

Trending
The Trouble with “Trans”
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PRELUDE – Remind Me Who I Am
Worship Song – Remind Me Who I Am
Video – Bruce Jenner Montageⁱ
Feature – Born This Way

Good morning everyone.

A few minutes ago, Shannon said that the video and music we just presented to you are meant to be taken as an illustration for purposes of education and not as an endorsement. Let me take that a step further – and I’m going to say this as plainly as I can so you’ll know where I’m coming from right up front. Actually there are two things I want to say right up front – and this is might be a little challenging for some of you to hear, but I promise I will explain so please try to hang in there.

- First of all, not only is everything we have just seen and heard not meant to be taken as an endorsement, there are so many things so wrong with it that it boggles the mind to think that people in our culture would even *consider* it let alone *approve* of it and, in some cases, even *encourage* it.

What happened at the ESPYs – though it was touching to see Bruce was accepted for who he is – the whole scene, from Bruce himself to the reaction of the crowd, was so shockingly bizarre and deviant that I had to turn away.

It reminded me of something straight out of The Hunger Games – you know, that scene where they dress up all the contestants (who will eventually kill each other) and parade them in front of the audience like it's the most normal thing ever – but we all know it's not.

- *However* (and this is the second thing I want to say right up front) ... Bruce Jenner and those

who are struggling with *gender dysphoria* (which is the official psychiatric term for feeling oneself to be of the opposite sexⁱⁱ) as well as those who have crossed the line as Bruce has done ... those folks are *not* the enemy. Instead, they are *victims* and *captives* of The Enemy – Satan and his demonic kingdom, the enemies of God and of all humanity.

Satan’s goal, Jesus once said, is to steal, kill and destroy everything good in God’s creation including – and especially – men and women, all of whom are created, the Bible says, as “male and female” ... which somehow reflects the image of God.ⁱⁱⁱ

And because those who struggle with gender dysphoria are victims and captives, they are not to be ridiculed or condemned or ostracized – any more than we would ridicule or condemn or shun someone who had been beaten and robbed and kidnapped by thugs. Instead, they are to be loved and respected.

But they must be ...

... gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (NIV)

So, in case you're wondering, that's where I'm coming from on this issue of "trans."

- It is not normal and should not be celebrated.
- But those who have struggled and are struggling are not the enemy – they're the victims.

And as I said, for some of you this is hard to hear – and maybe even a little offensive – because you're not looking at this issue from a biblical viewpoint as I am. That's not your default worldview. And that's OK.

But if you will bear with me for the next half hour, I will explain to you why I believe both of those statements are true and

- What it means for those of us who are Christians
- What it means for those who might be struggling with their gender identity
- And what it means for *those who love* those who are struggling – especially parents of children and teenagers – who are at increasing risk of being sucked into this as it becomes more accepted and celebrated.

So, let's get into it.

Lies We've Been Told

And the way I want to do this is by looking at some of the falsehoods that our culture has come to believe about this issue – which, by the way, is

why I say that those who have bought into this mindset and this lifestyle (those who affirm transgenderism have been taken captive by the forces of demonic darkness. That's how they operate.

Jesus once said that Satan ...

*... does not uphold the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44
(NET)*

He and his horde deceive people.

- They take what is destructive and deviant and make it appear to be safe and desirable.
- They call what is evil “good” and what is good “evil.”
- They substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.^{iv}

The Apostle Paul tells us that their deceptive power is so great that ...

*Satan even disguises himself as an
angel of light. 2
Corinthians 11:4 (NET)*

He and his demonic forces rarely use scare tactics. Instead, they twist the truth a bit at a time until, for instance, that which is bizarre and deviant eventually becomes normal and even worthy of celebration. And, when that happens, Satan has the ability to lead multitudes away from God into personal chaos and collective destruction.^v

And that's what's happening in our culture right now as we speak.

Paul writes that ...

*The Spirit clearly says that in later
times some will abandon the faith
and follow deceiving spirits and*

things taught by demons.
1 Timothy 4:1 (NIV)

So, how are we being deceived on this issue?
What do we believe that simply isn't true?

As I studied and prepared for this message, I came up with a list of five falsehoods. I'll give you the list first and then talk about each of them individually.

1. "God made me this way." (Bruce: God gave me this conflict so he must want me to resolve it).
2. "Transgenderism doesn't really hurt anybody else." (As long as my family is OK with it, it's OK).
3. "Children should decide their own gender."
4. "It's unloving to question or criticize the choice to transition."
5. "The only real options are to transition or be miserable."

