

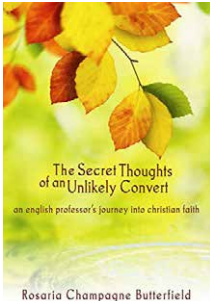


RECOMMENDED READING 2020

True Freedom Trust is a UK-based teaching and pastoral support ministry holding to the orthodox biblical view of sex, gender and relationships. Our passionate desire is to be full of grace and truth as we teach God's word in churches, conferences and Bible colleges, and as we provide pastoral care for those who struggle with same-sex temptations and gender confusion.

We run regular conferences aimed at encouraging and equipping Christians to hold firm to biblical teaching and to trust in the God of all grace in the midst of struggles and temptations.

PERSONAL STORIES



The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English professor's journey into Christian faith

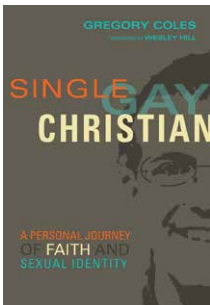
Rosaria Champagne-Butterfield

Read the story of what Rosaria calls the 'train-wreck at the hand of the supernatural.'

Born Again This Way: Coming Out, Coming to Faith and What Comes Next

Rachel Gilson

Rachel interweaves each chapter with the expounding of different Scriptures, including the relevant subject matter, life stories and experiences. The unexpectedness of each chapter is refreshing to read.



Single, Gay, Christian: A personal journey of faith and sexual identity

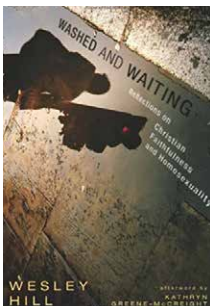
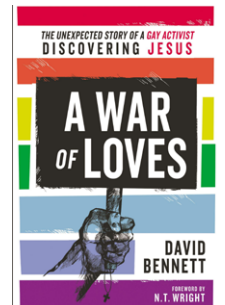
Gregory Coles

This autobiography is a deeply personal and honest picture of a man who wants to live for and find fulfilment in Christ, read, understand and obey Scripture, seek his calling in the church and pursue a life of celibacy by taking up his cross.

A War of Loves: The unexpected story of a gay activist discovering Jesus

David Bennett

Before he became a Christian, David Bennett wrestled with the question, "How can being gay and Christian be reconciled?" Yet David came to realise that Jesus really cared and loved people - all people! However he might resist it, the seed of the Christian faith was being sown. Jesus didn't give up on him.



Washed and Waiting: Reflections on Christian Faithfulness and Homosexuality

Wesley Hill

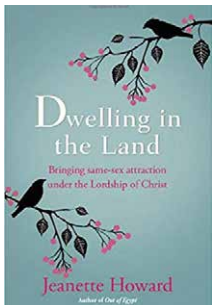
Wesley Hill offers a theological memoir on temptation, loneliness, and the future hope of healing for gay men and women who want to be faithful to Christ.'

Gay Girl, Good God: The Story of Who I Was, and Who God Has Always Been

Jackie Hill Perry

Jackie grew up fatherless and experienced gender confusion. In this book, she share her own story, offering practical tools that helped her in the process of finding wholeness.





Dwelling in the Land: Bringing same-sex attraction under the Lordship of Christ

Jeanette Howard

Jeanette believes that homosexuality is not part of God's plan for

His world, and has chosen to remain celibate despite experiencing same-sex attraction. She has come to believe that to identify herself as 'gay' does not do justice to what God has been doing in her life.'

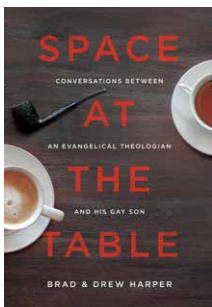
Satisfaction Guaranteed: A Future and a Hope for Same-Sex Attracted Christians

Jonathan Berry with Rob Wood

Convinced that real satisfaction can only be found in relationship with Jesus Christ, Jonathan & Rob equip and encourage all who struggle with same-sex temptations to resist, but 'make him their greatest treasure and live life to the full.



PARENTS



Space at the Table: Conversations Between an Evangelical Theologian and His Gay Son

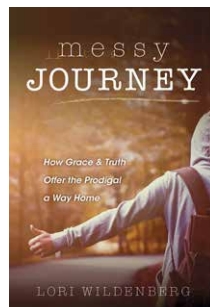
Brad and Drew Harper

Writing to each other with compassion, grit, and humour Brad and Drew take us on their journey as parent and child, sharing both their struggles and their victories.

