

Where Grace Abounds

100% Grace / 100% Truth: No Compromise

WGA exists to guide and support people who seek to understand sexuality and relationship with God and others. We desire to inspire all people to know and personally appropriate God's plan for their sexuality and relationships.

WGA was born out of the need to fill the vacuum created between blanket acceptance and approval of any kind of sexual behavior and total condemnation of the sexual sinner as worse than any other.

WGA is committed to reaching out in the love of Jesus Christ without condemnation, yet doing so without compromising the Word of God.

WGA makes a distinction between sexual feelings and behavior. We believe that people do not choose their feelings (including sexual orientation) but they are responsible for what they do with those feelings (behavior). Our goal is not to talk a person "into" or "out of" something, rather we seek to give space so that the person can wrestle with their understanding of themselves and God's place in their life.

WGA believes that understanding relationships and the impact of community is vital in our growth as humans. We realize the need for each individual to find a sense of purpose within a community (belonging) is what drives us and propels us to growth. Relationships with each other and with God are integral to our health and well-being.

Gender and Sexuality Foundations

- God is the CREATOR – He has an original purpose, design and intent for gender and sexuality
- Our gender and sexuality are an incarnational picture of the Trinity and God's relationship with his creation.
- God created us Male & Female in His Image (Genesis 1:26-27)... and it was GOOD.
- Marriage is between one man and one woman and the only appropriate place to express our sexuality (sexually)
- We live in a fallen world and we don't know the extent of how that has affected our gender and sexuality. God is in the business of redeeming all parts of our lives-but we don't always know what that looks like?
- There is a mystery to God, created in His image there is a mystery in our gender and sexuality. A humble approach is always good.

Services of WGA

We Provide:

- Discipleship, Resources, Education and Public Speaking
- Website: www.wheregraceabounds.org (Resources)
- Support-Thursday Night Drop In, Family & Friends, Specialty Groups
 - ReSOULutions Series (Four Modules)
 - Seeking True Connection: Addictions are False Solutions (4 Weeks)
 - Understanding Gender/Sexual Identity & Same Sex Attraction (4 Weeks)
 - Roadblocks to Healing (4 Weeks)

- Ways of Healthy Relating (4 Weeks)
- Blogs on topics (see website):
 - Gender/Sexuality
 - Resolving Abuse
 - Addiction (Sexual, Love)
 - Family and Friends
 - Gender/Sexuality: Church and Culture

We do not charge for any of our services—we operate on donations/honorariums etc.

Theological Treatment Of Homosexual Behavior

WGA makes a distinction between sexual feelings and behavior. Biblical principles hold them accountable for what they do in response to their feelings and behavior. Homosexual behavior is the issue; homosexual feelings and temptations are not addressed in these articles.

<http://wheregraceabounds.org/theological-treatment/> **Articles by Elodie Emig (Denver Seminary Professor)**

Websites

WhereGraceAbounds.org

CenterforFaith.com – The Center for Faith, Sexuality & Gender (Sprinkle & Yarhouse)

Reading List

Sexual Identity and Sexuality

Living in a Gray World – A Teen’s Guide to Understanding Homosexuality by Preston Sprinkle

People to be Loved- Why Homosexuality is Not Just an Issue by Preston Sprinkle

Homosexuality & The Christian by Dr. Mark Yarhouse

Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With? By Sam Allberry

Gender

Embodied – Transgender Identities, The Church & What the Bible Has to Say by Preston Sprinkle

Emerging Gender Identities – Understanding The Diverse Experiences of Today’s Youth by Mark Yarhouse and Julia Sadusky

Understanding Gender Dysphoria – Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture by Mark Yarhouse

Pastor Helps

Messy Grace: How a Pastor With Gay Parents Learned to Love Others Without Sacrificing

Conviction by Caleb Kaltenbach

A Strong Delusion by Joe Dallas

Slaves, Women, and Homosexuality: Exploring the Hermeneutics of Cultural Analysis by William Webb

Theology of the Body by Christopher West