

All In with Jordan Easley

Gender, Identity, and Sexuality (Part 1)

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INTRODUCTION

NOTES

Over the new couple of weeks, we're going to be unpacking Biblical truth regarding gender, identity & sexuality. The purpose of this message isn't to lament the condition of our society and it isn't to degrade or denigrate those who currently live in a way that's inconsistent with a Biblical worldview. The purpose of today's message is to bring hope, and it's to bring clarity in the midst of what is currently a very confusing season in our culture. So let's dive into what God's Word has to say about these very important and controversial topics.

KEY POINTS

1. God is the designer of gender.

God is the architect behind male and female, and this goes back to the very beginning in the book of Genesis. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female."

In this passage, we see the genesis of gender—this was God's idea. The world will tell you that the terms "male" and "female" are simply cultural constructs, but the truth is that these terms were significant parts of God's blueprints in His creation of mankind.

He tells us two very specific things here about His creation of us. We were created in God's image, and we were created male and female. That means for the male—there are aspects of God's image that are reflected in who you are, and for the females, the same is true—you are made in God's image.

Jesus affirmed this in Matthew 19:4 when He said: "Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied, "They record that from the beginning, 'God made them male and female.'" This was God's design. We were created in God's image, and we were created male and female. He created us this way with great intentionality so that we would reflect Him, and so that we could relate with Him as our Heavenly Father.

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2. God founded the foundation for the family.

The Bible gives us great clarity regarding His design, especially when it comes to the roles and responsibilities associated with gender. In the Bible, a boy becomes a man, a man becomes a husband, and a husband becomes a father. A girl becomes a woman, a woman becomes a wife, a wife becomes a mother.

The Bible speaks with great intentionality when it comes to our gender, as well as our roles and responsibilities within the family. He tells us in Ephesians 5:22-23, “Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body.” Verse 25 goes on to say. “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her...”

In this passage, He shows us: Husbands were positionally designed to be leaders of their homes and to love their wives like Christ loves the church. He goes on to give this analogy that says Jesus is the groom, and the church is the bride.

Jesus leads in such a way where He lays down His life for the bride (which is us, the church), And in doing so, He shows us how we should relate with one another by serving one another, loving one another, and making sacrifices for one another.

3. God is the inventor of intimacy.

In addition to God creating human beings in His image, as male and female, He also brings us together for a purpose. Part of that purpose (not the entire purpose) is to fill the earth or to procreate.

Now, I realize many people probably didn’t grow up having conversations about this, but these are a few things the Bible says about sex:

- Sex was designed by God to be good.
- Sex was designed by God to bring glory to God.
- Sex was designed by God to exclusively take place between a husband and a wife.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. When you consider what the Bible has to say about gender, identity, and sexuality, does anything surprise you when you compare it to what the world says is acceptable or even worth celebrating?
2. What is something new you learned from today's message?
3. How does the Bible's description of intimacy affect the way you view or think about intimacy? What about gender roles?
