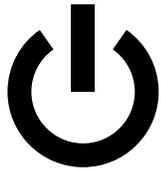


Speaker: Christopher Yuan **Title:** A Christian Response to Homosexuality

Key Verses: John 3:16; Proverbs 6:16–19; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11; 7:1–40

Summary: God calls us to the two paths of holy sexuality.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Christopher suggests we should give more attention to God's "Yeses" than "Nos." Take a minute to share good things God invites us to say "Yes" to.



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note Christopher's outline for a Christian response to homosexuality: **1) convicted, 2) consistent, 3) compassionate, 4) complete.**



Comment: Take some time to talk

How have you witnessed Christians idolize marriage or trash singleness? What is the best solution to loneliness? Be specific.

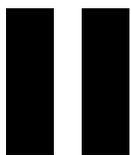
Why is heterosexuality an insufficient standard for sexual purity? What does Scripture say about heterosexuality?

What are the two "paths" to holy sexuality?

What experience do you have with bullying (as a bully, bullied, or bystander)? If you saw someone bullied today, what would you do?

How well do you understand your identity in Christ? How does this awareness help you counter false identities celebrated in culture?

How should you respond to Christians with same-sex attraction? To non-Christians? Where do you need to grow in your response?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for loving sinners. Thank God for His ongoing work of making you more like Jesus: washed, holy, pure. Ask Him for chastity and fidelity. Ask Him for greater compassion and consistency as you respond to others.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Review Christopher's talk. Use [this link](#) for access to his notes. Also consider reading the article he referenced: "[Something Greater than Marriage](#)." Finally, pray (and fast) for someone you know in this struggle.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Christopher Yuan

Power Track Summary: Sexual identity is one of the most relevant topics of our day. How can Christians better engage with our loved ones and friends in the LGBTQ community? How does the Gospel (Sin, repentance, and redemption) influence the conversation around sexuality? Without compromising truth or grace, this Power Track combines Dr. Yuan's life experience and theological training to bring a fresh and unique perspective on this important topic.

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"The gospel is not *against* anyone. The gospel is *for* everyone."

A Christian Response to Same-Sex Sexuality

1. CONVICTED of Our Own Sin

- i. **Same-sex sexual behavior is not the worst sin.** See Proverbs 6:16-19.
- ii. **Our sin is odious in God's eyes.** "I think that feeling people have of disgust [about sexual sin] should actually be a reminder for them that *that* feeling is just a fraction of what God feels when He looks at their own sin."

2. CONSISTENT in Our Sexuality

- i. **Regarding relationships:** we must not elevate marriage over singleness.

"We equate singleness with loneliness. It's not the same thing... Singleness is not a consolation prize... Single adults don't need our pity. They need our love."

"Marriage is an expression of love, but not the highest. God is."

- ii. **Regarding sexuality:** we must champion the two paths.

Heterosexuality is not a term used in the Bible. It's broad and can endorse sin: sleeping around, cheating a spouse, pornography, or cohabiting.

Two Paths to Holy Sexuality: 1) Chastity in singleness and 2) faithfulness in marriage.

- iii. **Regarding change:** we must realize temptation continues even after conversion.

3. COMPASSIONATE in Our Response

- i. **Expect same-sex sexuality is present in the church.**

"The body of Christ is a group of people who are needy and know they need Christ."

“Let’s find our solidarity in our need for Christ. We don’t need to be more segregated... We need diversity: I need other men who are not like me to help me... I can’t imagine if I went to church and everyone were like me. That would be awful. Boring.”

- ii. **Know your position on same-sex sexuality.**
- iii. **Give assurance of your friendship:** Zero-tolerance on bullying; stop gay jokes.

“Yes, homosexual relationships are sinful but so is homophobia. So let’s make sure our words build up and don’t tear down.”

4. COMPLETE in Our Response

- i. **Focus on truth:** give the whole gospel (1 Cor. 6:11), not just the bad news (vv. 9–10).
- ii. **Be redemptive.** Share the redemptive work of the cross. The main problem is not sexuality, it’s lack of surrender.

Specific Responses to Christians Who Confide Their Same-Sex Attraction

1. Thank them.
2. Let them know they’re not alone.
3. Affirm their identity in Christ – Sexuality is not *who* they are but *how* they are.
4. Be realistic – Temptations will remain; change is a process.
5. Don’t focus on externals.
6. Deepen bonds with the “spiritual family” (i.e., local church).

Specific Responses to non-Christians with Same-Sex Attraction

1. Avoid comparisons with addiction, pedophilia, murder, etc.
2. Avoid words “lifestyle” and “choice” related to sexuality.
3. Avoid phrase, “Love the sinner, hate the sin.”
4. Do not excessively debate or defend the truth – even Jesus deflected sometimes.
5. Pray and fast.
6. Be intentional, persistent, and transparent.