

# National LGBTQ Perception Study 2022

August – November 2022

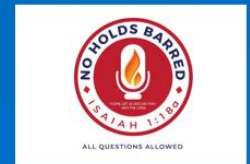
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An electronic survey was carried out from August to November 2022 amongst Christians in Malaysia concerning the perception of LGBTQ issues in the Malaysian context.

The survey collected a total of 1391 respondents comprising major Christian denominations such as Roman Catholics, Pentecostals, Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, Presbyterians, and also independent churches. Over 45% of the respondents were below 40 years of age.

Here are some of the key findings of this survey:

- Majority of heterosexuals do not accept LGBTQ identity. Yet, there is still a small minority that is open to LGBTQ identity.
- Only 16% of the participants agree (and 15.06% are unsure) that a confessing LGBTQ person is acceptable to be part of the clergy, pastoral staff or church leader.
- A substantial majority affirmed that the Bible does not permit LGBTQ. However, almost 23% of the participants believe that the Scripture has been misinterpreted by the church to forbid homosexual practices.
- Over 11% agree, and 14% are unsure that a person can be a Christian and a homosexual at the same time. Only 65% of the participants below the age of 40 disagree with the same statement.

- Most churches do not have any trained counsellor or support group to help those who are struggling with same-sex attractions.
- There is a small minority of believers who struggle with same-sex attractions and looking for help.

# Gender by Design

The image features a romantic silhouette of a man and a woman standing together against a bright, hazy background, possibly a sunset or sunrise. The man is on the left, and the woman is on the right, with her arm around his shoulder. The scene is framed by dark foliage in the foreground and background. The overall mood is intimate and serene.

Genesis 1

# 4 common views especially among younger people on LGBTQ+ identity :

- “If 2 people love each other but are from the same sex and they want to get married why is that wrong? They are not harming anyone else”
- “I feel like a man trapped in a woman’s body and I want to have a sex change operation. Why is that so wrong?”
- “This is my body and I have complete freedom to do with it as I please. You have no right to police me”
- “The church should welcome all people regardless of race, social standing or sexual orientation.”

- “If 2 people love each other but are from the same sex and they want to get married why is that wrong? They are not harming anyone else”

- The question is a secular ethical proposition. If you answer and say that because God say's its wrong/it is a sin because the bible says so, they would likely then say your God is a tyrant.
- The aim of engaging the other party is not to win the argument but to build up a relationship of trust and mutual respect.



<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; **male and female** he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

**1** In the beginning God created **the heavens and the earth.** **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” **And there was evening, and there was morning**—the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the **water under the vault from the water above it**. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> **God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.”** And God saw that it was good.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> **God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night.** He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, **“Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.”** <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “**Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.**” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “**Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.**” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.



