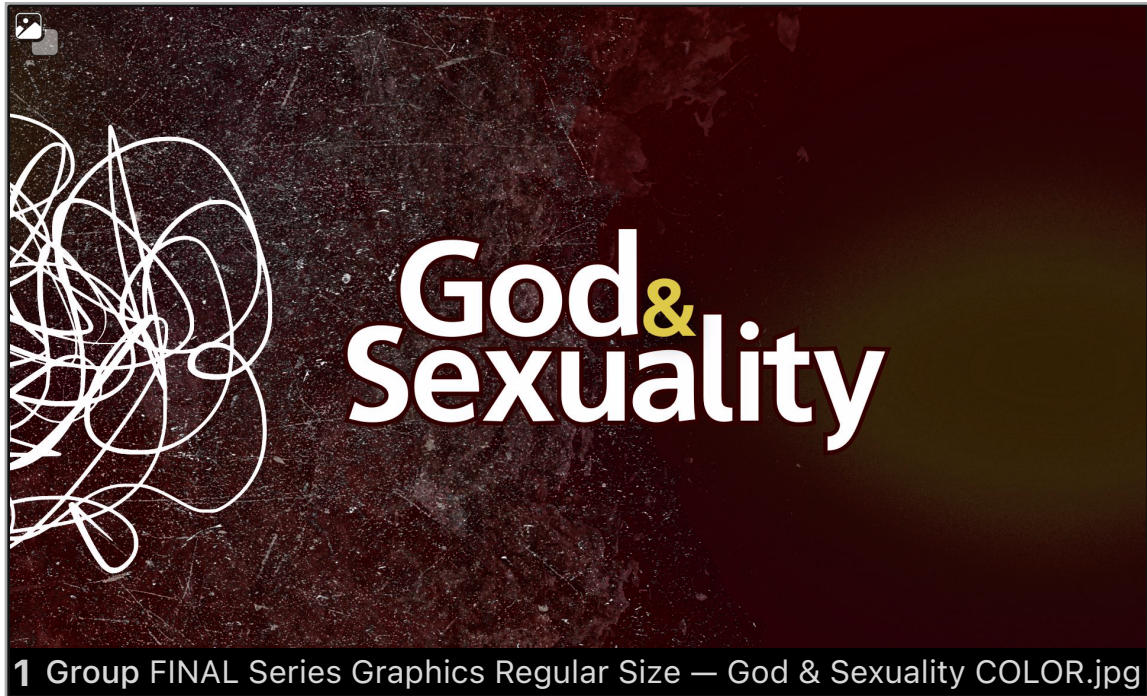


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**Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.”**

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**So God created man in his own image;  
he created him in the image of God;  
he created them male and female.**

**4**

**God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful,  
multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the  
sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on  
the earth.”**

**5**

**God also said, “Look, I have given you every seed-bearing plant on the surface of the entire earth and every tree whose fruit contains seed. This will be food for you, for all the wildlife of the earth, for every bird of the sky, and for every creature that crawls on the earth—everything having the breath of life in it—I have given every green plant for food.”**

