

Finding Truth and Hope in What's Natural

Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8)

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As a child I learned important truths while roaming my grandparents' farm with a couple of my cousins.

First, when walking in the woods, it's a good idea to go with someone else.

Second, do NOT grab hold of an electric fence. Assume all wire fences are electric until proven otherwise.

Third, if, while playing on the train tracks, you feel a vibration, get off the tracks immediately—no arguing.

Another truth we learned as children around the farm is that while there are many different kinds of animals—cows, horses, pigs, chickens—there are only two sexes.

Our culture today is being fed a twisted tale that would be laughable on a farm, where nature is, well, natural.

People are being told they were born gay or that they were born in the wrong body. They are even said to be one or more of dozens of sexualities. All of this is a lie from the devil. His job is to kill, steal, confuse and destroy.

The lies began at the very beginning, in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. Satan hates us because we are created in the image of God, whom



Satan envies to the point of his own self destruction—which will come after he destroys as many human souls as he can.

Created in a Binary

There is wonderful variety among humans. We have different skin color, hair color and body dimensions. But, like the animals on my grandparents' farm, we are all created in a binary: male or female.

Many among us have been set free from the LGBT+ lifestyle. This true freedom comes from God, as does the individual desire to have a relationship

with God, to feel the need for change and to seek it.

Words like *gay, lesbian, homosexual, bisexual, queer, transgender, or non-binary* are man-made; they do not come out of God's Word, the Bible. As such, they are profoundly inaccurate, and they are used throughout the world as nouns, reducing people to hollow identities based solely on certain behaviors.

People do not choose to have same-sex attraction (SSA) temptations although, as with any temptation, they can choose to fight those unwanted desires or cultivate them into an

addiction. Some of the root causes are childhood feelings of abandonment by either parent, or being abused physically and/or emotionally.

Parents who are distant and not part of childhood can create the feeling of not being loved or of insecurity with someone's born sexual identity.

We need to get back to our true identities, not reduced to behavioral status. We are precious sons or daughters of God, growing through His Word into a Man or Woman of God.

God created men to bond non-sexually with men, and women to bond non-sexually with women. Men can go fishing or hunting, play sports or watch sports, or work alongside each other and say very little, yet their bond and friendship can be very strong.

Similarly, women can go on a spiritual retreat or a shopping spree and develop a strong bond for other women. It is the devil who tricks a person into buying the lie about SSA being a good thing. It goes smack against God's original plan for humanity to flourish.

Before speaking the truth in love to a friend or family member, it's important to pray that God will open their hearts and minds. God still answer prayers. Jesus often asks people, "Do you want to be healed?" We might think this is a peculiar approach, but God may choose not to separate a person out of a relationship until he or she is ready to surrender to His will.

Advice for Parents

- It is important as a parent to maintain balance in your life. Set priorities. Take time to experience God's personal love for you. Take care of yourself. Get out and have some fun. When you love yourself and love your spouse, you'll have more room to love your child with SSA. When you're filled with joy, peace, and love,



other people will want what you have. Harboring worry, anger, guilt and fear accomplishes nothing.

- Perhaps you have heard of the love languages, which are different for different people. For many, quality time is a paramount need. Taking an interest in or even participating in a child's interests or activities lets them know you care and that you love them. This goes for everybody.

- Communication begins with listening to the concerns of your child. Without it, a relationship dies. As a parent you won't have all the answers, but you can listen and show compassion.

- Touch is also a big part of reaching into your child's life. If a hug may be foreign or even frightening, a healthy, non-sexual touch may start with patting their shoulder. Healthy touch creates secure attachments, communicating emotional love. Babies need to be held, kissed, rocked, cradled and caressed.

Sharing Good News

Recently a parent wrote to us about her daughter. The daughter has been set free from the lesbian lie and has found real truth in Jesus. This young lady got married, and she and her husband are now raising their children with the love of Christ in a church community.

Where to Get Help

At PFOX, we know this can be a long journey. You're not alone. Our website (pfox.org) has lots of helpful materials.

We offer a **Parent Support Phone Conference call** on the **2nd & 4th Mondays** of each month and **Zoom calls** on the **third Wednesday** of each month. E-mail info4pfox@gmail.com for more information.

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Thanks, and have a blessed New Year!

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