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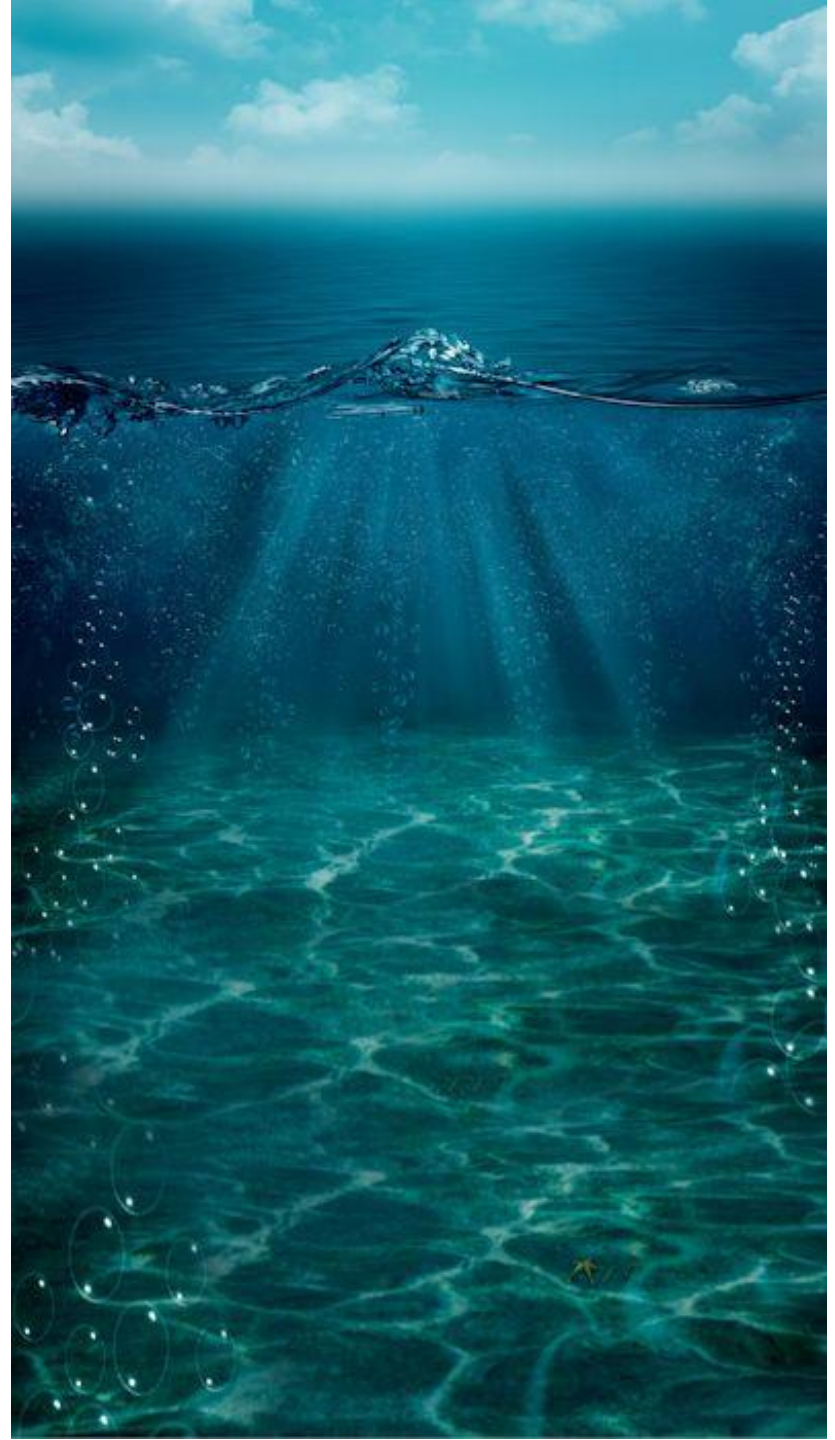
# Heavens and Earth



# Evening and Morning



Sky above, sea  
below



# Land and waters



# Sun and Moon



# Birds above, fishes below




# Plants and Animals





# Man and Woman





**God is in  
the details.**

**Ludwig Mies van der Rohe**









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# Creation is designed to be binary

- Each pair belonging to the other
- Neither is interchangeable
- Both compliment each other
- Both interdependent on the other
- Climax of the narrative with man and woman as the ultimate pair

# Mankind is designed to be binary

- Man and Woman belonging to the other
- Neither is interchangeable
- Both compliment each other
- Both interdependent on the other



We find other sorts of couples, like the sun and the moon, morning and evening, day and night, the sea and the dry land, and plants and animals, before reaching the climactic couple, a man and a woman. In every pairing, each part belongs with the other, but neither is interchangeable.

That God created us male and female *has cosmic and enduring significance*. From start to finish, the biblical storyline—and design of creation itself—depends upon the distinction between male and female as different from one another yet fitted each for the other.

*Kevin DeYoung, What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2015), 32.

