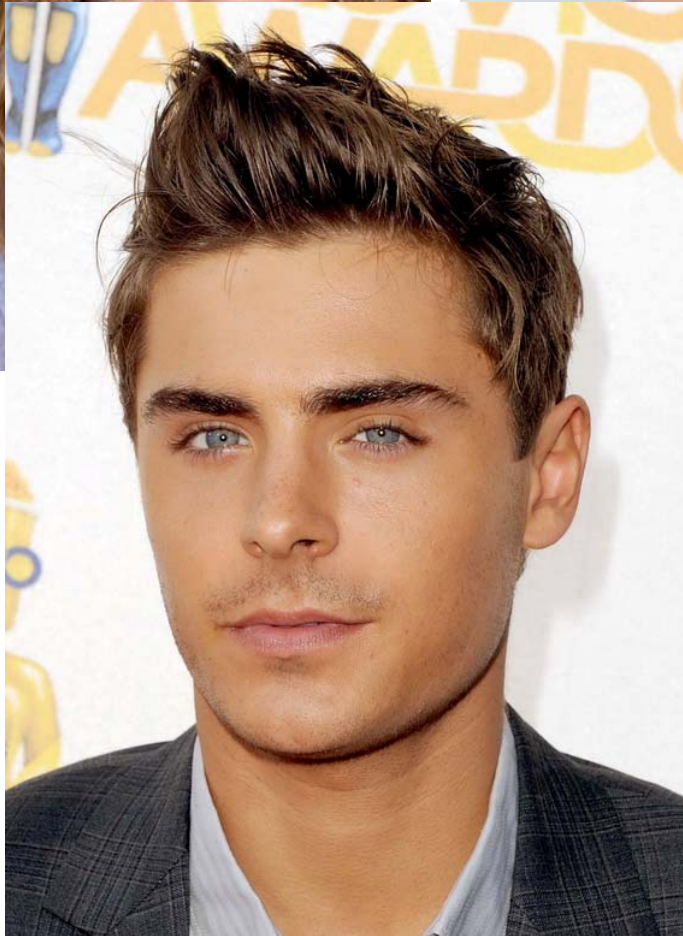


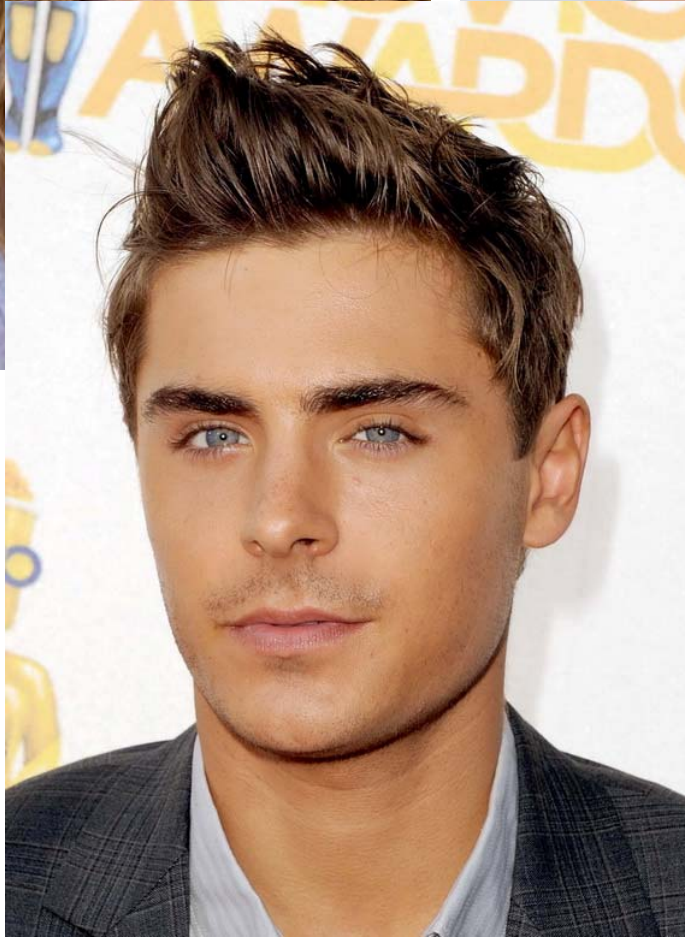
***The sticky  
conversation about  
same-sex attraction***

Homosexuality and Where it Comes From











# Our gender-



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## **Our gender-**

God has a will for your life AND will  
use your gender



# Our gender-

girls- Celebrate being feminine!