Have you ever heard those opinions expressed with respect to this issue? I'd be surprised if you haven't heard *all* of them in some form or another.

Digging Deeper

So, let's take a look at each one of them, beginning with the first one:

1. "God made me this way."

That's pretty much what Bruce said in the video. "God looked down on little Bruce and said he needs to struggle with something. So let's put a female soul in him."

When I heard him say that, I felt so sorry for him because he – along with anyone else who believes that *God* is the one who created them in a way that does not match up with the biblical design of "male and female" both in terms of gender *and* sexual behavior – anyone who

believes that God did that to them has been utterly deceived by Satan and his demons.

“Wow, Rick, that’s a pretty strong statement!”

Yes, it is. And here’s why I make it: *the Bible is very clear that the kind of desire that Bruce struggled with all of his life is actually the result of the presence and power of sin in this world.* In a very real sense, he’s a victim of the curse just like you and I are victims of it. (Of course, he’s also a contributor to it – just as you and I are contributors in our own way).

We’ve talked about this on many occasions and I’m sure we’ll keep talking about it because it is foundational to understanding why this world is the way it is and why people are the way they are. It explains why all of us in some way or another suffer from “disordered desires” – those cravings and tendencies and weaknesses that lead us to habitually disobey what God has made clear about how those created in His image are to

live.

Someone has said that “sin is the fount from which our brokenness flows.”^{vi} And he’s exactly right.

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Christians at Rome put it like this:

Since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans

1:19-23 (NIV)

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error. Romans 1:27-28 (NIV)

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity.

Romans 1:28-29 (NIV)

And we see that, don't we, everywhere we look? Disordered desires in one form or another ... which Paul goes on to list.

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. *Romans 1:30-32*
(NIV)

Can you say “ESPYS?”

Now, with that description of how you and I are affected by millennia of sin upon sin upon sin, is it any surprise that there are people in this culture who are confused about their gender? Or confused about their sexual orientation? Not at all. Paul saw that reality of the human condition

2,000 years ago.

So, the first lie and the greatest lie is that it's God's fault. God messed up those who struggle with gender dysphoria as some kind of a cruel test when, in reality, when you get right down to it transgenderism is simply the fruit of the sin of envy: "I want what he has ... or is. I want what she has ... or is. And I will do whatever it takes to get it."^{vii}

Now, please don't hear that as saying that this sin is worse than any other or that it's more intentional than any other because it's not. Everyone has their own set of disordered desires that they inherit and propagate.

The second big lie about this issue is that ...

2. "Transgenderism doesn't hurt anybody else"

In the interview with Diane Sawyer, Bruce said

(and most would agree with him) that “as long as my family is OK with it, then it’s OK.”

In spite of the fact that Bruce’s wife and daughters – the Kardashians – are probably not OK and haven’t been OK for a long, long time ... there are many other costs associated with the normalization of sexual deviancy (and I don’t mean that in a negative sense – just that this practice and lifestyle deviates from what God has revealed as normal).

One commentator has written^{viii} that activists are working to make it the case ...

- That the state and private businesses cover gender-reassignment surgeries
- That men who identify as women be able to use women’s restrooms
- That girls who identify as boys be able to play on male sports teams
- That we consider it immoral to refer to infants as male or female lest we

insidiously impose upon them a gender they might not identify with.

- That we ban therapy to treat gender dysphoria
- And that we generally co-opt language and social norms to reflect pernicious falsehoods about the human body ... or, what Ben Shapiro describes as “imposing on the rest of society a necessity for fictionalized thinking” (e.g. “there goes a guy who really is a girl” or “there is no such thing as a guy or a girl.”)

And all for a group that represents at most .3% of the population.

And don't hear what I'm not saying in that. As Christians especially we need to love and support these folks even if they represent only .3% but this is change on a massive scale that is hard to justify given the minimal size of the group and the dubious nature of the claim.

But more important than any of these impacts (in my opinion) is the example that will be set for young people ... something which Bruce himself pointed out in his speech at the ESPYs, urging the crowd of football, basketball, baseball and hockey superstars to remember what they say and do is “absorbed and observed by millions of people, especially young people.”

Of course, he was speaking about the need to set an example of respecting transgender individuals (and he was right) but he is setting an example, too – a very dangerous one.