- “If 2 people love each other but are from the same sex and they want to get married why is that wrong? They are not harming anyone else”
- *Answer: Creation is binary, including man and woman. God made complimenting pairs to work together. Creation is “very good” because they are often in pairs working together. To assert that gender is a choice creates ripple adverse effects to the fabric of society*

# Official position from FBC Council of Elders on LGBTQ+ identity

1. Gods design is binary with heterosexual orientation as it reflects his image and fulfils His purposes for us hence all other gender configurations and orientations are the result of the fall of man in sin and rebellion (Gen 1:27; Gen 2; Romans 1:18-27)

“But they are not hurting anyone”



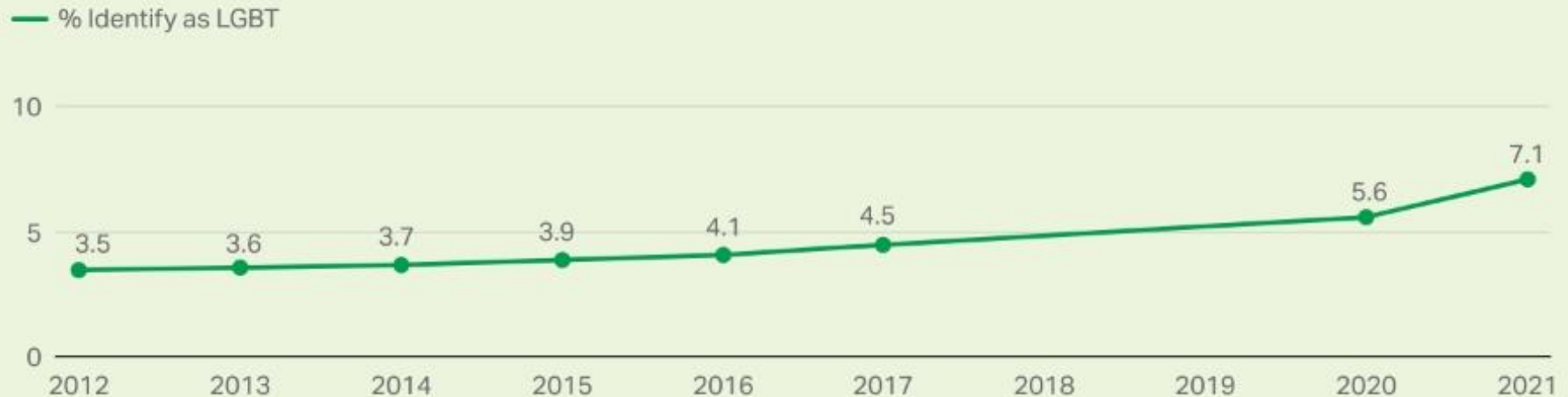


“The governing body of international competitive swimming announced a policy that will only allow athletes who’ve **transitioned before the age of 12** to take part in any of the elite international swimming competitions.” FINA stand on transgender athletes

“Trans athletes are a minority. We are not making big impact on sports. This is discrimination”

## Americans' Self-Identification as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Something Other Than Heterosexual

Which of the following do you consider yourself to be? You can select as many as apply. Straight or heterosexual; Lesbian; Gay; Bisexual; Transgender



--Respondents who volunteer another identity (e.g., queer, same-gender-loving; pansexual) are recorded as "Other LGBT" by interviewers. These responses are included in the LGBT estimate.

--Data not collected in 2018 and 2019.

--2012-2013 wording: Do you, personally, identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?

# Americans' Self-Identification as LGBT, by Generation

	<b>LGBT</b>	<b>Straight/Heterosexual</b>	<b>No response</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Generation Z (born 1997-2003)	20.8	75.7	3.5
Millennials (born 1981-1996)	10.5	82.5	7.1
Generation X (born 1965-1980)	4.2	89.3	6.5
Baby boomers (born 1946-1964)	2.6	90.7	6.8

- “I feel like a man trapped in a woman’s body and I want to go a sex change operation. Why is that so wrong?”
- “I feel attracted to those from my own sex. Why is that so wrong?”
- “I was born this way. Your Christian God created me this way and then according to you He is going to send me to hell unless I change my orientation?”



