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Sex, marriage & singleness

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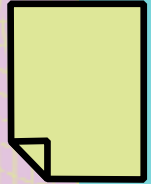


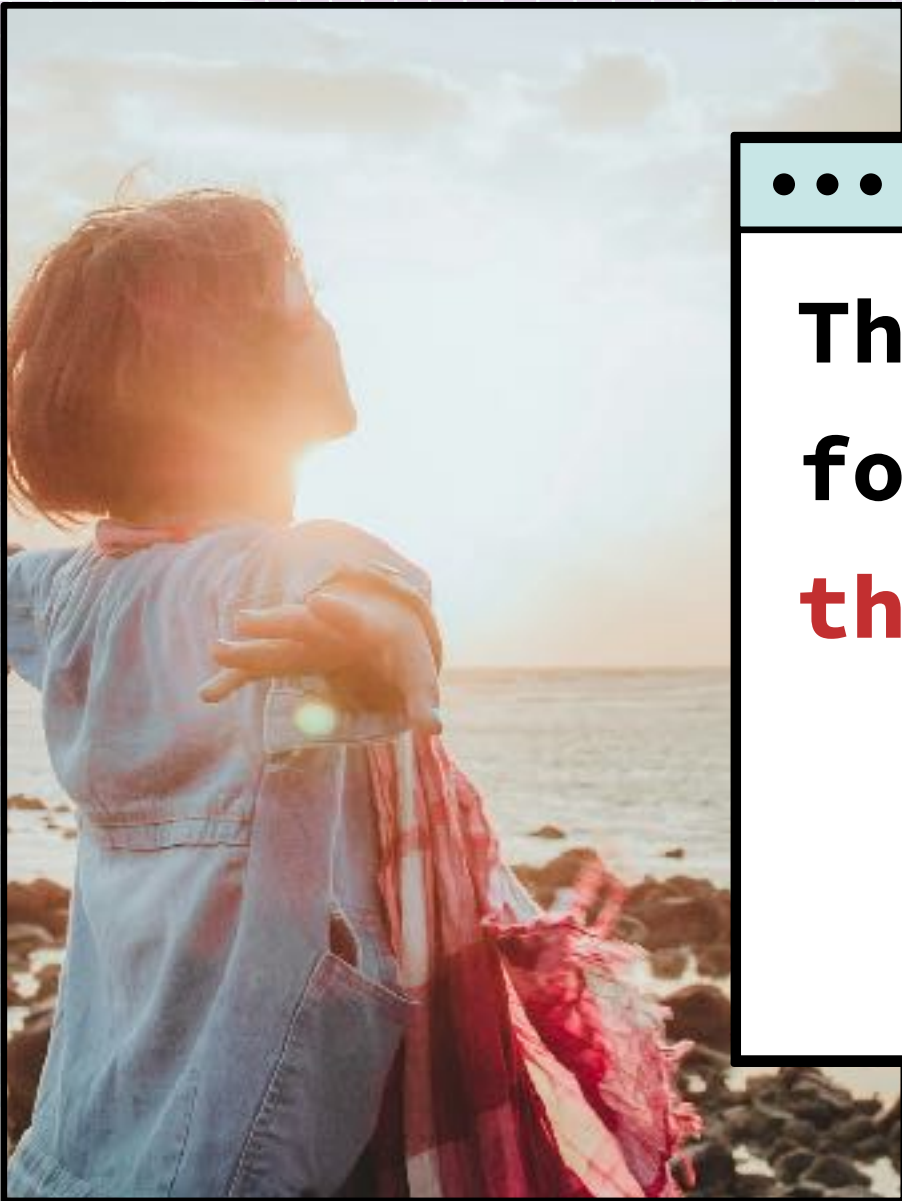
# HOMOSEXUALITY [Part 2]

## Matthew

### 12:44–46

# Why the gospel is good news for gay people





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**The gospel is good news  
for gay people because  
they are not shut out**

“...whoever comes to me  
I will never drive  
away.” John 6:37b

The gospel is good news  
for gay people because  
**sex (and marriage) is  
not ultimate**

“Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.’” John 4:10



The gospel is good news for gay people because **what is gained is greater than what is lost**



“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.’ Mt. 13:44-46

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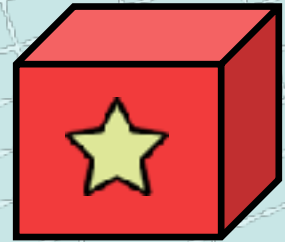


“However much we have to leave behind we are never left out of pocket. Whatever we give up Jesus replaces, in godly kind and greater measure. The gospel can be relationally costly. But it is also relationally generous.”

