

**How Did We Get Here?  
Experiencing God – Part 10  
3-16-2025**

**April 9, 2023 – Easter Sunday my mother attends our church**

**Late April 2023 - A book called:**

**“Why The Church of the Nazarene  
Should Be Fully LGBTQ+ Affirming”  
Edited by Thomas Oord and Alexa Oord**

**Short essays in three categories:**

**Queer Voices  
Ally Narratives  
Scholarly Perspectives**

**The big revelation is that if you do not have a personal relationship or connection with someone who is LGBTQ, you may have no reason to try to discover the perspective of someone who identifies as homosexual, gay, or queer.**

**June of 2023 Los Angeles Gay Men’s Choir - Disney Center  
Joshua Kiernan**

**“God Help The Outcasts” Hunchback of Notre Dame**

**I know I’m just an outcast.**

**I shouldn’t speak to You.**

**Still, I see Your face and wonder,  
were You once an outcast too?**

**God help the outcast hungry from birth,  
Show them the mercy they don’t find on earth.  
God help my people, we look to You still,  
God help the outcasts, or nobody will.  
God help the outcasts, children of God.**

**My Calling:**

***“Look up and look around. This is who I want you to minister to.”***

**August 2023 - I was reported to my denominational leader**

**August 16, 2023 - Given an ultimatum**

**August 27, 2023 – Last Sunday in Nazarene Church**

**September 3, 2023 – First Sunday at Kuns Park in La Verne  
Compassion Church of the Foothills**

**Matthew 9:36-38 (NIV) “When He (Jesus) saw the crowds, He had COMPASSION on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup> Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field.’”**

**October 1, 2023 – 1st meeting: Claremont United Church of Christ**

**There are major differences of opinion on translations and interpretations of Scriptures that led to the Reformation and Denominations and independent churches who all are unified about God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We all descend from the One Holy Catholic (unified) Church.**

**The Holy Spirit reminded me of the Sermon on the Mount  
Jesus clarified in His generation:**

**Matthew 5:21-22a (NIV)** *"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment."*

**Matthew 5:27-28 (NIV)** *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart."*

**Matthew 5:38-42 (NIV)** *"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' <sup>39</sup> But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. <sup>40</sup> And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. <sup>41</sup> If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. <sup>42</sup> Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."*

**Matthew 5:43-44 (NIV)** *"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."*

**Jesus didn't make any of those prior commandments easier.  
He made them less literal and more difficult.**

**The Holy Spirit reminded me of Acts 10  
Peter was given a vision of a sheet with  
animals that are unclean for Jews to eat:**

**Acts 10:15 (NIV)** *"The voice spoke to him a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.'"*

**Peter is obedient to the voice and makes a major adjustment  
by taking the action step the Spirit told him to take.**

**Acts 10:28 (NIV)** *"He said to them: 'You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.'"*

**Acts 10:34-35 (NIV)** *"Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right.'"*

**Acts 11:17 (NIV)** *"So if God gave them the same gift He gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"*

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB)** *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."*

**Matthew Vines** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ezQjNJUSraY>

The first known use of *"homosexual"* in English is in Charles Gilbert Chaddock's 1892 translation of a German word first used in an 1868 psychiatric paper of Richard von Krafft-Ebing's *Psychopathia Sexualis*, a study on sexual practices. (Wikipedia)

The problem is that there is no Hebrew or Greek word in the original languages of the Old and New Testaments that translates as *"Homosexual."*

**1946 -** For the first time in history the word homosexual entered a printed English language Bible: Revised Standard Version.

Greek: *"arsenokoites"* as *"homosexual"* in 1 Timothy 1:10

**1946 Movie – The Mistranslation That Shifted a Culture**

<https://www.1946themovie.com/> \$12.95 to livestream

**Sharon Roggio/ Ed Oxford**

I learned from Grider's paper the word homosexual is not in Hebrew or Greek, but I didn't learn the history of how the word homosexual entered English Bible translations until the movie.

**1971 The Living Bible - Kenneth Taylor**

**1971 New American Standard Version**

**1978 New International Version**

**1986 New Living Translation**

**The King James Version** was commissioned and published in 1611 for the Church of England and to this day does not have the word homosexual added.

**1611 King James Version** – for those who defile themselves with mankind

**1901 American Standard Version** – abusers of themselves with men

**1966 Good News Translation** – sexual perverts

**1982 New King James Version** - sodomites

**According to the Guinness Book of World Records the best-selling book of all time is the Christian Bible.**

**The Bible is a number one selling book every year.**

**Annual sales figures for the Bible: between \$425m and \$650m**

**The Economist** estimates more than 100m new Bibles are printed every year.

According to data from the book tracker Circana Bookscan, Bible sales increased by 22 percent in the US through the end of October 2024 compared to the year before, while total US print book sales only increased by less than 1 percent in that same time frame.

**Barna research indicates that 92% of all American households have at least one Bible and typically own three.**

**The BIBLE is a big money maker for the publisher.**

**Few people know that Rupert Murdoch's media conglomerate News Corp Harper Collins also owns Zondervan and Thomas Nelson Publishers, the world's largest publisher of Bibles.**

**The Bible says much about sexual immorality without specifically defining what that is.  
The Bible includes a lot of messy honesty.**

### **THE MAIN THEME OF THE BIBLE IS GOD'S LOVE**

**1 John 4:16 (NIV)** *"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."*

**Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)** *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'<sup>31</sup> The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

**John 13:34-35 (NIV)** *"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."*

**Tony Campolo came out as affirming in 2015**

**Richard Hays Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Duke Divinity School wrote the 1996 book,**

**"The Moral Vision of the New Testament"**

**It has been referenced in evangelical seminaries and traditionalist studies across the country arguing against same sex marriage.**

**Hays wrote a new book released in September 2024 entitled:**

**"The Widening of God's Mercy"**

**He apologized saying he is deeply sorry for the pain caused to the LGBTQ individuals who have been excluded from Christian churches because of his earlier writing.**

**He changed his mind.**

**Isaiah 43:19a (NIV)** *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"*

**"God is still speaking."**

**John 3:16 (NIV)** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*