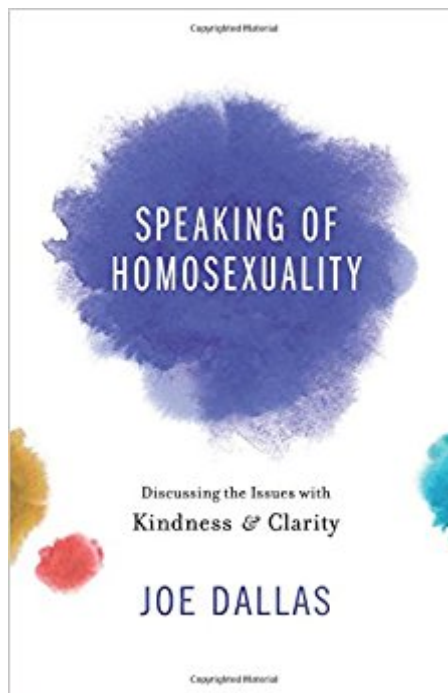




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Speaking Of Homosexuality: Discussing The Issues With Kindness And Clarity



Synopsis

Former Gay Activist Paves the Way to Peaceful Conversation

Homosexuality and gay marriage stand among perhaps the greatest defining cultural battles of our age. There's no escaping the inevitable conversations--so how does a Christian respond with love and biblical truth without adding fuel to the fire? Drawing on nearly thirty years of counseling people struggling with homosexuality, former gay activist Joe Dallas takes readers through virtually every argument they are likely to hear in favor of normalizing homosexuality. He helps readers understand the views of LGBT people they may know and respond with clarity, confidence, and compassion. He shows the most effective ways to engage the subject on social media and in everyday encounters with guidelines for talking points, dialogue, approach, and tone, and even provides sample dialogue. Anyone who has been searching for ways to have productive, loving conversations surrounding this critical topic will find this incredible resource a must-have.

"At one time or another every twenty-first-century Christian is likely to be confronted about his or her views on homosexuality. But how can we approach this challenging issue in a way that faithfully reflects Jesus's heart and mind? Joe Dallas answers that question in this clear and compelling guide for engaging others with both gentleness and biblical truth."

--Jim Daly, president, Focus on the Family

"I've often said no one understands the subject of same-sex sexuality better than my friend Joe Dallas. This book, his best yet, only confirms my conviction. I'm not speaking merely of Joe's formidable knowledge of truth, but also the wisdom of its application through crystal-clear and concise communication. In the wake of the June 2015 US Supreme Court's redefinition of marriage, *Speaking of Homosexuality* will equip you to engage a topic that is foundational to human civilization."

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"*Speaking of Homosexuality* is one of the most clear and informative books on the subject. Dallas responds to the most common Revisionist arguments with clarity, but also genuine kindness. If you want one book to offer biblical and historical truth about homosexuality, but also how to lovingly put that truth into action, then you won't find a better book."

--Sean McDowell, PhD, professor of Christian apologetics, Biola University; author, *Same-Sex Marriage and Apologetics for a New Generation*

"In answer to the urgency of our world's current situation, Joe Dallas has now crafted a resourceful tool filled with biblical truth and insightful strategies. *Speaking of Homosexuality* is essential for every person in need of answers for themselves, a family member, or a friend struggling with same-sex attraction."

--Joni Lamb, cofounder, Daystar Television Network

"There is no question that one of the most difficult issues facing the church today is the subject of homosexuality. But God didn't leave us in the dark on the topic of human sexuality. He

gave us clear directives for this part of our lives so that we might experience the abundant life He promises. But speaking those guidelines to a confused church and a hardening culture isn't easy. No one does it better than Joe Dallas. Like no other voice I hear, Joe both lives and ministers with that continual balance of truth and love on this most contentious topic. In a day where Christians are growing more silent, we need a book like this to teach us how to winsomely engage while never retreating from God's protective Truth. This is a must-read for the church today!"--Janet Parshall, nationally syndicated talk show host

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"Speaking of Homosexuality" is a great foundation for individuals, educators, psychologists, parents, and people who are looking for truth about homosexuality. Great scholar, knowledgeable and with a powerful word in society, both here in the US and abroad, Joe Dallas brings the light with "kindness and clarity." Bold and also with a sense of humbleness, Dallas places the cards on the table, citing Geneticist Sven Bocklandt of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA who says, "There is no single gay gene." "Experts are by no means uniform in their belief about what causes homosexuality." "Lesbian life expert Kathy Belge comments, ' Despite social science and biological research, it is still not known what causes someone to be gay, lesbian, bisexual or straight.' "I like the way he continues the debate. "Many unhealthy conditions - addiction, violence, even promiscuous tendencies - may be inborn. But none of these behaviors are thereby legitimized. 'Fallen nature' is a biblical concept recognizing that we are born in sin, imperfect physically, psychologically, and

spiritually. So a biblical worldview allows for the possibility of inborn sinful tendencies."The author doesn't stop here, but diligently shows us the way. "Homosexual behavior is declared a sin five times in the Bible: Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10, Accordingly, like any other sin, it can be repented of (stopped), and the person need no longer be identified with it. Rather, he or she is a new creation in Christ (2Cor. 5:17.)"The argument goes even deeper. "Prohomosexual apologists often argue that if homosexuality is inborn, then it must be legitimized. Does that thinking apply to alcoholism, drug addiction, gambling addiction, chronic depression, sexual addiction, or pedophilia? (...) Some tendencies may never change, or may never change completely. That doesn't justify giving in to them. And if therapy cannot erase them, that doesn't discredit therapy."Joe Dallas shares where to turn to hope . "God welcomes and blesses the homosexual who, out of obedience, does not act upon his or her sexual desires."Even though, on a macro dimension, our society celebrate those who "come out," the same society doesn't talk anything about the broken families, the pain and shame of the children who are told that mom or dad is lesbian or homosexual.That's why I also recommend Joe Dallas' books, "When Homosexuality Hits Home" and "Desires in Conflict."

Joe Dallas clarifies how to discuss homosexuality without attempting to cause hurt, but still stating God's word.

EXCELLENT!

A good well written book. It is a good read for anyone this day and age.

Excellent communicates biblical perspective in a deep, systematic and exhaustive way. Gives traditional views, revisionists views and all done in a compassionate, loving way! I definitely recommend the read!

Well written. The author address all the issues I had questions about and others I was not aware of. The issue is truly dealt with in kindness and clarity.

This book is written with compassion and yet a Biblical clarity and perspective that brings both hope and a source of help for those who battle this arena of sin. I gave it to a friend who is struggling with this area in their life. I have not yet heard back from them.

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