoherent possibility. You may have a psychological disruption that causes for you to like members of the opposite sex.

But that must be put the same sex or sorry, of the same sex. Sorry. But that must also be put to death.

This has something to do with the the psyche as opposed to nature. Yeah, nature cries out. That it doesn't work.

And that's why Paul uses the argument that they exchanged natural relations or in other words, creative relations or in other words, obvious relations. Yeah, exactly. If you got a rule, if you got a sexual organ, that's a key fits for a hole.

Yeah, a key doesn't fit for another key fits for a keyhole. That's just basic observation. Even a pagan can figure that out.

So we as Christians need to stop using arguments of, oh, there's just some sort of aesthetic appeal importing Aristotelian categories in order to make a sin respectable. Sin is not respectable. If you have sexual attractions to a female, or sorry, if you're a male and you have sexual attractions to a male, not only can you not practice it, but you need to put to death your sexual attraction to a female and you need to pray to get an attraction towards another female.

Yeah. That should be your prayer every day. And whether that happens or not, God is still faithful and he is still good.

Yeah, but you must be reverting your unnatural desires and attempting to make it natural. And honestly, one really simple and easy and basic way that you can help with

this is if you eat Kellogg's cereal every day, stop doing that. That puts a lot of estrogen in your system.

You need to eat meat. You need to eat eggs and you need to drink milk. You need more testosterone.

Going back to last episode, stop grabbing stuff like a feminine woman. Don't grab things with your fingertips. Grab it with your whole palm and eat meat, eat eggs, and drink milk.

Get more testosterone. We understand it's hard. Sin is always something that's hard to overcome, but God has promised us his spirit.

As it says in 1 Thessalonians 4.3, it's God's will that we're sanctified from sexual immorality, which encompasses homosexuality. Pray that God's will would occur. Yeah.

And to speak to Bryce's point about the aesthetic real quick, if you guys haven't been a part of that conversation, there's people in the SBC that have been arguing that you can divorce the sexual desire from just the pure admiration or just the excellence of the male form. So they divorce it from, "Oh, it's not an evil sexual desire. It's just I really appreciate and love the male aesthetic, male-ness." But I'm putting the death of sexual desires, but I'm always just going to love the male form.

And it's just, yeah, you're trying to create categories and divorce something that can't be divorced. If you like the male form, it's probably because you like it sexually, obviously. Yeah.

So don't buy into those lies and don't ever try to lessen what Bryce is saying. Don't lessen or try to create any little argument to let you live in your sin. You could do the same thing with regular heterosexual desires.

I could say, "Oh, that's not that I'm a..." Or if somebody struggles with lust, it's like, "I'm not sexually desiring the woman. I just love her, the aesthetic of the female form." And it's just like any guy would just see straight through that big, "Dude, you're lusting. Come on.

Get real." Again, that's just a fancy word for sin. We need to stop using these fancy words for sin. And that goes straight into why it's wrong to associate yourself as a Christian with the sin.

So if you say you're a gay Christian, these people aren't going to overcome the sin because they've already given up. Yeah, they already gave up the right. Don't give up the fight.

Be strong, act like men, put to death your sin. We all have to kill our sin. So you have to

as well.

Definitely not saying it's hard. Putting to that sin is a lifelong task. Be killing sin or I'll be killing you, John Owen.

100%. But it's just we don't want to affirm or let people off the hook for their sin as Christians. We're supposed to judge those within the household of God.

We hold each other to the standard of God's word. And what's the standard? Homosexuality is an abomination. It is what incurs wrath on a society like almost nothing else does.

So this isn't a nightmare against America as a whole as well. Legalizing gay marriage. God's righteous frown is upon that.

And that's the end of Romans chapter one as well of a society given over to sin. That's one way by which, notice, God gave them over. That's the giving over is the exchanging of sexual morality because that's already the fundamental destruction of a society.

Excuse me. Because a society can't thrive in a homosexual. Yeah, makeup.

It just doesn't work because you don't reproduce. Exactly. So there's people like the last SBC president who would stand up and say, we as Christians are friends of the LGBTQ community.

That is also an abomination. We should love homosexuals, but we should also hate them at the same exact time. We can love them as people made in the image of God, but we can hate them because one, they're destroying society.

Two, they're suppressing the truth and unrighteousness and despising God by denying the creative order. And three, they have declared war against us. Why would we be front someone who's already declared war against us? That is the most unstrategic and dumb and foolish move that you could do.

These people are fighting us and we're like a dog rolling over. We need to fight against them as well because just listen to that show choir thing. It's very haunting.

They say, we will convert your children. They win by conversion because they can't reproduce. So we need to fight them by reproducing children, heterosexual and not giving them over to the dumb public school system for our kids to be taught by women and only know how to please women and become effeminate while they eat Kellogg's and cereal every single morning for breakfast and toaster noodles.

We need to protect our children, protect our wives, and be like Adam and work and keep the garden for our homes. Amen. No, well said.

That's good. But we just got to stop being so nice. Nice.

