

## How Transformation Happens

### I. Ideologies:

- A. Civil rights
- B. Gay Christian
  - 1. God & Gay Christian
  - 2. Love is an Orientation
  - 3. Torn
- C. Morally wrong (but no transformation)
  - 1. Washed & Waiting
  - 2. Christopher Yuan
  - 3. Rosaria Butterfield
- D. Transformation = point of Christianity
  - 1. 1 Cor. 6:9-11 Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men <sup>10</sup> nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup> And **that is what some of you were**. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
    - a. Such were some of you – no different!
    - b. Gay Christian

### II. Culture says: Born Gay

- A. Became very personal to me...
- B. Never proved gay gene (twins)
  - Environment
- C. Environmental factors that contribute:
  - 1. We break differently
  - 2. Same-sex parent
    - a. Death/divorce/abuse
    - b. Emotional disconnect
      - i. Stuck - no girls
    - c. Possessive mother (males)
  - 3. Molestation
    - a. Girls – painful
    - b. Boys – does this make me gay?
  - 4. Others (thesis) – body, soul, spirit
- D. End Result: Early childhood experiences can create an emotional deficit that eventually becomes sexualized...thus, a person can “feel” like they were born gay

### III. Is change possible?

- A. My story
  - 1. 1994 – college
  - 2. We must be open to Spirit! (Mama Carol)
  - 3. Outward – inward not resolved
- B. How transformation happens:
  - 1. SSA temptation = not a sin!
  - 2. Person must seek transformation for themselves!
  - 3. Change is a journey, not a destination
    - a. Not light switch!
    - b. No timeline on transformation (microwave)
    - c. Onion
  - 4. Goal = knowing Jesus, not heterosexuality
    - a. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
      - i. Will
      - ii. Even if he doesn't!

- iii. Don't bow down to idol
      - b. **Change theology to match experience** → Word inform your theology
  - 5. Not **sexual** issue → emotional
    - a. Bad **fruit**
    - b. Bad root
  - 6. Transformation **process** twofold: relationships & inner healing prayer
    - a. Relationships:
      - i. **Village**
        - 1. Trahans
        - 2. Dale
      - ii. **Hurt in relationship; healed in relationship**
        - 1. **Counseling** – psychologist or licensed counselor
        - 2. God sets the **lonely** in families (Ps. 68:6)
        - 3. He commands the body of Christ to look after **orphans** (Jas. 1:27).
          - a. Platonic same-sex – **triangulate** to avoid codependency
          - b. Opposite sex
          - c. Lots of healthy, nonsexual touch
        - 4. Not a **sexual** issue (emotional)
          - a. **Cannibalism** complex – write list **demystifies** attractions
    - b. Emotional healing prayer:
      - i. **Eph. 4:26-27** In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not **give the devil a foothold**.
        - 1. **Forgive** those who hurt you!
          - a. Jesus died for sins committed **against** you
          - b. Real or **perceived** hurt (**parents**)
          - c. Forgive **same way** Jesus forgave you (Mt. 18)
          - d. Repent for **judging** offender
          - e. **Renounce** inner vows:
            - i. “I’ll never let anyone get close to me”
            - ii. “Men are unsafe”
            - iii. “It’s better to be a boy than a girl”
            - iv. “I never want to be like my mom”
          - f. There’s a place for the pain to go (Cross)
          - g. Bless offender
          - h. Listen for Jesus’ healing word to replace lies
        - 2. **Ask Holy Spirit for root of envy**, wrong view of gender
          - a. Mine **not obvious!**
          - b. Ex: womb
            - i. Mom’s journal
            - ii. 3 lbs, 14oz – placenta → **feeding**
    - c. Demonic forces
      - i. Not about **casting** out demon of homosexuality
      - ii. Some leave **automatically**
      - iii. Some need direct **confrontation**
        - 1. **Garbage**/flies analogy
        - 2. **Elijah** House – timing!
- C. **Not a quick fix** (Moberly): “Just as ordinary psychological growth takes many years (roughly the first two decades of life), so it is quite reasonable to expect reparative growth to **take at least a few years** in cases where some significant aspect of growth has been checked since an early age.

#### IV. How should we **respond**?

- A. We must have **compassion** for those who experience same-sex attractions
  - 1. God hates homosexuality, not the homosexual (**abomination**)
- B. We **cannot** condone homosexual practice
  - 1. **Not hateful**
    - a. Violates word

- b. **Warning sign** deep pain
  - i. Ultimately **not a sexual issue** (emotional pain)
  - ii. It would be most **unloving** to **reinforce** someone's brokenness and **rob** them of the **freedom** their heart ultimately longs for
  - iii. **Romans 1:25** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served **created** things rather than the **Creator**
    - 1. Emotional need cannot be met with physical substitute
- C. You **can't force** someone else to want transformation
  - 1. Can't **force someone to become a Christian!**
  - 2. Can you **practice homosexuality without repenting** and be a Christian?
    - a. Can't persist in any sin, refuse to repent, and claim Jesus is Lord
    - b. Incongruent with Gospel
      - i. **Gospel not prayer = heaven**
      - ii. Life surrendered who lives in such way to persuade others to come worship worthy King

V. Resources

- A. Restored Hope
- B. Such Were Some of You video [www.suchweresomeofyou.org](http://www.suchweresomeofyou.org)
- C. DVD set – 6 sessions, including Trahans