



# Understanding Homosexuality

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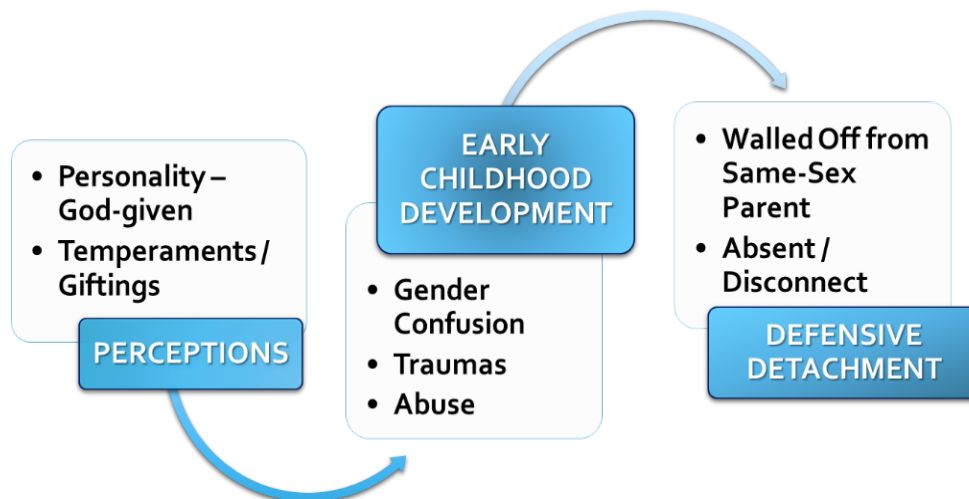
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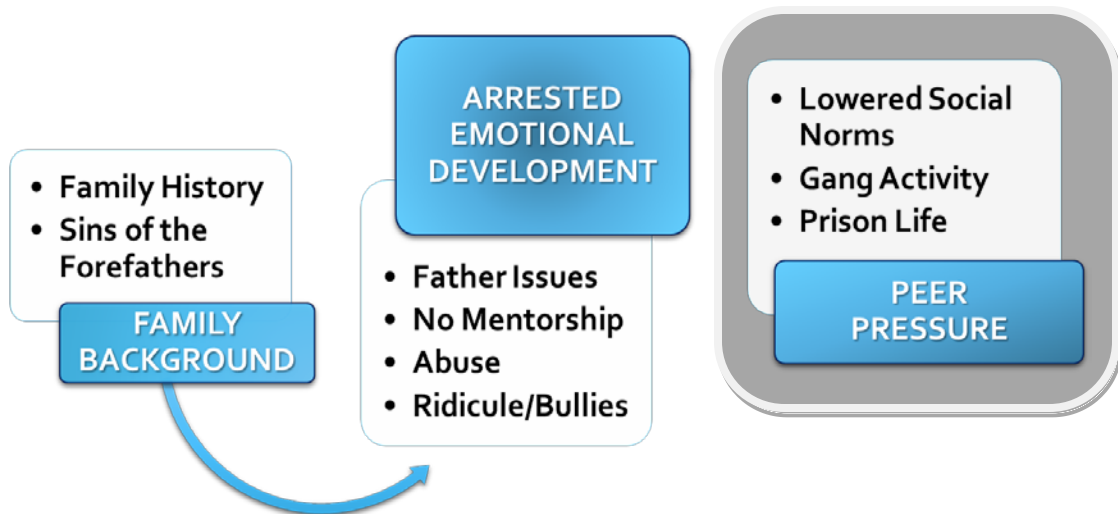
## UNDERSTANDING HOMOSEXUALITY

- What is it?
- Can one be free? (Testimonies)
- Is one born homosexual?
- Causalities
- **Through Teaching Scripture / Biblical Truth**
- Some Psychological Perspectives – Common Sense Truth - Nature
- GIVE HOPE!
  - This can be overwhelming as the issues are complex and not identical to everyone.
  - We desire to establish truth and with truth establish hope for freedom.
  
- **Stephen Black's Short Testimony**
  
- **REVIEW OF SCRIPTURE – Knowing the Word of God about homosexuality is imperative for Christ followers.**
  - **Old Testament Verses:** Gen. 1:26-28, Gen. 9:13, Gen. 18:16-33, Gen. 19:1-28, Lev. 18:22-23, Lev. 20:13, Deut. 23:17, 1 Kings 14:24, 1 Kings 15:12, 1 Kings 22:46, 2 Kings 23:7, Job 36:14, Deut. 22:5, Ezek. 16:49-50
  - **New Testament Verses:** Rom. 1:22-32, 1 Cor. 6:9-11, Gal. 5:19-21, Eph. 5:5-7, Col. 3:5-10, 1 Tim. 1:8-14, Jude 1:3-7, Rev. 21:6-8, Rev. 22:12-15

## SOME COMMON CAUSES TO HOMOSEXUALITY—OVERALL



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## COMMON CAUSES EXPLAINED – EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

### 1. Father Wound & 2. Defensive Detachment

- Absent Father / Emotional Detached
- Hostile / Angry / Scary
- Rejecting / Ambivalence
- Physical abuse
- No affirmation of healthy masculinity
- No affection – Passive
- **Arrested Emotional Development** ★
- **Perceptions from Temperament** ★
- Bottom-line: **Doesn't add up**

### 3. Lack of Mentorship – No Role Models

- Strong Feminizing Influences (males)
- Strong Masculine Influences (females)