**6**

**And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good indeed. Evening came and then morning: the sixth day.**

**Genesis 1v26-31 (CSB)**

**7**

**For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**

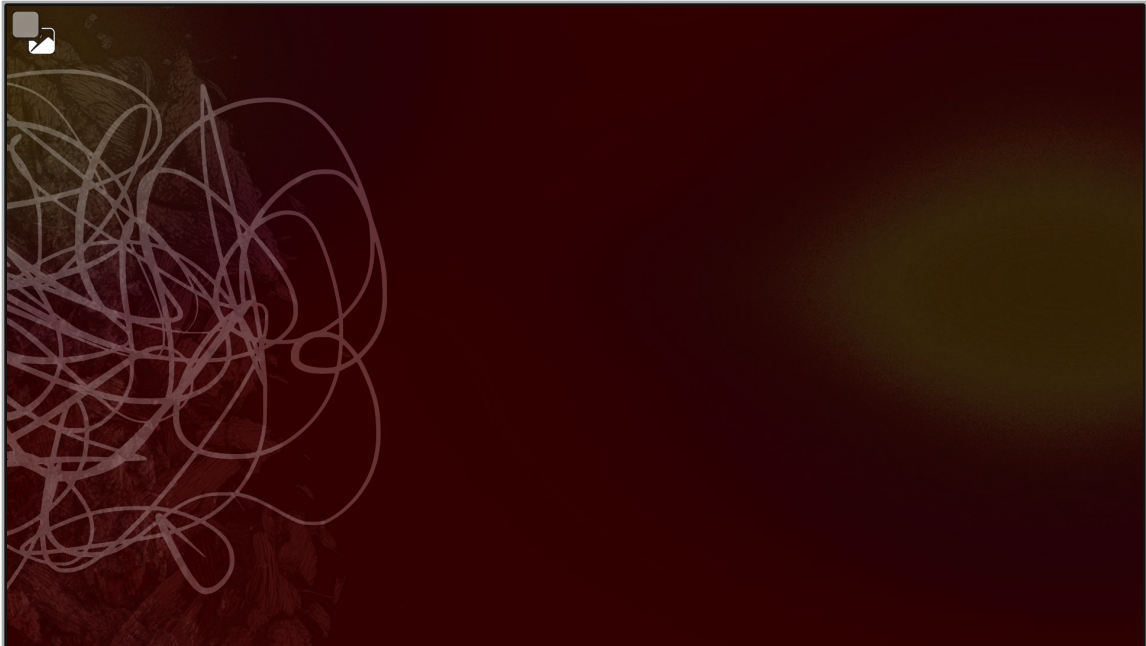
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**Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

**9**

**Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book  
were written, every one of them, the days that were  
formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.  
Psalm 139v13-16 (CSB)**