# Our gender-

girls- Celebrate being feminine

guys- Give yourself more grace.

Rejecting all things feminine is a  
key part of being truly masculine

**LIES!**

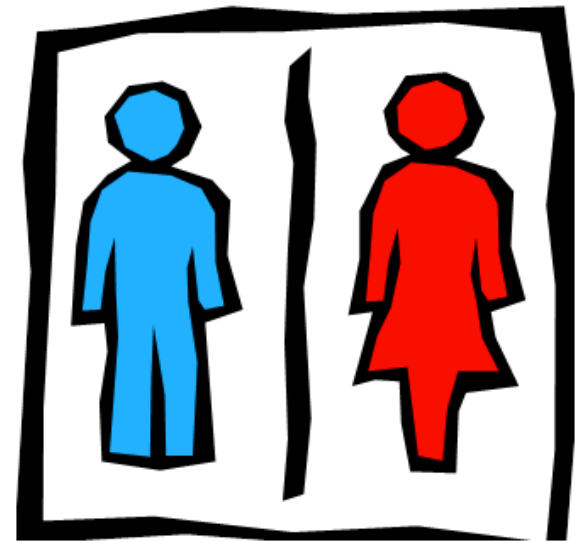


# Our Gender

- Our gender impacts and influences our sexuality
- What you believe about who you are will affect what you do

## Our Gender

- Do you ever think of maybe WHY God made you a girl or a boy instead of why you dislike it?





# Homosexuality

What is homosexuality?

# Homosexuality

Romans 1:26-28

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. “

# Homosexuality

Same-sex attraction is just one type of WOUND

It is not a type of romantic interest in God's opinion



# Homosexuality

## Causes-

feeling inadequate

abuse/neglect

detached dad/overbearing mom

a non-masculine physique

effeminateness

emotional tendencies

\*always takes a combination of events



# Same Sex Attraction (SSA)

Lies = our sexual feelings are directly linked to our identity.

"If you are this, then you must be this, like this, and act like this"

## Common Order of Events

- Non-conformity- a kid will feel different because of some different interests or tendencies. Sometimes they'll try to hide it because they're ashamed, sometimes they'll flaunt it because it protects them



## Common Order of Events

- Non-conformity
- Family response- friends or family will sense they're more tomboy or more effeminate and may tease them, show disappointment or ignore the issue altogether and try to deny it as if they're embarrassed too.



## Common Order of Events

- Non-conformity
- Family response
- Doubt- they'll become even more insecure and possibly depressed! This is when they start to doubt they're truly a heterosexual kid and look to same sex attraction for answers.



## Common Order of Events

- Non-conformity
- Family response
- Doubt
- An experience- they might have or already had an experience of abuse or neglect from a family member or who they were dating that re-states to them that they're possibly gay and not attractive or wanted from the opposite sex

