

**Citizens of Heaven—on Earth**  
**SEXUALITY**  
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**God's Story: God's Design for Human Sexuality**

- Made in God's Image
  - Genesis 1:26, 27
- Created to live vulnerably – without shame
  - Genesis 2:25
- Jesus reaffirms God's design for human sexuality
  - Matthew 19:4-6
- Man and woman are not identical. Rather, we correspond to one another
  - Genesis 2:18
- This world system is directly opposed to the design and purposes of God
  - 1 John 2:17
  - John 15: 18-19
  - Hebrews 11:24-26
- Idolatry and sexual immorality are powerful companion sins and snares
  - Romans 1:20-28

"It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

-CS. Lewis – Weight of Glory

**Big Idea:** Our genders, male & female, are by design. Physical, sexual union/marriage is designed for male and female. Our natural, gender-based physiology does not provide for homosexual union/relationships. Homosexuality is not a natural, biological sexual orientation.

**Big Challenge:** Do not be the first to cast a stone at anyone who believes they are Gay. We are broken in relationship, but we are made whole through relationships rooted in Christ. Remember, Jesus forgives and heals. He can reorient our sexuality according to his design for us.

(O.T. scripture: Psalm 139:1-14)