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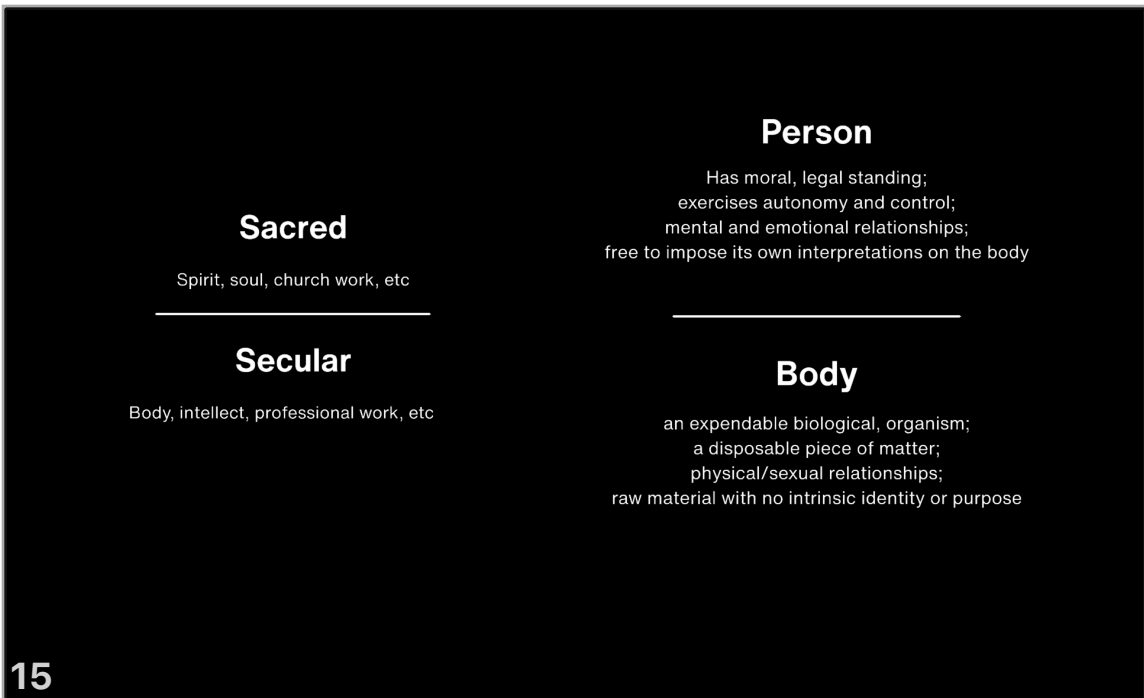
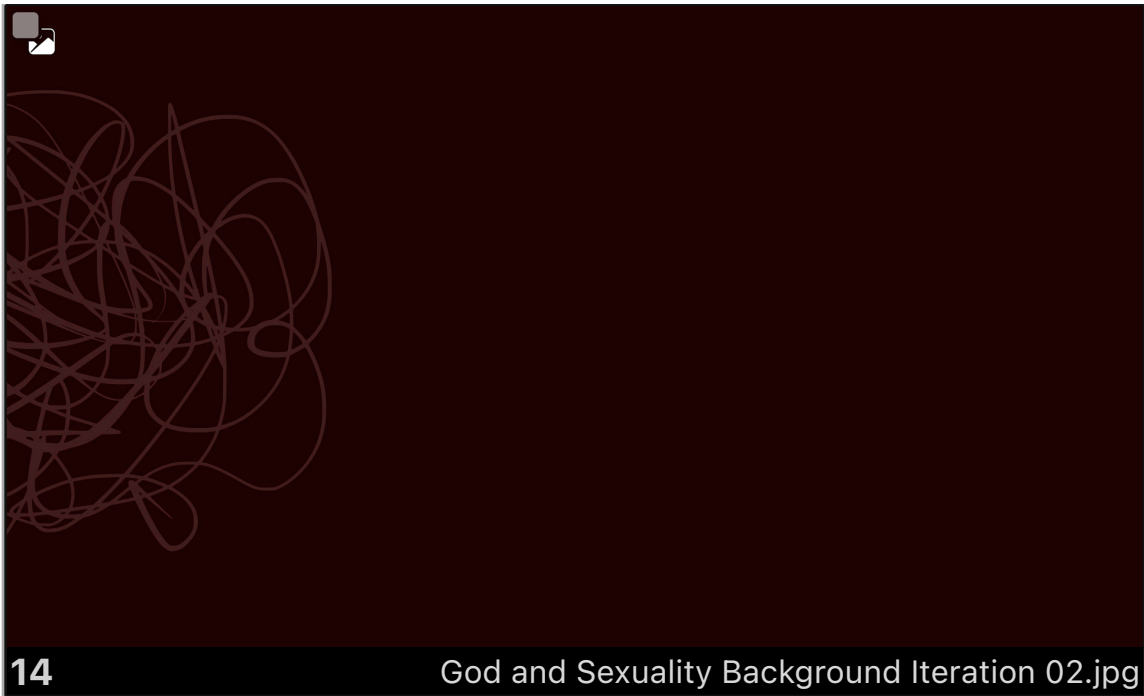
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As Christians, we must **lead with grace**  
and be **driven by truth** in all things.

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What does it mean to be human?

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**Personhood theory assumes the natural world (including the body) does not reveal God's will, and the material world is a morally neutral space where persons can impose their own will upon it.**

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**Much confusion flows from separating personhood from biology—from treating the “real me” as something deeper than, and potentially opposed to, the body itself.**

**18**

**Your body, your sexuality, is part of God’s good creation.**

**19**



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**“The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. Like the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; like the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.”**