## Common Order of Events

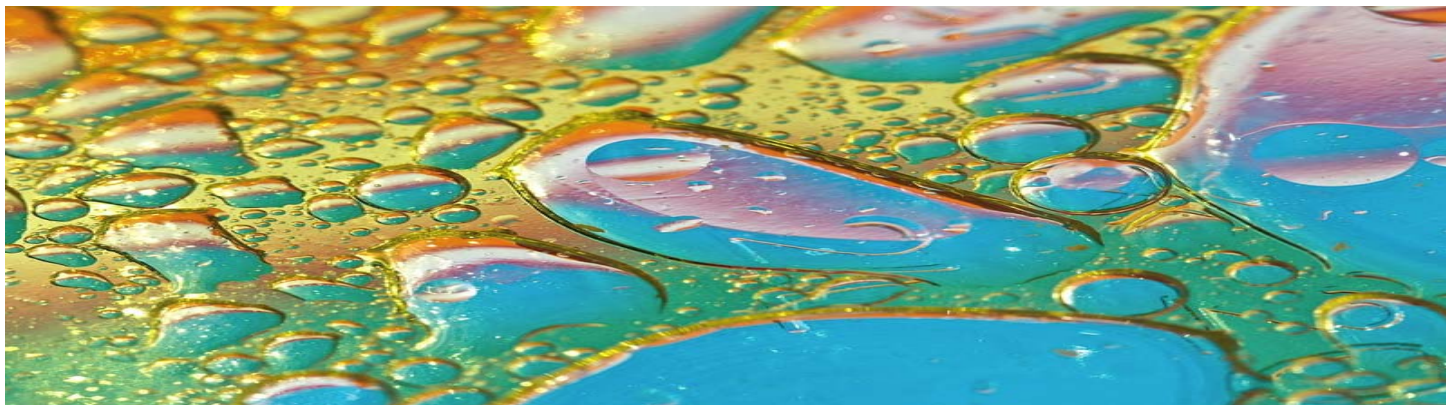
- Non-conformity
- Family response
- Doubt
- An experience
- Look back- they might see their whole life now, as a giant arrow pointing to the fact that they've been gay this whole time, and the only way they'll feel normal is if they embrace being gay

# Homosexuality

- God didn't make homosexuality
- It is a symptom of something broken: A life without Christ

# Homosexuality

Same sex attraction is not completely  
environment, not completely  
biological. There is a mysterious  
blend





# Same Sex Attraction (SSA)

Truths= God created sexuality. But people created sexual identity







# Sexuality

If you don't know the  
purpose of a thing, all you  
can do is abuse the thing!

# Same Sex Attraction (SSA)

Gender influences our sexuality and identity

Experiences influences our sexuality

The only thing influencing our identity is how much we let these experiences become part of how we label ourselves.

# Help yourself!

*Temptation*

*Responding in a God-honoring way*



# Help yourself!

*In Christ...*

*You are beloved more than you are broken*

*You are accepted more than you are condemned*

*You are complete more than you are inadequate*





# Help others!

## Reach out, not down

*We are responsible for those who call themselves Christians, yet never face their sin*



## **Just for You- Where do you start?**

The opposite of homosexuality is not  
heterosexuality.

The opposite of homosexuality is holiness

# Help others!

*Reach out, not down*

*We are responsible for those who call themselves  
Christians, yet never face their sin*

*Lost people will act like lost people*

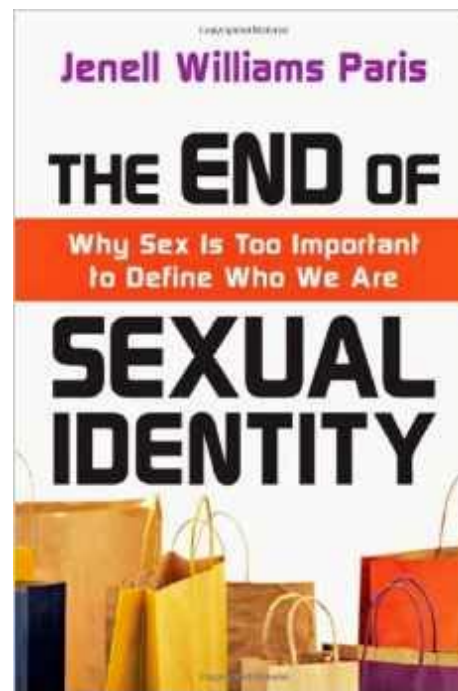
*They need to be redeemed and loved, not made  
“straight and normal”*

## How to be a friend

- Make it a safe place to talk
- They already know it's wrong
- Point them towards their source of healing and hope
- Reach out, not down. Stay humble
  - Stay with them

## Jenell Williams Paris-

“Gays are people with conflicting desires, inconsistent behavior and complicated sexual journeys. And that also describes us.”



# That's so...

heinous  
silly  
uncollected  
hapless  
corrupt  
preposterous  
unfortunate  
trashy  
deplorable  
hideous  
contemptible  
foolish  
inane  
ridiculous  
atrocious

...and  
you choose  
**gay?**

Buy a dictionary.