

Brian Chesemore
**SESSION 2 | Ministering with Grace &
Conviction to Those in Sexual Sin and
Brokenness**

RECOMMENDED TEXT

Making All Things New: Restoring Joy to the Sexually Broken by David Powlison¹

I. THE COMPETING WORLDVIEWS

- A. The Feminist Mistake

- B. The I-World

- C. The Crowing of Desire as King

“By submitting to such an external authority, individuals plunge themselves into inauthentic existence.”²

“Organized Christianity, with its imposition on humanity of the law code contained in the Bible, is that which has alienated human beings from each other and destroyed true liberty. Christianity must therefore be destroyed and marriage abolished, or at least dramatically redefined, if human beings are to be truly free and truly happy.”³

¹ Powlison, David. *Making All Things New: Restoring Joy to the Sexually Broken* (Crossway Books, Wheaton, Ill, 2017).

² Trueman, Carl. *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self. (Wheaton, Il: Crossway Books; 2020) 154*

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D. A Two-Tiered World: Personhood > Body

E. A Christ-Centered Worldview

II. A TRAJECTORY OF HOPE (Romans 8.18-25)

A. All Creation Longs to Be Made New

B. We “Groan” as we Await

C. All Things Will Be Made New (Rev. 21.1-5)

“We live in a Genesis 3 world with a Genesis 1 blueprint on the trajectory to a Revelation 21 future.”⁴

III. IN A FALLEN WORLD, CHRIST IS OUR SAVIOR AND SHEPHERD

A. Recognize Authority (2 Tim. 3.14-17)

B. Rest in your New Identity (1 Cor. 6.9-11; 2 Cor. 5.17)

C. Flee Secrecy (1 John 1.5-10)

D. Carry Your Cross (Matthew 16. 24-26; Luke 18.29-30; 2 Cor. 12.9-10)

⁴ Walker, Andrew T. God and the Transgender Debate. (Crossway Books, Wheaton, Ill, 2017). Pg. 88

E. Lengthen Your Timeline of Transformation

“If you think that one week of “shock and awe” combat will win this war of redemption, you’re bound to be disappointed. If you’re looking for some magic, an easy answer, a one-and-done solution, then you’ll never really understand the nature of the honest fight. And if you promise easy, once-for-all victories to others, then you’ll never be much help to other strugglers...God works step-by-step. He walks with you. He’s always interested in how you take your very next step. Walking with him feels right. You’re going somewhere. The day of “completion” will not arrive until the day when Jesus Christ arrives (Phil. 1.6). When we see him, then we will be like him (1 John 3.2). Only when God lives visibly in our midst will all tears be past (Rev. 21:3-4). Someday, not today, everything being renewed will be entirely new (Rev. 21:5). Much of the failure to fight well, befriend well, pastor well, and counsel well arises because we don’t really understand and work well with this long truth.”⁵

IV. IN A FALLEN WORLD, WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS

“In a world cluttered with opinions about gender, sexuality, race, and truth, we don’t need to be louder; we need to be clearer. We need to be compelling and competent to answer the questions that face the next generation, and to do so in a way that is loving intelligent and honoring to God.”⁶

A. Love others with Dignity

B. Love Others By Humble Association

C. Love others with Compassion and Sympathy

⁵ Powlison, David. *Making All Things New: Restoring Joy to the Sexually Broken* (Crossway Books, Wheaton, Ill, 2017). Pgs. 59-60

⁶ Seagraves, Brian and Leavine, Hunter. *Gender: A Conversation Guide for Parents and Pastors* (The Good Book Company, UK, 2018). Pg. 7

D. Love Others with the Truth

Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (1 Cor. 13.6)

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Prov. 15.1

E. Love Others With Your Confidence in the Gospel

- Jesus Christ washes people from the *guilt and shame* of sin.
- Jesus Christ frees people from the *ruling power* of sin.
- Jesus Christ creates a community made up of increasingly compassionate and truth-loving redeemed individuals.

V. RECOMMENDED READING

- David Powlison: Making All Things New
- CBMW: Council of Biblical Manhood & Womanhood (<https://www.cbmw.org/>)
- Andrew Walker: God and the Transgender Debate
- Rosaria Butterfield: The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert
- Seagraves and Leavine: Gender: A Conversation Guide for Parents and Pastors
- Nancy Pearcy: Love Thy Body
- John Ensor: Doing Things Right in Matters of the Heart
- Carl Trueman: The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self
- Vaughan Roberts: Transgender
- Kevin DeYoung: What Does the Bible Really Teach About Homosexuality?
- Sam Allberry: Is God Anti-Gay?
- Denny Burk: Transforming Homosexuality
- Piper and Taylor, eds., Sex and the Supremacy of Christ