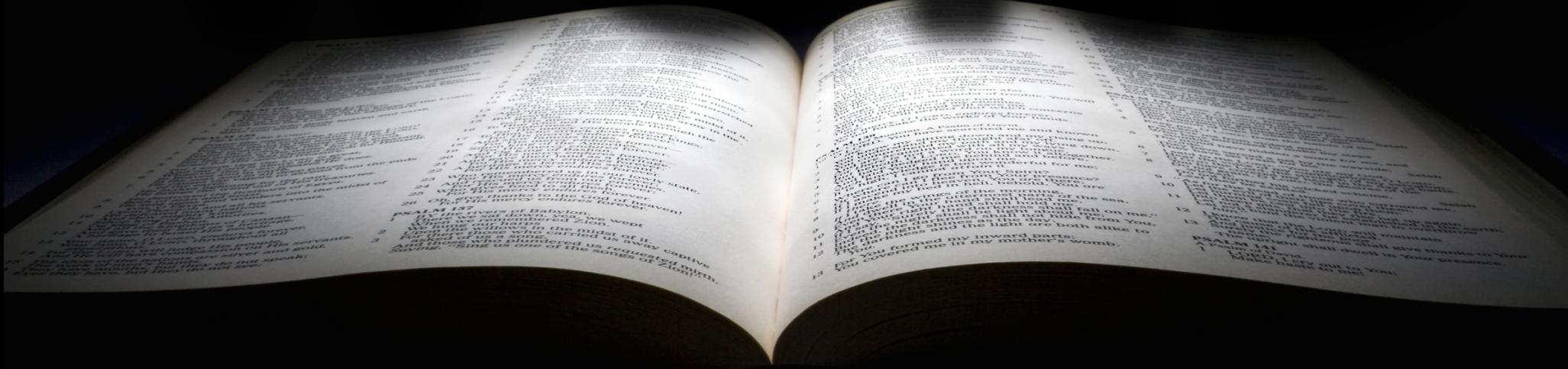


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WORD



EXAMINING THE PURPOSE & POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Marriage & Sexuality

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity.

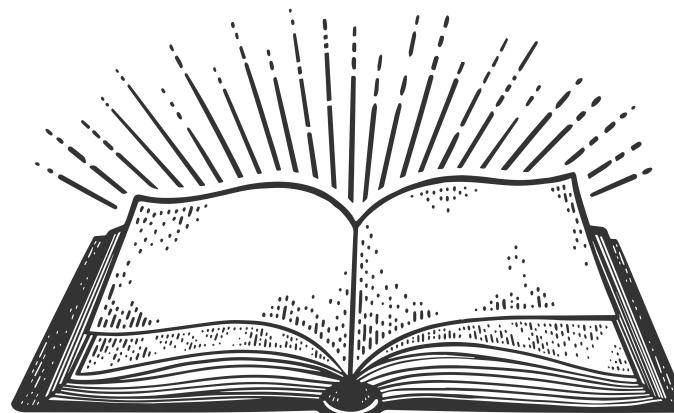
Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual, or group, are to be repudiated and are not in accord with the Bible...

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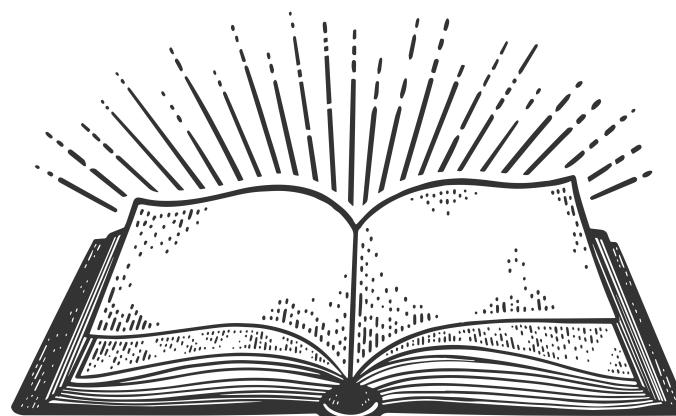
We believe that the term “marriage” has only one meaning and that is, marriage sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union, as delineated in Scripture, and that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of that union.