<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said,  
“I will make your pains in childbearing very severe;  
with painful labor you will give birth to children.  
Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup> To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’  
“Cursed is the ground because of you;  
through painful toil you will eat food from it  
all the days of your life.

<sup>18</sup> It will produce thorns and thistles for you,  
and you will eat the plants of the field.

<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your brow  
you will eat your food  
until you return to the ground,  
since from it you were taken;  
for dust you are  
and to dust you will return.”

Genesis 3: 16-19

# From Creation to De-creation

## Genesis 1:28,29

- <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.
- <sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.

## Genesis 3:16, 17

- “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.
- “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

# Sin impacts both nurture and nature

16b "Your desire will be for your husband,  
and he will rule over you."

18 "It will produce thorns and thistles for you"

12 "For there are eunuchs who were born that way"  
Matthew 19:12

# Childhood family correlates of heterosexual and homosexual marriages: a national cohort study of two million Danes

PubMed National Library of Medicine survey 2006  
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17039403/>

Source: Social Influence on Gender Identity article, Samantha Raj, 2024

- Children who experience parental divorce are less likely to marry heterosexually than those growing up in intact families
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# “it feels right”

- To watch porn
- To pay for sexual gratification
- To have multiple sexual partners
- To have a mistress so long my wife agrees
- To have an affair so long my wife doesn't know
- To have sex with those of the same gender
- To have sex with animals
- To have sex with a dead person
- To change my gender assignment

# “it feels right”

- To always blame others when there is a conflict
- To always have self pity
- To binge drink
- To play video games in all my spare time
- To want to have instant gratification all the time
- To look down or have contempt on certain people
- To feel envious of others you perceive have a better life
- To feel hatred towards people from some other races, religion and culture

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- “I feel attracted to those from my own sex. Why is that so wrong?”
- *Answer: We are all products of nature and nurture, and sin blinds us from what we want to do from what we ought to do. Just because we feel something is natural doesn’t mean we should engage in it*



# Official position from the Council of Elders on LGBTQ+ identity

2. Homosexuality is the perversion of the original design and intention of God hence it cannot be accepted as part of the normal spectrum of human sexuality. (*Lev 18:22 and 20:13 with The Hebrew is to'ebah especially grievous sin an abomination*)
3. The practice of homosexuality is sin and no different than all other sins (*although it comes with a whole set of societal consequences unlike other sins*)

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<sup>23</sup> The man said,  
“This is now bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called ‘woman,’  
for she was taken out of man.”

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother  
and is united to his wife, and they become one  
flesh.