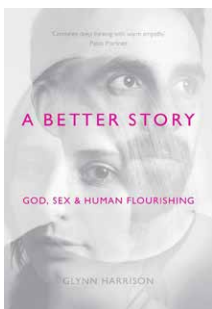
Messy Journey: How Grace & Truth Offer the Prodigal a Way Home

Lori Wildenberg

A book for parents of children who have taken what the book calls an 'unexpected detour'. The author has 25 years experience working with parents and families on a range of issues. The focus of the book is on her relationship with her adopted daughter, Courtney, who struggles with gender identity and same-sex attraction.



ENGAGING CULTURE AND OUTREACH



A Better Story: God, Sex & Human Flourishing

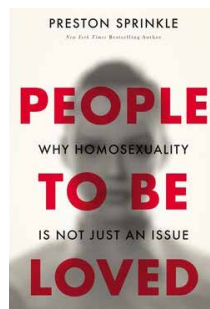
Glynn Harrison

A beautiful story where our sexuality is designed to lead us and where all our longings can find ultimate fulfilment.'

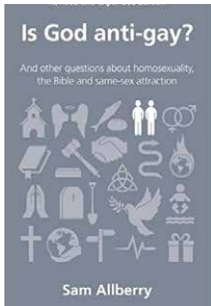
People To Be loved

Preston Sprinkle

A book filled with pastoral warmth, a sensitive tone and top-level scholarship for a popular audience.



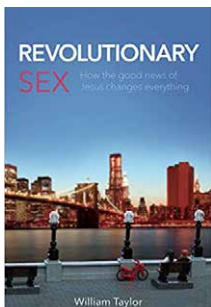
BIBLICAL TEACHING



Is God Anti-Gay? And other questions about homosexuality, the Bible and same-sex attraction

Sam Allberry

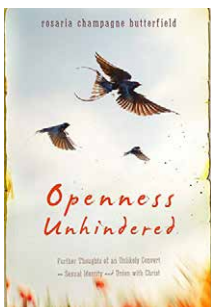
This short, readable book offers a positive and liberating way forward. It explains clearly and simply what we can say with certainty from the Bible about marriage, sexuality and same-sex attraction.



Revolutionary Sex

William Taylor

William walks us through what the Bible says and then with honesty, sensitivity and grace he teaches how it applies in the areas of singleness, marriage, same-sex attraction and the church community.



Openness Unhindered: Further Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert

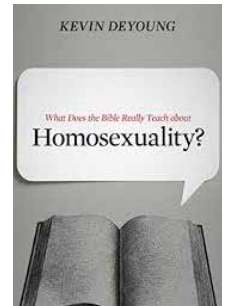
Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Dr Butterfield not only goes to great lengths to clarify some of today's key controversies, she also traces their history and defines the terms that have become second nature today, even going back to God's original design for marriage and sexuality as found in the Bible.

What does the Bible really teach about homosexuality?

Kevin DeYoung

Massive shifts in public opinion have radically reshaped society's views on homosexuality. DeYoung challenges the sceptic, the seeker, the certain and the confused to take a look at God's word. In examining key passages in the Bible he offers readers an indispensable resource for thinking through one of the most pressing issues of our day.



Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With?

Sam Allberry

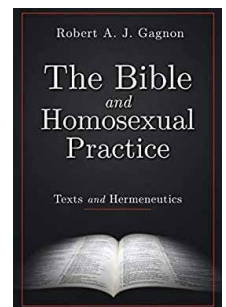
A short book explaining God's boundaries for sexual morality. In a culture increasingly at odds with the Bible's teaching, we need more than just know what the Bible's rules are, but be aligned with God's heart on this matter.



The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics

Robert Gagnon

A thorough and scholarly analysis of the biblical texts relating to homosexuality.



CHRISTIAN GROWTH

EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY

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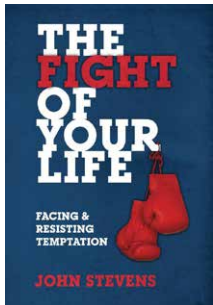
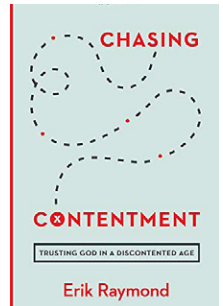
This short, but invaluable, booklet describes the signs of emotional dependency and shows how God can bring healing and wholeness to these unhealthy relationships.