In the words of one commentator:

Few seem concerned about the young and impressionable, the unformed and vulnerable, the children and teenagers who have yet to come to terms with their sexual identity. They often try on experimental personas, and they are most at risk in this one-sided information marathon.

Why are they at risk? Because 80 percent of boys who identify as girls eventually grow out of it^{ix} but because transgender and homosexual orientations are both accepted and celebrated as cultural identities, if your child experiences such an inclination there is going to be a strong pull to run with it, and claim the identity and the community that go with it.^x They're going to conclude they are gay or trans when in fact, they are plain old boring heterosexuals.

And at least as much damage will be done to them as the LGBTQ community claims is done to them.

... which bring us to the next big lie that is being whispered from the kingdom of darkness:

3. Children should decide their own gender.

“After all, gender is an artificial social construct;

something humans invented that we have thankfully and wisely moved beyond.”

... which of course flies in the face not only of the scriptures that, again, make it very clear God created male and female binary genderism but also the repeated admonition that parents – not the child nor the culture – are responsible to shape and direct their children.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 (NLT)

So, this is such a pernicious and destructive lie – that parents would actually be doing the right thing by letting little Steven decide if he’d rather

be Stephanie.

But that's where this is going. In a recent Slate article Christin Scarlott Malloy calls for obstetricians to refrain from stating the "opinion" that the child they have just delivered is a boy or a girl. She writes:

With infant gender assignment, in a single moment your baby's life is instantly and brutally reduced from such infinite potentials down to one concrete set of expectations and stereotypes, and any behavioral deviation from that will be severely punished—both intentionally through bigotry, and unintentionally through ignorance.^{xi}

And, again, to avoid such a horrible fate, parents should let the child experiment and decide. But common sense (which may not be as common as it used to be) teaches us that young person's identity— typically swarmed by hormones in

adolescence—*is fragile and needs guidance, not more options.*

And if you're a parent, let me encourage you to give it and to not buy into this deception.

- If you have a daughter who wants to be a boy scout instead of a girl scout — most likely it's because the boy scouts go on more interesting trips, and your daughter has a taste for action and adventure.
- If you have a son who is more comfortable with the girls than with the boys — it could be he doesn't like being shoved around by the bullies in his class. (That was me in elementary school).

None of these are gender issues, not at all. And to treat them as “gender problems” would be to create a new problem without solving the real problem. Address the real problem.^{xii}

Kids need to grow into gender identity with the

help of parents and a community that guards against stereotypes (e.g., boys should like sports and not dance) and instead instills essentials (e.g., boys should own sacrificial responsibility and resist passivity).

Now having said so much about parents and children, I know there are some here today who are thinking “this is really good advice, but my son or my daughter has already made that decision. They’ve decided to transition or they’ve decided that they are gay. And I’m broken by that. I want to love them and support them but it feels hopeless.”

As I was preparing for this message, I came across the story of a young woman who, at one point had come believe she was gay and had entered into that lifestyle and community but then, to quote the scripture we read earlier, “came to her senses.”

And what she said was so inspiring that I felt like

the Lord wanted me to share it as encouragement to you ... and also to any young person who has made that same decision and is thinking, “well, this is who they told I am. I’m gay. I’m trans. But I think I might have made a mistake. I don’t think this is right.”

Let’s watch.

Video Clip – Jackie Hill-Perry Testimony (4.0 min)^{xiii}

(Begin) Voice: “Yeah, I really saw that I was holistically sinful ...”

(End) Voice: “He loves your children more than you do.”

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Alright, the fourth falsehood that is coming from demonic influence is that ...

4. “It’s unloving to question or criticize the choice to transition.”

Of course, this one is not only of interest to those who love those who struggle with gender dysphoria, it's also of interest to Christians because that's the charge that's almost always leveled whenever we do question or criticize – and not just on this issue but on any issue in which we see people heading for danger.

“If you really loved this person you'd just be quiet and support them unconditionally.”

Now, it is true that the “Christian thing to do” is – as I said at the very beginning – is to support and respect and not ridicule or condemn or shun those who have made this choice.

But that's not all that the Bible says.

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each

*other's burdens, and in this way you
will fulfill the law of Christ.
Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)*

You know what the law of Christ is? Right before Jesus was crucified, he called his disciples together and said “a new commandment – a new law – I give to you.” Remember what it was? “Love one another as I have loved you.”