The gospel is good news  
for gay people because  
**it offers intimacy**



We have spoken freely  
to you, Corinthians, and opened  
wide our hearts to you. We are not  
withholding our affection from you...  
**2 Cor. 6:11–12**



“Rather than seeing sexual and romantic love as the high point on a scale where friendship laps at the low-water mark, the Bible invites us to pursue human love in different forms, governed by different boundaries. The same Scriptures that say no to same-sex sexual intimacy say a massive yes to intimacy of other kinds.”

**Rebecca McLaughlin**



## ● ● ● EARTHLY AND THEOLOGICAL PURPOSE OF RELATIONSHIPS



Relationship type	Earthly purpose	Descriptor	Theological purpose
Marriage	Companionship, covenant, intimacy, love & sex	<u>One-flesh</u> (Gen. 2:24)	To show us what it means to be united to Christ (Eph. 5:32)
Parenthood	Protection, nurture, discipline, care and love	Fruitful increase (Gen. 1:28)	To show us how God loves his children (Rom. 8:15)
Friendship/ Fellowship	Companionship, non-sexual intimacy & love	<u>One-body</u> (Rom. 12:5)	To show us how God includes us as his friends (Jn. 15:15)

The gospel is good news because **gay celibate Christians offer unique insight and knowledge to bless the church**



“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’”

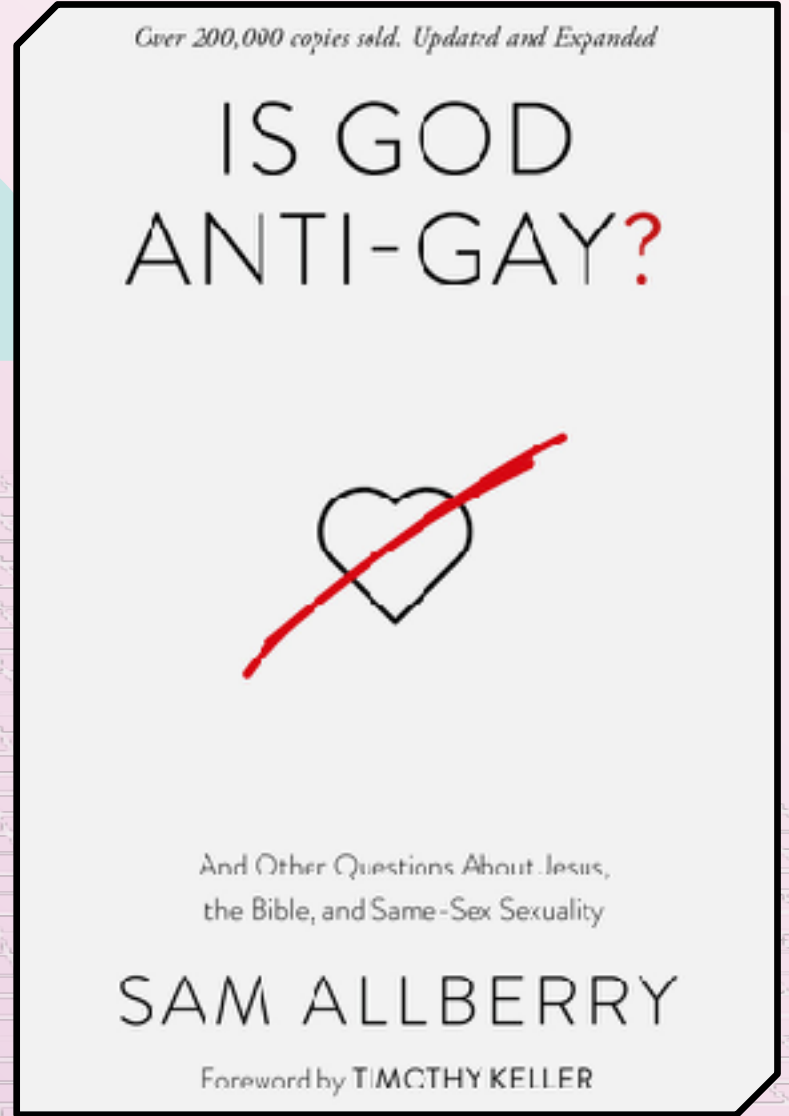
Matthew 16:24

# RESOURCES

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## The gospel is good news for gay people because

- ▶ They are not shut out
- ▶ Sex (& marriage) is not ultimate
- ▶ What is gained is greater than what is lost
- ▶ It offers intimacy
- ▶ They offer so much to the church