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Chasing Contentment: Trusting God In A Discontented Age

Erik Raymond

This insightful and thought-provoking book is apt for our spiritually hungry age where both Christians and non-Christians are easily caught out by searching for contentment in the wrong places.



The Fight of Your Life: Facing & Resisting Temptation

John Stevens

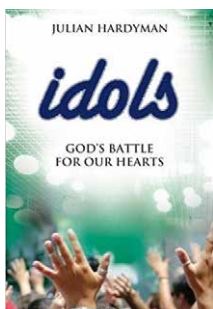
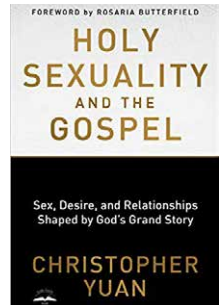
A thorough, in-depth consideration of temptation - both theological and practical

and with plenty of references to sexuality and especially same-sex attraction.

Holy Sexuality and The Gospel

Christopher Yuan

A fascinating account of how our goal should be holy sexuality rather than 'heterosexuality', 'sexual healing' etc Academic rather than practical, but excellent and very readable.



Idols: God's Battle for our Hearts

Julian Hardyman

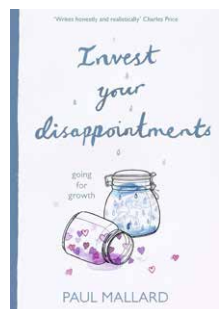
Julian is increasingly convinced that idolatry - putting anything else in the place that is rightfully God's -

explains us and our problems: Why we get so angry about traffic jams. What drives us to work so hard our marriage hits the rocks. What lies behind that compulsion to look at pornography. He has also found that God is engaged in a war to win back our hearts.

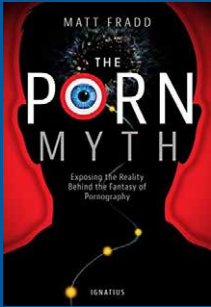
Invest Your Disappointments: Going For Growth

Paul Mallard

Through this book, Paul Mallard compels us to face up to life in this fallen world with all its disappointments, but doesn't leave us there. He directs us to the treasure trove of God's grace and shows us how God comforts and restores us.



PORNOGRAPHY

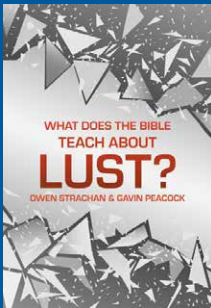


The Porn Myth: Exposing the Reality Behind the Fantasy of Pornography

Matt Fradd

The Porn Myth is a non-religious response to pro-pornography

arguments. This book addresses the neurological reasons porn is addictive, helps individuals learn how to be free of porn, and offers real help to parents and the spouses of porn users.

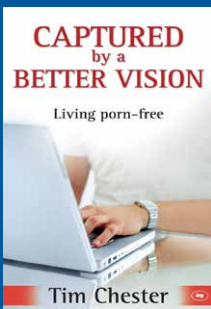


What Does the Bible Teach about Lust?

Gavin Peacock and Owen Strachan

The problem is not simply our actions but our sinful desires. It is strongly biblically

based and gives hope in Christ who is more powerful than any lustful desire or temptation.



Captured by a Better Vision: Living porn-free

Tim Chester

Pornography has reached epidemic proportions. And in God's eyes porn is

'unbearably ugly' says Tim, 'but for the grace of God'. He exposes the lies and deceptions of porn, inviting us to be fully free, and showing positively and practically how this can be possible in daily life.

SINGLENES

Seven Myths About Singleness

Sam Allberry

A read that highlights singleness as an exciting alternative to marriage. It opens up doors to love God and love

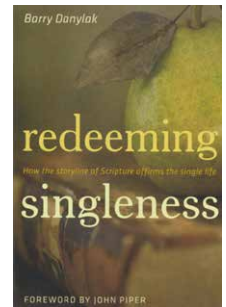
people more. It assures those who are single that they are not alone – Jesus has already walked this path and the gospel is good news for everyone whether single or married.



Redeeming Singleness: How the storyline of Scripture affirms the single life

Barry Danylak

In this academic book, Barry Danylak takes the reader through the progression of singleness through the whole Bible.