So, what Paul is saying is, “look, if you really want to love other people, you have to carry their burdens. But not just their trials and tribulations; sometimes, if you really do love people, you have to get into the middle of their sin and call them out of it. You need to question and even criticize if necessary. But you need to be gentle and humble about it because you, too, are a sinner and you are susceptible to your own particular set of disordered desires and dysphoria.”

But, how does this apply to the issue of transgender?

One commentator puts it like this, with respect to Bruce Jenner:

“If you love Bruce you won’t go along with his delusion. Because the simple scientific reality is that Bruce is a man and if he truly thinks he’s a woman it’s really no different than if he thought he was an elf or Napoleon; the answer is to help him love who he really is not to enable his delusion.”^{xiv}

And until very recently in medicine, this was considered a delusion and treated as such.

Dr. Paul McHugh, who spent forty years as the University Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Medical School (twenty-six of which were also spent as Psychiatrist in Chief of Johns Hopkins Hospital) writes that ...

“Gender dysphoria belongs in the family of similarly disordered assumptions about the body, such as anorexia nervosa. Its treatment should not be directed *at the body* with surgery and hormones any more than one treats obesity-fearing anorexic patients with liposuction. The treatment should strive to correct the false, problematic nature of the assumption and to resolve the psychosocial conflicts provoking it.”^{xv}

In other words, in the case of the dangerously underweight anorexic who believes falsely (but tenaciously) that they are significantly overweight, the proper medical procedure is to restore his or her mental faculties to their properly functioning state.

Bottom line, whether you’re a good doctor or you truly love someone, you don’t enable them to do things that are self-destructive.

Of course, a really good question to consider is ...

why is gender transition so vigorously defended as normal while anorexia is so vigorously presented as a serious mental disorder with desperate need for medical attention?^{xvi}

More germane and timely is why was Bruce so accepted while *this person* was so vilified?

Video Clip – Rachel Dolezal: “I identify as black.” (1.3 min)^{xvii}

(Begin) Male news anchor: “Rachel Dolezal – she is out at the NAACP ...”

(End) Female anchor: “... Bruce Jenner with transgender issues and now her with transracial issues.”

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If Bruce Jenner can say he is a woman why can't Rachel Dolezal say she is black?

The answer to the question is sex – specifically the sexual revolution that took place in the 1960s

in which sex and procreation were separated, in effect, sterilizing the nature of the male and female sexual organs.

Since sex is no longer the joining of male and female for the creation of offspring, then the idea of male and female genders can be rejected^{xviii}, which is why Bruce was hailed as a hero and Rachel was excoriated as a fraud ... which is insanity.

Ok, one more falsehood that is propagated by the father of lies and this one is often whispered directly to those who struggle with gender dysphoria.

5. “The only real options are to transition or be miserable.”

If your heart says that you are a man (when you are in a woman’s body) or you are a woman (when you are in the body of a man), then that’s

all that matters. You have to follow your heart or you will be unhappy.

This is the logic that Bruce Jenner followed. And it's also the logic that many people follow in every area of life. I came across an article by Tony Robbins that summarized it well. He wrote:

“Trying to live in a way that’s inconsistent with our true nature will create a life of frustration, stress and disappointment. We must learn to embrace our deepest needs, desires, strengths, fears, values and beliefs in order to create harmony and tap into our tremendous potential.”^{xix}

Now, there is nothing wrong with trying to figure out who you are and then trying to live accordingly as long as that doesn't violate God's design or commandments. But to believe that you will be miserable unless you do is to believe a lie. In fact, it's the very first lie Satan told human beings.

In the book of Genesis we read that when Eve saw that the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom she hesitated because God had declared it off-limits; warning that eating it would lead to death.

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” Genesis 3:4-5 (NIV)

In other words, “Eve, God is holding out on you guys. You *know* that you want to eat that fruit and you *know* that it will make you happy. So you should do it regardless of what God says. Trust your heart on this, Eve, or you’ll be missing out.”

And she fell for it. And then Adam fell for it, too. And the curse of sin and death soon followed. You can read all about it in the rest of Genesis

chapter three ... and the rest of the Hebrew Scriptures ... and the rest of the New Testament.

And you can see that story played out over and over again throughout the history of the human race including in your own life. Every time someone follows their heart in opposition to what God has revealed misery is the eventual result. And this is true, sadly, for many who go down the road of transitioning.