Genesis 2: 23-24

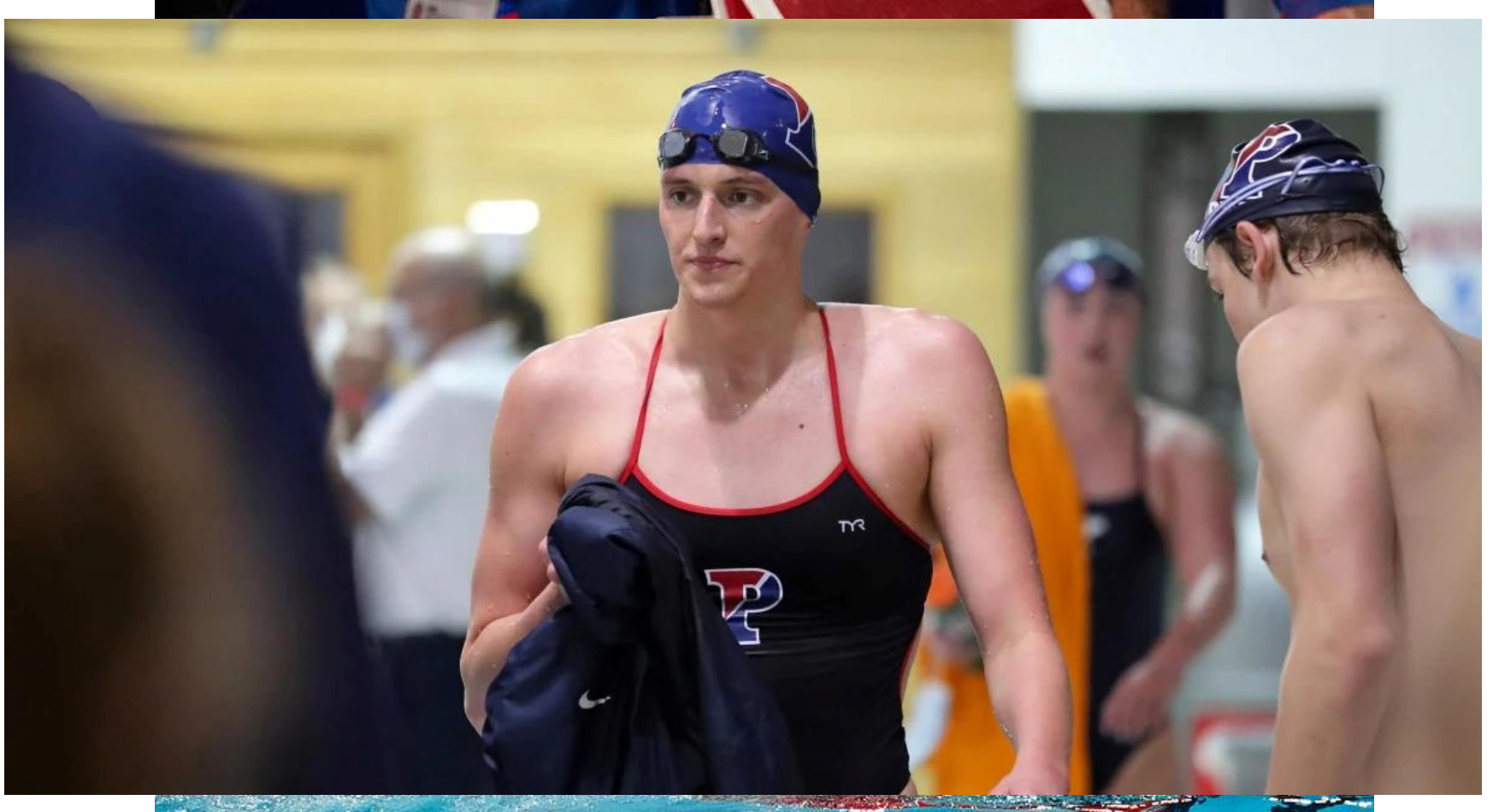
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- *Answer: We are not designed to have complete autonomy over our biological bodies*

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- “I have the right to an abortion under any reason I choose”
- “I have the right to sell my body for commercial gain”
- “I have the right to change my assigned gender at birth”
- “I have the right to not call myself male or female and to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> gender”

# We were not designed to be our own gods of our lives

<sup>4</sup> “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”  
Genesis 3:4-5



Pan's record-breaking swim was questioned by former Australian Olympic swimmer Brett Hawke who posted on Instagram that it's not "humanly possible to beat that field".



