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*Let's Talk
About Sex*

Q&A

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 - *Created in the image of God for intimacy as male and female (Gen. 1:27; 2:18, 21-25; Mt. 19:6; Rom. 1:26-27)*
 - *Who belong to God (1 Cor. 6:11-20; 2 Cor. 5:15)*



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- *Any sexual expression that ignores God's intent for our sexuality will have a limited capacity to bond two human beings.*



HOW DO WE ENGAGE LGBT IN THE CHURCH?

- *With a shared commitment to grace and integrity.*
- *With a mutual dependence on the transforming power of the gospel.*
- *With the shared hope for our future.*



WHAT GOOD QUESTIONS CAN I ASK MYSELF TO EVALUATE MY IDENTITY?

- *Who does God declare that I am?*
- *What are some of my false identities, or “head trash”?*
- *Maturing in your true identity requires an ongoing process.*



HOW DOES A YOUNG COUPLE STAINED BY THE WORLD'S VIEW OF SEX OVERCOME INSECURITY AND SHAME IN THE BEDROOM?

- *Couples must identify the lies that have deformed their understanding of identity, love, and sex.*
- *Couples must engage together in an intimate relationship that ...*
- *Redemptive intimacy must begin in the head before it can be celebrated in the bed.*

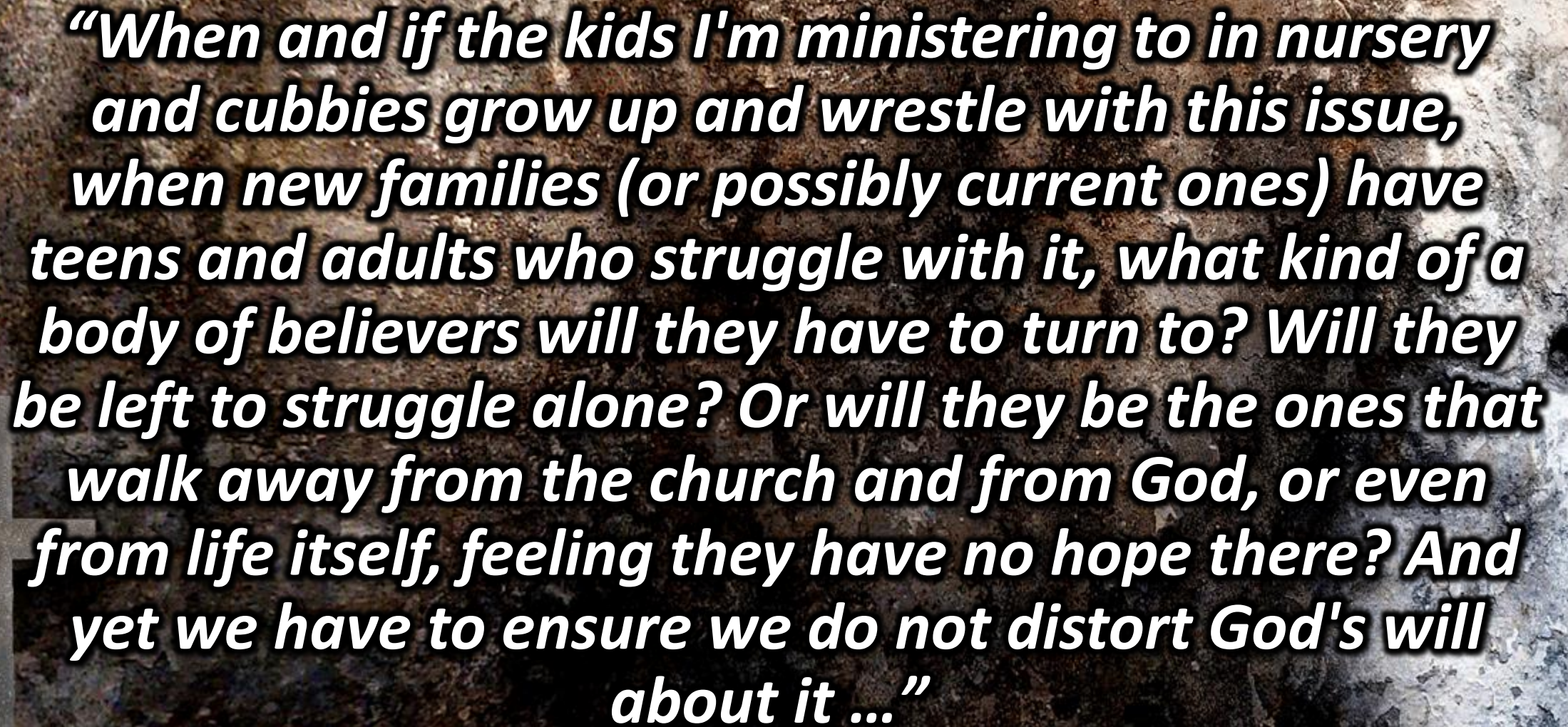


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- *We acknowledge with humility that every person's sexuality has been distorted by our shared depravity to one degree or another.*
- *We can lean into our God-declared identity that is rooted in His grace and secured by His power and promise.*

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- We no longer need to perform or pretend to receive love and acceptance.*
- We humbly recognize our mutual daily dependence on the power of the gospel to change our lives.*



“When and if the kids I'm ministering to in nursery and cubbies grow up and wrestle with this issue, when new families (or possibly current ones) have teens and adults who struggle with it, what kind of a body of believers will they have to turn to? Will they be left to struggle alone? Or will they be the ones that walk away from the church and from God, or even from life itself, feeling they have no hope there? And yet we have to ensure we do not distort God's will about it ...”