

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Gal 2:20

Lord, do whatever it takes to bring this prodigal son to you.

“We are not here to prove God answers prayer; we are here to be living monuments of God’s grace.” Oswald Chambers

“God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.” Rom 2:4

Unconditional love is not the same things as unconditional approval of my behavior.

“You shall be holy, for I am holy.” 1 Pet 1:16

Application:

- Pray consistently for the gay community in your town to know Christ
- Intentionally reach out to a gay loved one or friend (phone call, email, text, have coffee, share a meal, etc.)
- Fast this month for your loved ones who are wayward or don’t know Christ

Next week: “Controversial” Week 3. You can find additional resources for this series here: <https://bit.ly/ControversialResources>

For discussion with your small group, family and friends.

Passages: Galatians 2:20; Romans 2:4; 1 Peter 1:16

Questions to discuss:

1. What was significant to you from the story you heard in the service?
2. What from God's perspective and word made an impact as you listened?
3. What passage and truth do you need to meditate on and explore more?
4. How will you practically, intentionally respond to what God is showing you?
 - A. Who will you talk to about your next step?
5. A suggested prayer to pray.

Father God, Creator of All, create in me a pure heart. Help me to present my body as a living sacrifice to you. Father, let me think your thoughts about the topic of sexuality. Root my identity in who you say I am. I belong to you, you created me and you saved me. I choose to honor you with my body, my eyes, my ears, my thoughts, my relationships. Give me courage to measure my views on these topics by your kingdom, your voice and your ways. Give me courage to bring my identity and sexuality under your Lordship. Give me your heart of compassion and conviction as I engage with others who may think differently. And for those in my life who are in a faraway country, bring them home to you Lord. ~ Amen.