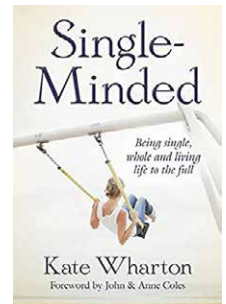


Single-Minded: Being single, whole and living life to the full

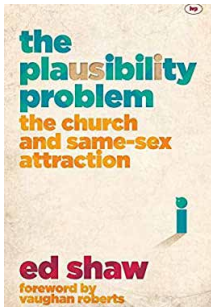
Kate Wharton

Kate considers the challenges facing singles, addressing the issues of being complete

without an "other half", staying pure... and dealing with pressures from both church and society.



LIVING WITH SSA

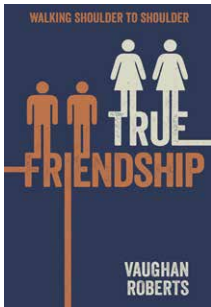


The Plausibility Problem: The Church and same-sex attraction

Ed Shaw

Is the Bible realistic when it talks about homosexuality?

Shaw shows that the Bible's teaching seems unreasonable, not because of its difficulties, but because of missteps that the church has taken in its understanding of the Christian life.

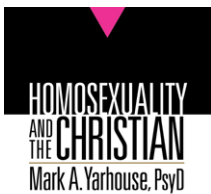


True Friendship

Vaughan Roberts

In a culture where online communication is set up in seconds, it is striking that loneliness is still rampant. Here Roberts shows us that knowing

and being known by God is the hope we need to deal with the sickness of our 'self-love' society.



Homosexuality and the Christian: A Guide for Parents, Pastors and Friends

Mark Yarhouse

Mark gives honest and accurate answers to parents and pastors who have questions about

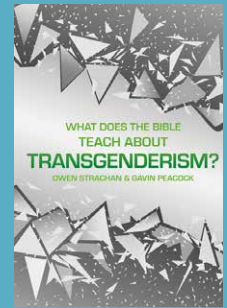
homosexuality. He carefully separates the concept of "same-sex attraction" from a "gay identity." In a clear and compassionate style, he explains the research regarding what causes same-sex attraction and whether or not it can be overcome.

GENDER

What Does the Bible Teach about Transgenderism?

Gavin Peacock and Owen Strachan

A very clear, straightforward explanation of the trans issue and how those in the LGBTQ movement are seeking wholeness, happiness and acceptance in the wrong places which only results in calamity



Transgender

Vaughan Roberts

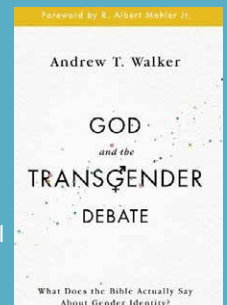
This short book gives an overview and a starting point for constructive discussion as we seek to live in a world with different values, and love, serve and relate to transgender people.



God and the Transgender Debate

Andrew T Walker

A warm and pastoral book on the issue of transgender, with helpful principles for reaching out to those facing conflicts regarding their sense of gender.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Think Theology

Blog (www.thinktheology.co.uk/blog)

Think started as a blog within the New Frontiers movement, but now is wider than that. Look out particularly for articles on same-sex attraction and transgender by Andrew Wilson or Andrew Bunt and articles on singleness by Jennie Pollock.



Psephizo

Blog (www.psephizo.com)

Ian Paul's aim for his blog is to "post my own, original research, observations and reflections, often relating to study, teaching or ministry I am engaged in". He often writes on the topic of SSA and the church as a community in a stimulating and thought provoking way.

A New Name

Blog (www.emmascrivener.net/category/blog)

Emma's blog focuses on our identity in Christ, with posts on addiction, singleness and negotiating daily living. She also features guest writers who bring a biblical perspective on subjects such as loneliness and family.

Ascend Higher Podcast

Podcast (www.truefreedomtrust.co.uk/podcasts)

Articles in the Ascend magazine often need to be ruthlessly edited down to fit within the required word count. To give space to discuss certain articles in greater depth, the TFT staff team record the Ascend Higher podcast, covering the issues raised in a more conversational style.



Living Out Podcast

Podcast (www.livingout.org)

Listen to Ed and Anne interviewing a range of prominent Christians on matters to do with living godly lives while experiencing same-sex feelings.



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