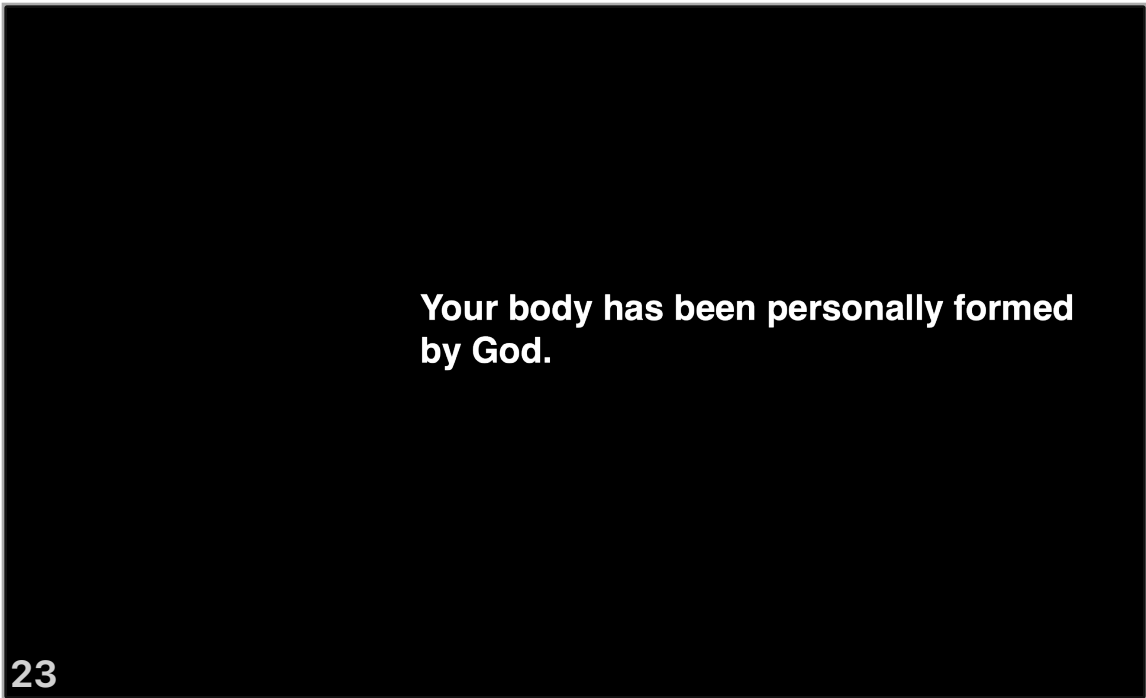
**1 Corinthians 15v47-49 (CSB)**

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**Your body has been personally formed  
by God.**

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**Your body is part of what makes you a person.**

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**God has chosen to bring the spiritual into the material world.**

**25**



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“My **soul** thirsts for you; my **flesh** faints for you...”  
Psalm 63v1

“Our **soul** has sunk down into the dust; our **body**  
cleaves the earth.”  
Psalm 44v25

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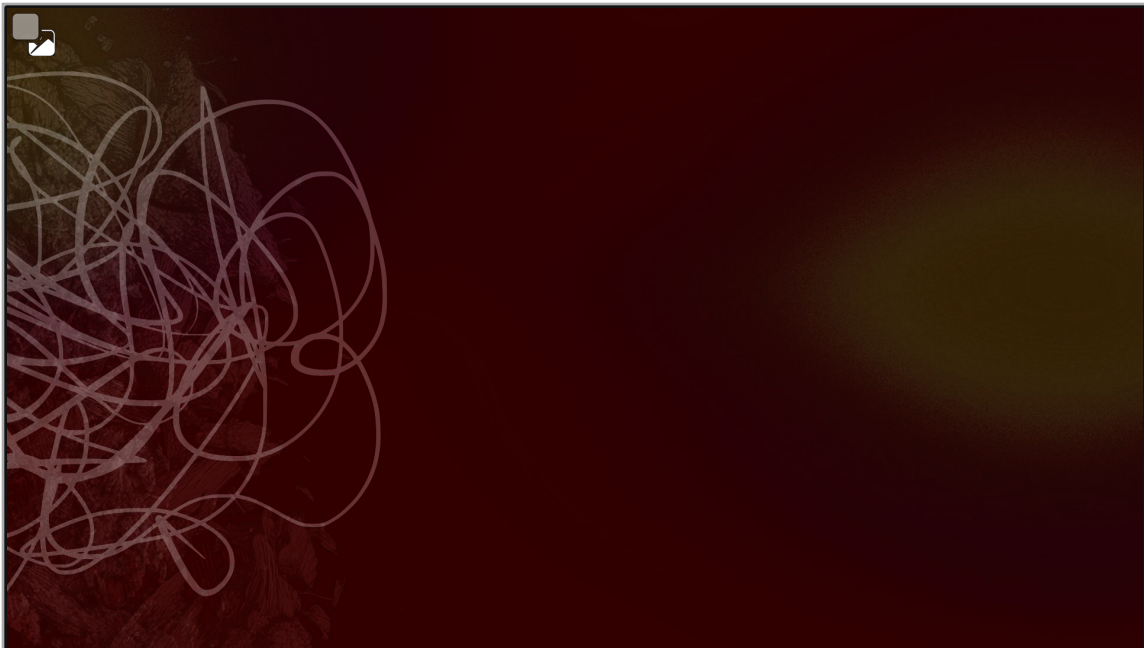
“Keep [my words] in the midst of your **heart**. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their **body**.”