Remaking myself  
in the image I want  
myself to be

JENNIFER BILEK

TRANSSEXUAL  
TRANSGENDER  
TRANSHUMAN

*Dispatches from the 11th Hour*



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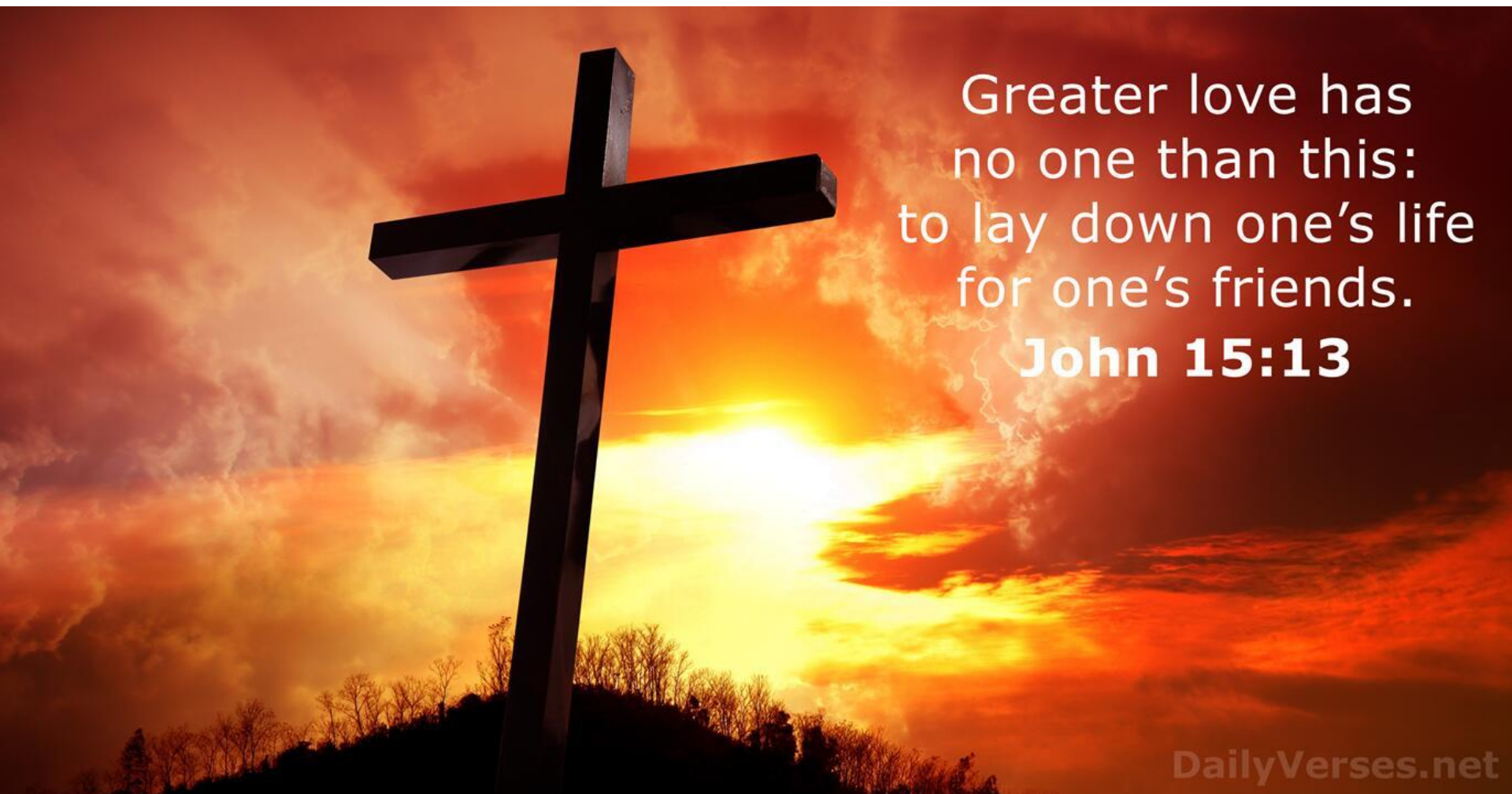
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We were not designed to have autonomy over our bodies. We were designed to consider others and God in all decisions on our bodies as we are made in the image of God



Greater love has  
no one than this:  
to lay down one's life  
for one's friends.

**John 15:13**

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- Evening and Morning
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- *Christ and the church*

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Ephesians 5:29-32

## Genesis 1:20-23

- But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.
- <sup>23</sup> The man said,
- “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”
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*Adam is a type of Christ and Eve is a type of the church*



# The Gospel in Creation

## Biblical Typology Defined:

- **Graeme Goldsworthy:** Biblical typology is the interpretation of earlier events, persons, and institutions in biblical history as prefigurations or foreshadowings of later events, persons, and institutions, which are their fulfillment.
- **Geerhardus Vos:** The Old Testament types are not accidental or arbitrary, but are grounded in the purpose and counsel of God, who controls history and guides it towards its fulfillment in Christ.