Yeah, well, they have declared war on us. And again, I want to reiterate this because a lot of people don't understand this, especially Christians. Love, loving somebody never ever has meant, biblically has never ever meant affirming everything someone does.

God showed his love for us that while we were still sinners, he died for us. He never ever let us off the hook. Never ever loved us and just said, you're fine the way you are.

Or you can be a gay Christian. I hope you put that to death one day, but you could still be a Christian and live exactly how you are now. I just want to reiterate that point that we do, we love the gay community, but we also abhor and hate those who come against our heavenly father and dishonor him in the way he made us.

And that goes straight into the book of Proverbs. In chapter one, wisdom cries out and says, "Come, you simple-minded, and be simple no more." That word for simple has a moral baggage accompanied with it of a moral ignorance where you are performing evil and wickedness. Wisdom says, "Be simple no longer and invites you to learn." Whereas Lady Folly never gives you that.

She just says, "Come, you simple." Essentially, you remain simple. That's exactly a great point, Rocky. Jesus commands us to flee from unrighteousness, 2 Timothy 2, 22, and to pursue towards love, peace, joy, kindness, happiness.

I would hope if Bryce and I continued in sin, loved our sin, continued in it, I would hope that yes, my brothers and sisters in Christ would restore me in love and tell me the truth, but that they would also hate that I'm dishonoring God. I would hope they would do that to me. There's no double standard of president, I promise.

No double standard. Bryce and I are knobs all from that. Bryce and I are caught in grievous sin, obviously, and we continue in it.

We love it. We don't repent. I would hope our brothers and sisters would have this divine hatred towards us that we would dishonor God, but also still love us enough to tell us the truth and still want us to repent, obviously.

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, profuse are the kisses of an enemy proverbs. I heard a good quote from Douglas Wilson. He said, "A shepherd loves his sheep, but he doesn't love the wolf.

He hates the wolf. But if he loves the wolf, he actually ends up hating a sheep. So we must hate the wolf and love the sheep." And this does not mean if a homosexual comes up to us and wants true forgiveness and repentance and help, that doesn't mean we despise them and cast them off because Jesus doesn't cast anyone off who's extending out their hand for help.

Jesus is truly repentant and want Christ. I would come alongside a gay person in a heartbeat and help them put to death their sin. And that's the reason we do that is because sin is sin.

We all kill sin. We want to help our brothers and sisters in Christ kill sin. Exactly.

And we're not going to cast anyone out. Yeah, no double standard, nothing like that. And I understand the gay community thinking that a lot of Christians have this double standard.

They're very well-made. Christians that literally just hate you, even though you're repentant and you're trying to put to death your sin, but they just will not extend any grace towards you as you put to death your sin. You're not glorifying the homosexuality.

You know it's wrong. You want to change. You want to repent.

Christians that would not come alongside their brother and Christ in that setting, that is evil. That's wrong. They should repent, not the homosexual person.

And the homosexual person should continue to repent of their homosexuality. But the person that's not willing to come alongside them just because they struggle with homosexuality, but they genuinely hate their sin and want to repent. That's a sin on the heterosexual brother.

Yeah. Is that fair? Amen. Okay.

Alright, so last thing, Bryce, I want to speak to you because we hear this often with homosexuality. Jesus never condemns homosexuality. Paul and all those guys, they were just kind of caught up in some cultural thing.

Jesus saw straight through the culture and he never speaks to homosexuality. Therefore, homosexuality is fine in Jesus's eyes. Bryce and I wanted to spell that myth right now and get rid of that notion.

Obviously, Vodie Baucom kind of exposed me to this. I imagine you could have heard it. You can hear it from a number of people.

That's just where I heard it from. And if you just think critically about scripture, but in Mark chapter 10, in verse 5, Jesus says this. They're asking him questions about divorce and he says, "Because of your hardness of heart, he wrote you this commandment, but from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast 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." So Jesus is obviously reaffirming the cultural mandate of wanting to reproduce and becoming one flesh with a woman, but he's also

reinstating, sorry, not reinstating, just reaffirming what has already been clear in scripture that what does a man do? Does a man ever be with a man? No, Jesus just affirmed and reiterated from the Old Testament, the teaching from the very beginning of conception of the world. That man is to find a woman, leave his mother and father, hold fast to her in one flesh.

Jesus is affirming what marriage is. He's affirming what sexuality is. The sexes obviously entail sexuality.

Men like women, women like men. That's normal. Jesus is not just talking about men and women are just supposed to hang out and get married and then they have kids, but we're not really concerned about their sexuality.

Entailed in this whole teaching that a man leaves his mother and father and holds fast and they become one flesh, the whole one flesh thing, that's literally talking about sexual union. When you think about the sexual act, you literally become one flesh, but it's also talking about, remember, the physical always usually has something, we're not Gnostics, the physical usually has something to say about the spiritual and is a good analogy for the spiritual. When it says one flesh, it's talking about the sexual act creating this spiritual connection in marriage.