In spite of the modern miracle of surgery, transgendered men do not become women, nor do transgendered women become men. All merely become feminized men or masculinized women, counterfeits or impersonators of the sex with which they “identify.” And eventually that leads to a big problem.

The most thorough follow-up of sex-reassigned people—extending over thirty years and conducted in Sweden^{xx}, where the culture is strongly supportive of the transgendered—

documents their lifelong mental unrest.

<Slide of abstract> Ten to fifteen years after surgical reassignment, the suicide rate of those who had undergone sex-reassignment surgery rose to twenty times that of comparable peers.^{xxi}

The summary reads:

This study found substantially higher rates of overall mortality, death from cardiovascular disease and suicide, suicide attempts, and psychiatric hospitalizations in sex-reassigned transsexual individuals compared to a healthy control population. This highlights that post-surgical transsexuals are a risk group that need long-term psychiatric and somatic follow-up. Even though surgery and hormonal therapy alleviates gender dysphoria, it is apparently not sufficient to remedy the high rates of morbidity and mortality found among transsexual persons.^{xxii}

In other words, there's no guarantee.

That's the experience of Walter Heyer, who runs an organization that assists individuals whose lives have been torn apart by unnecessary gender-change surgery.

“At age 42,” he writes, “I transitioned from male to female. I was euphoric. I felt the gender change was the best thing I had ever done. Many of my friends supported and affirmed my decision. For example, Bill, my closest friend of many years, told me, ‘You have never looked happier. You are more at ease as a woman.’”

“But after eight years of living as a woman, my once-successful transition turned on me. The exhilaration from the early days wore off, and I found myself reflecting on my transition. I came to realize that all the changes to my appearance, dramatic and effective as they were, were only cosmetic. All the changes to my identity

documents—birth certificate, driver’s license, Social Security card—were in name only, simply words on the paper.

“The reality that I was not a woman was just too much for me. Unexpectedly, my emotions plunged downward and overwhelmed me. All the gender specialists I consulted assured me I was a true transgender. They encouraged me to stick with my female gender, but eight years was long enough. It was over.

“The shame of being so narcissistic and self-absorbed as a transgender female and knowing I had hurt the ones I loved resulted in deep depression and regret. I started to consider suicide. That’s what I mean when I say my once-successful transition turned on me. I discovered much too late that gender change surgery was not a medical necessity at all. I can admit that transition was the biggest mistake of my life.

Then he concludes: “I wish I could say I’m the

only transgender to regret transitioning, but contrary to what the media would lead us to believe, I know I'm not the first or the last. I get many emails from male-to-female transgenders who eventually regretted their gender change. Some say regret came as early as three months after surgery; others tell me it took 8, 10, 15, even 30 years to admit that gender change was the biggest mistake of their life. I have received comments such as, "How could I have been so stupid?"^{xxiii}

Now, I don't relate his story to condemn anyone who has made the decision to transition, including Bruce Jenner. My point is to say that "transition or be miserable" is a lie and that there is another option ... the same option that Jackie Hill-Perry took ... which is to be transformed moment by moment *not* into the image of the opposite gender, but into the image of Christ as we wait for the day He returns to make all things new; the day He removes the curse of sin and reorders our disordered desires.

Instead of putting on the clothing or even the organs and body parts of the opposite sex, God offers us the option of putting on a completely new identity that comes when we give ourselves to Christ.

God's plan, Paul writes is for *all of us* to

...

Put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV)

God's plan isn't to fix what happened in our first birth. It's to give us a new birth altogether.^{xxiv}

Now, does that mean it will be easy? No. It's never going to be easy to battle with the brokenness of sin in this body. That's why Paul writes in Romans 8 that:

All creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. We were given this hope when we were saved.

Romans 8:22-24 (NLT)

We're going to struggle until the day we die or Jesus comes back. But since we know and we have hope that He is coming for us, we also know the truth: *that our disordered desires and inner conflicts, no matter how powerful and difficult-to-handle they may be do not define us.* It's a thing we have to deal with, but it's not us. In Christ and because of Christ, we are something much bigger than this or that struggle.^{xxv}

And that's the thought I want to leave you with today.

So would you pray with me? <PRAYER>

- It is not normal and should not be celebrated.
- But those who have struggled and are struggling are not the enemy – they're the victims.

Feature – My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Closing Comments – Rick / Offering

1. Series change / mea culpa
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