## Adam as a Type of Christ:

- **Representative Head:** Adam as the first man is a representative head, prefiguring Christ as the head of the new creation (Romans 5:14).
- **Deep Sleep and Wounding:** Adam's deep sleep and the wound from which Eve is formed prefigure Christ's death and the wound from which the Church is born (John 19:34).

## Eve as a Type of the Church:

- **Derived from Adam:** Eve's origin from Adam's side symbolizes the Church being brought forth from Christ's sacrificial death.
- **One Flesh Union:** The marital union of Adam and Eve prefigures the spiritual union between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:31-32).
- **D.A. Carson:** Ephesians 5:31-32 makes explicit what is implicit in Genesis: that the relationship between husband and wife mirrors the relationship between Christ and the Church. The sacrificial love of Christ, who gave Himself up for His Bride, is the ultimate fulfillment of the marital union first established in the Garden of Eden.

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With deepest gratitude to Pastor Samuel Neesan of Explained Apologetics for this section

"As God took a rib from Adam's side to make Eve, so Jesus had his side pierced, and from that fountain of blood and water, the church is taken, to be his bride"

Charles Spurgeon

- “The church should welcome all people regardless of race, social standing or sexual orientation.”
- Answer: *The church is a place for all broken and imperfect people. But broken people regardless of race, social standing and sexual orientation need to continually learn to hate what is broken and realize only in our union with Christ are we made whole.*

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4. Acceptance by the church means that all homosexuals should be treated as sinners as should all men who have sins in any and all areas of sin. They should be treated with unconditional love and called to repent and live as God has intended us to live as His image bearers. Acceptance does not mean we have to respect their choice or their orientation but it does mean we recognise their particular challenge and will endeavour to hold them accountable as they hold us to accountable for our own weaknesses and sins as we together strive to live under the power of the Spirit in Holiness for His Glory

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- We are not designed to have complete autonomy over our biological bodies. We are designed for each other and together for God as we were made in His image
- The church is the new garden of Eden restored, where we enter back into a relationship with God through Christ Jesus. All of us – whether confessing homosexuals or heterosexuals, holding each other accountable as sinners needing to repent and experience His love and grace.

- Most churches do not have any trained counsellor or support group to help those who are struggling with same-sex attractions.
- There is a small minority of believers who struggle with same-sex attractions and looking for help.

<sup>6</sup> “Whoever sheds human blood,  
by humans shall their blood be shed;  
**for in the image of God**  
**has God made mankind.**

Genesis 9:6

- All life is sacred. Practice unconditional love to those from the LGBTQ+ community as they are also made in the image of God





“I’m going to f@\*king murder you.” “A fat f@\*k like you should know it’s place in the world to never mock Jesus. Your f@\*king dumb a@s pi@ses me off because you look like a [sic] inbred liberal tranny. End your life.”