Jesus is basically just reaffirming everything we've known about the scriptures all the way up until this point when Jesus is giving this teaching and he's not saying anything new. He's reiterating what men and women are made for and homosexuality is not a category that Jesus ever affirms and just because he doesn't explicitly ever use the word homosexuality, this text, a peripheral application of this text is that homosexuality is wrong, evil and abomination to Jesus and you should never ever commit such an act and Jesus is not okay with homosexuality. Right, because it's excluded in his claim.

It's excluded in his claim and that's a fit in there. When you go back to the creative order and here's something good to be noticing whenever you read through the scriptures, particularly something like 1st Timothy 2, 1st Corinthians 11, 5 and 9, 1st Corinthians 14, 34, when you go to the scriptures and it talks about going straight back to Adam and Eve before the fall and that is transcendent to culture. Yeah.

And because it's transcendent to culture, then what Paul says, he's not making a cultural claim. He's not saying, "Oh, well in our culture, we have this thing called homosexuality." It's transcendent to culture and that's why when Jesus goes straight back to creation and says, "From the beginning it was not so for they were male and female and they became one flesh." No. This automatically excludes every single other act and this is why this is Jesus affirming everything that we've already read in the Old Testament that not only is it a sin for a male to sleep with a male or a woman to sleep with a woman, but it's also a sin for a male to sleep with a donkey.

Yeah. Because these things are excluded or a male to sleep with an angel. These things are excluded by the creative order of the claim.

Yeah. So that's something that we must understand when we read the scriptures is that Jesus isn't talking about something cultural. He's talking about something transcendent to culture and because that is true, he's affirming exactly what Paul said.

Exactly. And that's also another error. Jesus's words are not stronger or more authoritative than what Paul wrote and that's because these are also writings of what Jesus said.

Yeah. All of scripture is equally authoritative. Exactly.

We can't parcel it up and say, "Oh, Jesus perfect theology." Right? What Paul wrote is equally as authoritative as what Jesus wrote. Exactly. We just have to apply proper hermeneutics to understand what's being said, how we need to understand what's being said and how we apply it to our lives.

Exactly. Amen. Last thing we want to hit on that Jesus said in Matthew 15 verse 19 through 20, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness." Sorry, false witness.

Those aren't two separate. "False witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone." So Jesus is talking about what defiles people and what is entailed in sexual immorality, the obvious homosexual acts.

He names adultery here and then he says sexual immorality. So what's he talking about? Anything outside of the normal sexual relations that he lays out. Obviously that is rooted in Genesis 2 like we read at the beginning.

All of it comes back to what's written in scripture. Great point Bryce, it transcends culture. Jesus is not trying to create a new culture.

Jesus is reiterating what culture should have been all from the get go in terms of how humans are to relate to one another morally. Morals do not change with culture. There's one culture that's correct.

And that's what Yahweh told us from the beginning. He's told you a man was good. Okay, sound good? - Yep.

- All right. So we are done with this little mini series that we did concerning a feminacy in men, which then leads to and is full fruition in a society that's given over to homosexuality. This is characteristic of our society.

Let's put it to death. Let's not as Christians let gays off the hook. We should be clear that homosexuality is evil and abomination and it is worthy of the act of death in Old

Testament ancient Israel.

We should take heed of God's instruction of how destructive to society this is. We should never glorify this. We should speak out against this.

We should let gay people know what the truth is. Gay people need to be evangelized just like anybody else does. We need to be faithful.

We do not let them off the hook just because society is so sensitive to this issue. Do not compromise what the Scriptures say. Bryce and I just walked us through what the Scriptures say.

Do not compromise with the culture. It's very clear. If somebody asks you, "Is homosexuality a sin?" I'll put a Tim Keller thing in here too.

You have to send me that. Tim Keller gets asked, "Is homosexuality a sin?" And he said, "What do you mean by sin?" And then he says, "Is..." And then the guy clarifies, "Is this homosexuality sends you to hell?" And he said, "Well..." And then goes on. No, he said, "No." And then obviously he probably tried to qualify it and stuff.

Yeah. So let's not talk for 15 minutes about if somebody asks us the question, "Is homosexuality a sin?" It should take about three seconds. Let's try it.

Yes. Let's run through it real quick. Mock.

Is homosexuality a sin? Depends on what sin is. Here, ask me again. Is homosexuality a sin? Yes.

It's an abomination to the Lord. There it is. And then if people get mad at you, well, those who wish to live a holy life in Christ will be persecuted.

So don't compromise. In 1 Peter 3.15, when it talks about defending the faith, you literally just say what the Scriptures say. You don't have to have proofs.

You don't have to have... You just say what Scripture says. You don't have to be able to have super great articulate thoughts. Yep.

Trust God more than you trust man. They say, "Oh no, but come on, gay people, there's no way." That's just an outdated thing in the Bible. You trust God.

You do not let every man be a liar. How's that one go? May God be true in every man a liar. May God be true in every man a liar.

And as John Knox says, "God plus one equals majority." Exactly. That's good. Okay.

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Thanks a lot for listening, guys. And I'm going to finish off with my usual verse in 1st Timothy. "To the king of the ages, a mortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever." Amen.

Solely day of glory. Thanks for listening, guys. Solely day.

Solely day. Solely day. Solely day.