Proverbs 4v21-22

“When I **kept silent** about my sin, my **body** wasted away through my groaning all day long.”

Psalm 32v3

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**Because God made us as embodied persons, our bodies and sexuality are part of who we are—and part of what Jesus redeems.**

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**Your sexuality, which is part of your physical body, tells part of the truth about who you are, designed by God.**

**31**

**Beneath all the confusion and brokenness in our sexuality and in our bodies is often a deeper wound: “I do not know how to live at peace in my own skin.”**

**32**

**Jesus does not heal us by teaching us to think less of our bodies, but by teaching us to offer our whole selves to God.**

**33**



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**Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your **bodies** as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.**

**Romans 12v1-2 (CSB)**

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**The gospel redeems whole persons,  
including your physical body and your  
sexuality.**

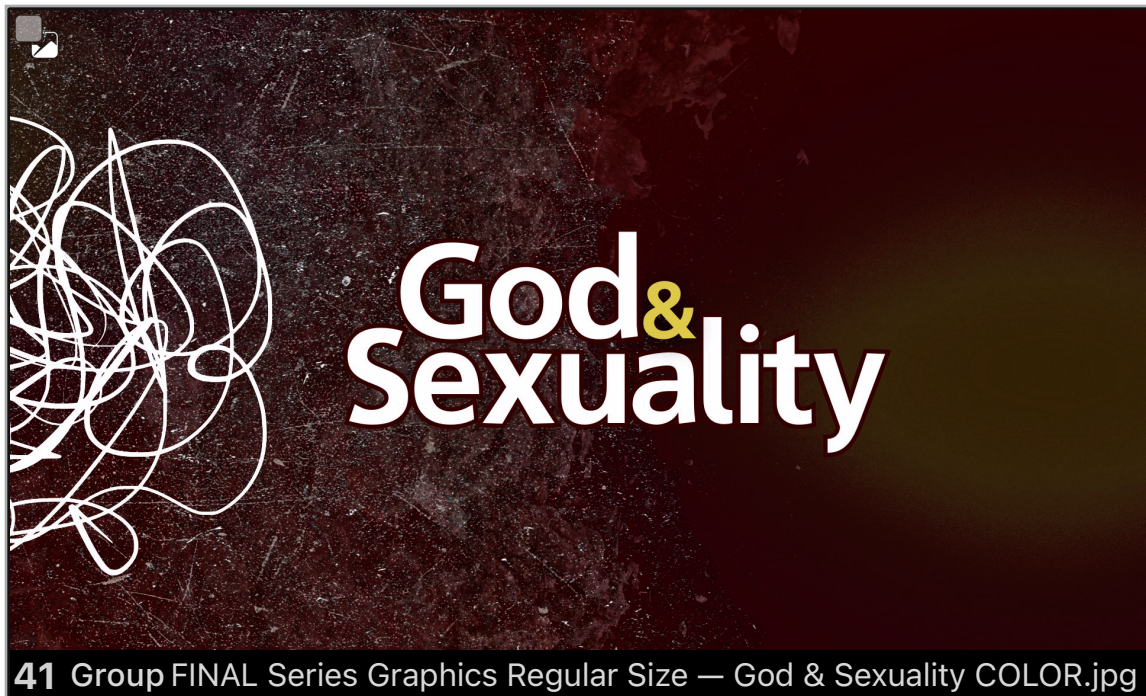
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**Bring your whole self to Jesus, your  
body and sexuality, and let him teach you  
how to live as an embodied son or  
daughter of God.**

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- 1. Receive your body as a gift**
- 2. Notice where shame, contempt, or sexual indulgence have trained you.**
- 3. Confess the narratives and behaviors that have trained your desires and how you have given into them through your body/sexuality.**
- 4. Practice embodied surrender, by offering your body/sexuality to God.**

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