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Every June, Pride Month takes center stage across our culture. From billboards to government proclamations, from stores to sporting events, messages celebrating LGBTQ identities and lifestyles are everywhere. As pastors and church leaders, we cannot simply ignore this cultural moment. We must think wisely and theologically about it and help our congregations develop a biblical worldview.

The first truth we must affirm is that every human being is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Every person possesses inherent dignity, worth, and value because they bear God's image. This means Christians must reject hatred, cruelty, bullying, or mistreatment of anyone. We are called to love our neighbors, serve them, and treat them with compassion and respect.

Yet affirming the dignity of a person is not the same as affirming every belief, behavior, or identity claim.

The second truth we must affirm is that scripture consistently teaches that God's design for human flourishing includes sexual intimacy reserved for marriage between one man and one woman. Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, God establishes marriage as the covenant union of husband and wife and presents it as the proper context for sexual expression. This pattern is grounded in God's character and serves as a living picture of the gospel itself.

The slogan of our age is "love is love," but Scripture teaches that love is defined by God's character and truth, not our feelings, desires, or attractions. True love seeks another's good according to God's design; therefore, love and truth are never at odds.

As Christians, we celebrate biblical marriage: a husband and wife faithfully serving one another and raising children within the covenant of marriage. This vision is rooted in God's created order. From the beginning, God made humanity male and female, established marriage between one man and one woman, and designed the family as the primary context for nurturing children.

These truths are not burdens but gifts. God's design for gender, marriage, sexuality, and family promotes human flourishing and strengthens both families and communities.

Yet culture & government increasingly reject and seek to redefine these realities. As a result, biblical convictions are often regarded as outdated, intolerant, hateful, or even harmful.

This presents a challenge for the church. We must resist two equal and opposite errors. On one side is compromise—the temptation to soften or abandon biblical teaching to gain cultural approval. On the other side is hostility—the temptation to speak truth without grace or to view people primarily as opponents rather than as individuals created by God.

Jesus calls us to a better way. He was "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). He never compromised God's standards, yet He continually extended compassion to sinners. The church must do the same. We should love all people, proclaim the gospel to all people, and speak the truth in love to all people.

Pride Month provides an opportunity for the church to clearly and graciously articulate a biblical vision of humanity. Rather than merely reacting to cultural celebrations, we should proactively celebrate God's good design. We should teach about the beauty of marriage, the blessing of family, the dignity of motherhood and fatherhood, and the goodness of being created male and female. We should strengthen marriages, equip parents, disciple young people, and support those who are seeking to live faithfully according to God's Word.

My friend David Closson, along with co-authors Denny Burk and Colin Smothers, created

an outstanding curriculum and 8-week study guide for churches called '[Male and Female, He Created Them](#)'. They also created a [website with corresponding videos that you can download for free at hecreatedthem.org](#).

The ultimate answer to the confusion of our age is the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel calls every person, regardless of their beliefs, desires, struggles, or sins, to recognize their need for a savior, and trust in Christ. All stand in need of God's grace, and all can find forgiveness, transformation, and new life through him.

As pastors and church leaders, let us use this month not simply to respond to Pride Month, but to boldly and lovingly proclaim God's better story. Let us celebrate the dignity of every human being while remaining faithful to God's design for sexuality, marriage, and family. Let us hold firmly to biblical truth while extending Christ-like compassion. And let us point people to the One who is both full of grace and full of truth.

In Christ,



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