

## Truth in Love Is Always in Season

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ecently, a couple shared with us how their son, who is still involved in the gay life, wants to hear more about Jesus. The mom said that his interest grew as she and her husband just showed the love of Christ to him.

Other parents are also praying their child and partner will find the truth of Easter. As we know, Christ can mend any heart and reach even the hardest cases. People often come to Him at Easter, a time when the message of divine renewal is all around. Jesus allowed Himself to be crucified as the sacrifice for all and rose from the dead. He promises eternal life to all who repent and believe in Him.

Damaris Carbaugh of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir summed up the Easter message this way:

"God didn't spare His own Son. He sent Him to suffer the punishment you and I should suffer. God does not let anyone get away with anything. [But] the cross made a way to satisfy God. He is a just God. The punishment was awful. It availed forgiveness for our sins. I stand here a forgiven woman washed by the blood of Jesus. I stand right before God because I believe in Him and all He did for me. God provided a way for all of us to become right with Him – through Jesus Christ!"

### A false but tempting view of freedom

One of the greatest God-given rights we enjoy in the United States is freedom of speech. With so many choices, however,



comes the temptation of hearing only what we want to hear. We crave teachings that make us feel good and don't challenge us to change even if we know deep inside that change is needed.

LGBT activists instinctively oppose Christianity because of its revolutionary message of change and hope. Instead, they offer the black hole of narcissism, in which each person makes up his or her own rules and ignores reality. They want that to be the New Normal and for everyone to agree to it.

For years, they've claimed, "I was born gay." Now, they claim, "I was born in the wrong body." This confusion is a diabolical attack on reality, sanity and morality. God created us male and female. He created marriage and family. He is not the author of confusion. That would be the devil, the "father of lies," as Jesus called him.

We need to oppose the trans movement for many reasons, including protecting women and girls in locker rooms and bathrooms.

#### The price of silence

I grew up with a harsh, sexually abusive stepfather. During my childhood I learned to squelch my emotions. Like other molested children, I was told not to tell anyone because if I did, something worse would happen. So much of it goes under the radar.

We need to be a voice for women

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and children and reject the silence of sexual abuse and molestation. All of us are designed to be nurtured and comforted. We have a very real need to be attached to someone who loves us. Abused children often detach themselves from the truth and buy into lies. This can be very costly.

The leading cause of childhood suicide is sexual abuse. The Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault states that one in four girls will be sexually abused before age 18. Allowing the opposite sex into intimate spaces can trigger traumatic flashbacks, feelings of being unsafe and suicidal thoughts even if there is no intent to harm.

We hear constantly about the "right" of males who identify as female to invade bathrooms and locker rooms. But aren't the stories of abused girls' feelings of shame, suicide and despair important too? Putting young people in danger is immoral and should be illegal. It is not "hate" to want to protect children's innocence or safety.

To this day, I don't go to fitness clubs because of my fear about who will be in there. I often check bathrooms to see who else may already be present. Yes, I realize there have been discreet transgender people in bathrooms for years. But openly removing male/female exclusivity empowers sexual predators. Pedophiles target these areas.

From 1979 to 1994 I lived as a lesbian. During this time, some of the LGBT leaders, especially in education, said they wanted to start indoctrinating children as young as kindergarten. One teacher openly said, "That's when the saturation process begins." Which explains why schools are exposing children to sexual materials as early as possible. We are seeing an explosion in "social contagion" claims of trans identity among girls.

#### **Insights into gender dysphoria**

In 2016, the American College of Pediatricians published a revealing article on Gender Dysphoria in Children. Here are excerpts:

"There is a suppressed debate among physicians, therapists, and academics regarding the recent trend to quickly affirm gender dysphoric youth as transgender. Many health professionals are deeply concerned because affirming youth as transgender sends them down the path of medical transition (sex change), which requires the use of toxic

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hormones and unnecessary surgeries. Cross sex hormones are associated with dangerous health risk.

"Puberty is not a disorder and therefore should not be arrested as though it is a disease. The puberty-blocking hormones induce a state of disease – the absence of puberty.

A 30-year follow-up study revealed rates of suicide that are nearly 20 times greater among adults who undergo sex reassignment in Sweden (which is among the most LGBT+ affirming countries). So, while sex-reassignment eases some of the gender dysphoria in adulthood, it doesn't lead to levels of health similar to the general population.

"Conditioning children to believe the absurdity that they or anyone could be 'born in the wrong body," and that a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse."

#### Praying for those who would harm us

As Christians, we're told to build each other up and stand for what is right. God challenges us to know our enemies – and pray for them. PFOX grieves and is praying for the families of the Christian school shooting in Nashville and for people trapped in dysfunction who lash out at others.

God has promised He will never give us more than we can bear, or leave us alone. He has promised to go through our challenges with us. Just because we feel distant from God at times doesn't mean He has left us. Perhaps we're being tested so our faith will grow as we lean on Him.

The situation of having a child in the LGBT+ lifestyle can create shame, guilt, despair and hopelessness. On our phone conference call support group, we talk about these emotions as well as how God can create a new heart for each person. Looking at God's promises helps us to see others through God's eyes of grace.

These are difficult times. We at PFOX understand the dangers of speaking the truth. But we all must do so—and with the love of Christ. He is the only One Who heals broken hearts.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support.

May the truth and joy of Easter fill your heart with peace!

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