Message posted on Barbara Butch’s Intstagram account

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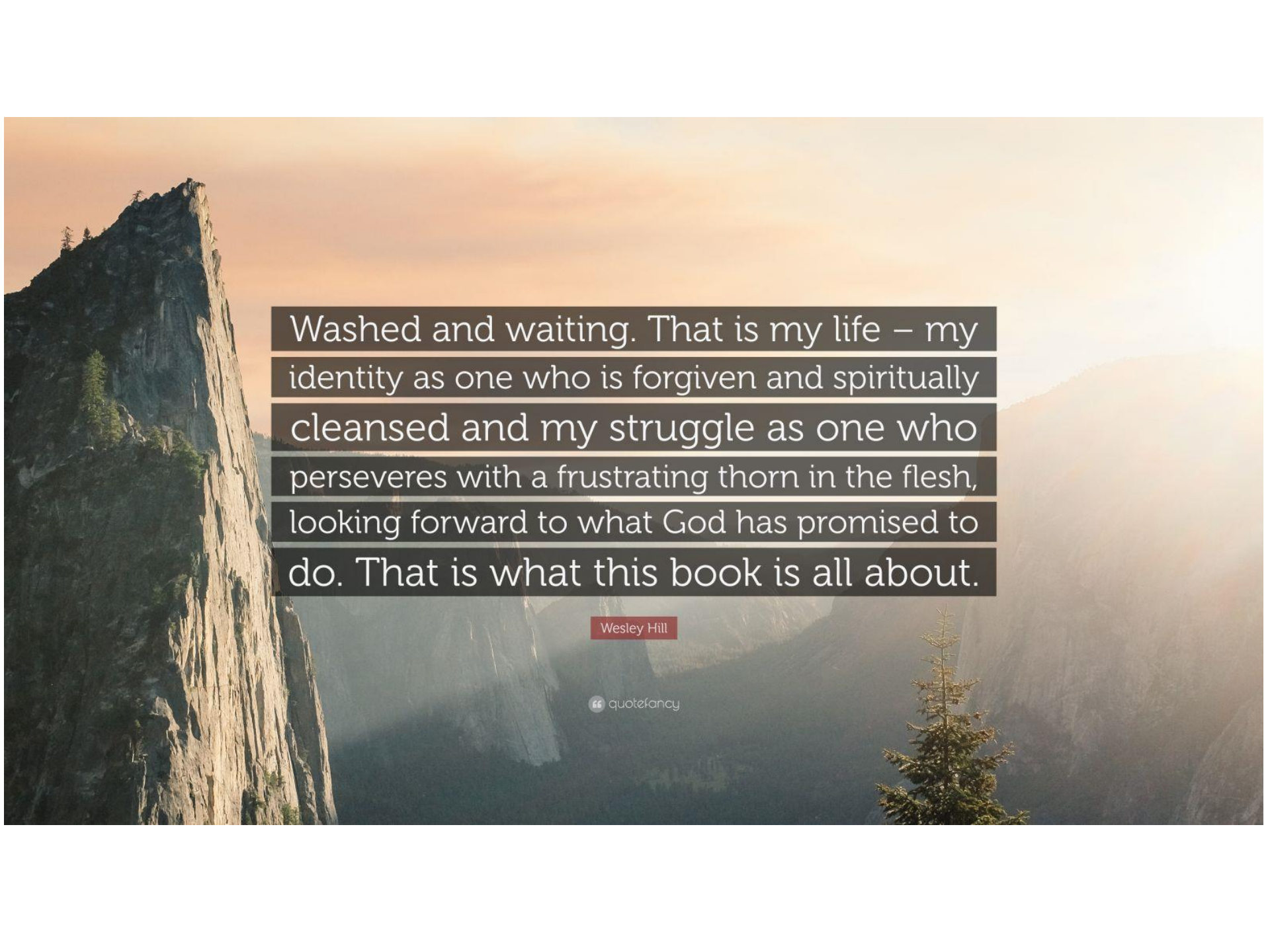
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WASHED  
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WAITING

REFLECTIONS ON CHRISTIAN  
FAITHFULNESS & HOMOSEXUALITY

UPDATED & EXPANDED  
EDITION

A scenic view of a mountain peak at sunset or sunrise, with a quote overlaid on the image. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, and the mountain is silhouetted against the light. The quote is centered in the middle of the image.

Washed and waiting. That is my life – my identity as one who is forgiven and spiritually cleansed and my struggle as one who perseveres with a frustrating thorn in the flesh, looking forward to what God has promised to do. That is what this book is all about.

Wesley Hill

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- A healthy church is where life long repentance is the normal experience of Christian discipleship as we wait with perseverance for Jesus to return and wipe away all our tears – whether you are heterosexual or homosexual.