### 4. Mother Wound / Broken View of The Feminine

- Dominant mother / Husbanding / “Girl-friend”
- Femininity unsafe – wounded mother
  - Manipulation
  - Control
  - Gender Bashing
  - Broken Marriages
  - Lesbianism (Laura Leigh Stanlake – Director of Women's Ministries)

### 4. Mother Wound / Broken View of The Feminine – FEMALE HOMOSEXUALITY

- Family Dynamics
  - Mother-Daughter
  - Father-Daughter
  - Parents' Marriage



#### **4. Mother Wound / Broken View of The Feminine – FEMALE HOMOSEXUALITY Continued**

- Gender Rejection
  - Flight from mother
  - Judgments (internal confusion)
  - Judgments (inner vows)
  - Feminism or feminist ideologies – gender distortion
  - Negative and harmful experiences with males
  
- Peer Pressure

#### **COMMON CAUSES EXPLAINED**

##### **5. Sexual Distortions & Sexual Abuse**

- Pornography & Exhibitionism – mental, emotional and visual distortion
- Verbal seduction – emotional distortion
- Sexual Abuse & Molestation
  - Incest & Rape
  - Our ministry experience reveals more than 65% men 80% of the women

##### **6. Environment Factors' Affect on Temperament and Personality Traits**

- No Touch or Care
- Rejection / Identity Conflict / Self Acceptance
  - Deep rooted rejection – RIDICULE = doubt and fear
  - Bullying
- Identity conflict / Self-Acceptance /Temperaments
  - Sensitivity / Artistic / Emotional
    - “He (she) is just different.”
  - Rough, Tough & Tumble
  
- ARRESTED EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
  
- IDENTITY CONFLICT AND CONFUSION
  - Self Esteem – How you FEEL about yourself. (psychology)
  - Self Image – How you SEE yourself (mental picture).
  - Self Identity / Acceptance – “Who You Are In FACT.” (Biblical)

##### **7. Adoption – Rejection / Identity Conflict / Self Acceptance**

- Adoption = Rejection = Never good enough
- Self-hatred

##### **8. Identity conflict and confusion through:**

- **Peer pressure**
  - Gang activity
  - New social pressures (fads / Hollywood)



## 8. Identity conflict and confusion through (continued):

- **Prison Life**
  - Sexual perversions
    - Forced
    - Accepted

## MINISTERING HOPE ~ THE BEGINNING HEALING OF THE ROOTS OF HOMOSEXUALITY

### TESTIMONIES

- – Joseph Thiessen (Intersex)
- – Jim Farrington (freedom from homosexuality & gay Christian)
- **Healing & Change can ONLY come when:**
  - You **REALLY WANT** to change”
    - It is a FIGHT “a fight of faith”
  - You **UNDERSTAND** the “whys” of “same sex attraction”
    - Your own history
    - Identify the conflicts and roots (receive ministry & counseling).
  - Understand and **Embrace A Process** of Change with a purpose



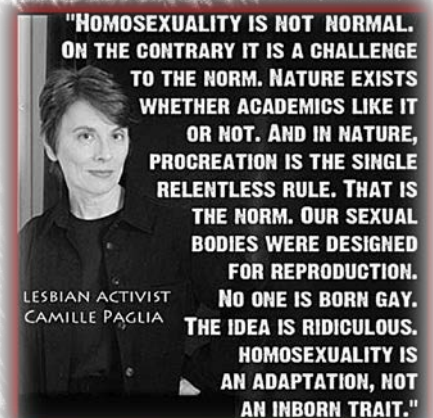
### MINISTERING HOPE – SEVERAL RESOURCES

- **Differing Views in the Church – on Christianity, Identity & Homosexuality – Battling Corruption – i.e. “REVOICE” (God’s Voice Conference – www.Godsvoice.us)**
- **Freedom Realized Project – Book and Report (www.freedomrealized.org)**
- **New APA – S.O.C.E. on Religious Men Who Sought Therapy / Help**
- **DOCUMENTARIES –**
  - **Such Were Some of You(www.suchweresomeofyou.org)**
  - **How Do You Like Me Know (www.howdoyoulikemenow.org)**
  - **Tranzformed – Find Peace with Your God-Given Gender (www.tranzformed.org)**

### MINISTERING HOPE – CONCLUDING

#### NO ONE IS BORN GAY!

- **“This Is The Way God Made Me? – A Scientific Examination of Homosexuality and the ‘gay gene’”**
- **The New Atlantis Journal – Special Report – Sexuality and Gender (Fall 2016)**



## **MINISTERING HOPE – CONCLUDING**

- **Special Report: Sexuality and Gender**
  - Part One: Sexual Orientation
  - Part Two: Sexuality, Mental Health Outcomes and Social Stress
  - Part Three: Gender Identity

## **IN CONCLUSION**

### **Homosexuality is rooted in:**

- Same Sex Parent Deficits
- Environmental Factors
  - Abuse • Family • Peers • Unhealthy Relating
- ARRESTED EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- Lack of Nurture not Nature (not genetic)
- Lack of Mentoring – Gender Mentoring
- Perceptions and Identity Conflicts

## **IN CONCLUSION: FREEDOM!**

- FREEDOM IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF A STRUGGLE! It is the ability to rise above the struggle in God's grace to be an overcomer.
- FREEDOM IS: the ability, by grace to rise above any darkness, conflict, or anything that is life controlling!
- FREEDOM IS: A walk of holiness.

## **WE ALL MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL A.B.S.**

- A. – Accountability**
- B. – Boundaries**
- S. – Spiritually Devoted Life ~ where we ALL PRACTICE Spiritual Warfare.**



**PANEL DISCUSSION: Q & A**

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