**1. Sex difference
is central to
how the Bible
talks about
marriage.**

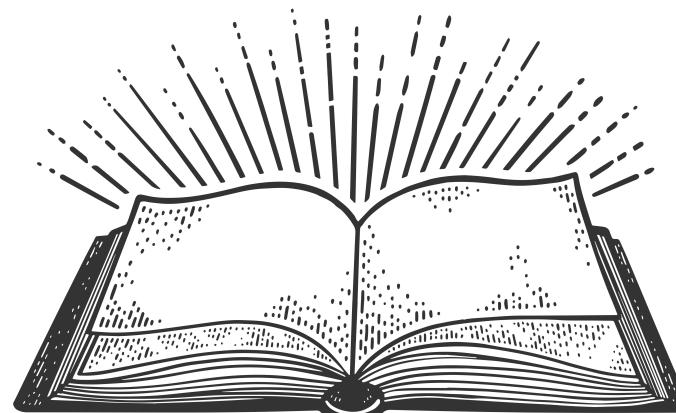
Genesis 2:15 The Lord God
took the man and put him in
the Garden of Eden to work it
and take care of it... (one rule!)



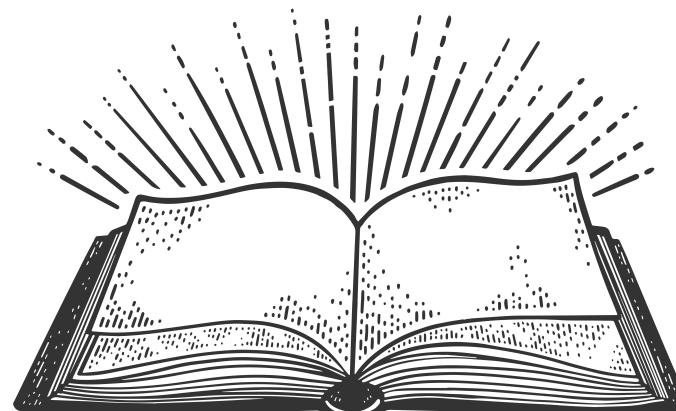
Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”



Genesis 2:19-20 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them...But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

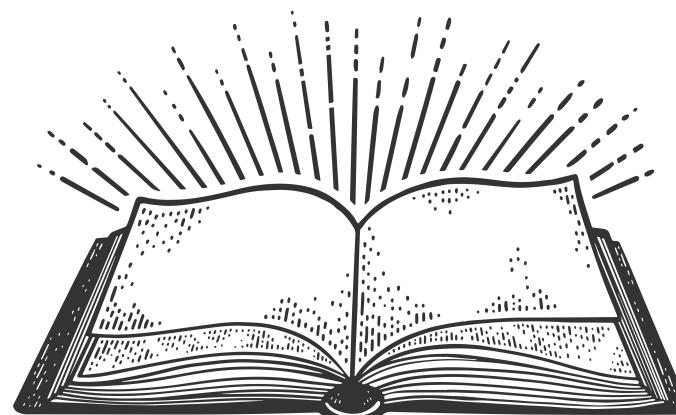


Genesis 2:22-23 Then
the Lord God made a woman
from the rib he had taken out of
the man, and he brought her to
the man. 23 The man said...

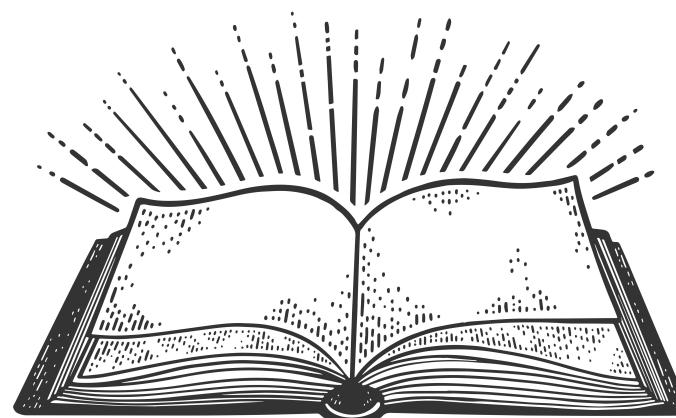


Genesis 2:23

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”



Genesis 2:24-25 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. 25 Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.



Man

Woman

Morning

Evening

Heavens

Earth

Land

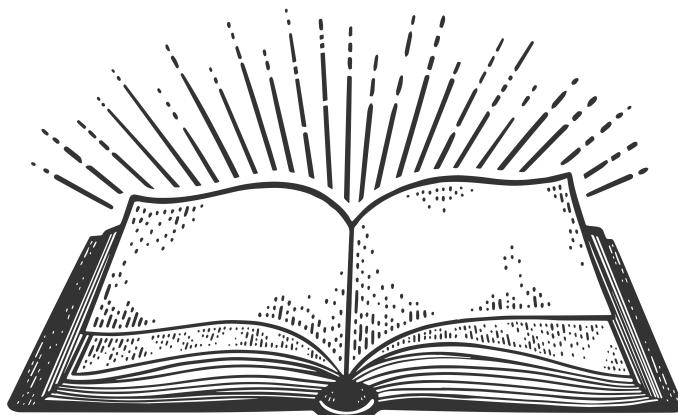
Water

Day

Night

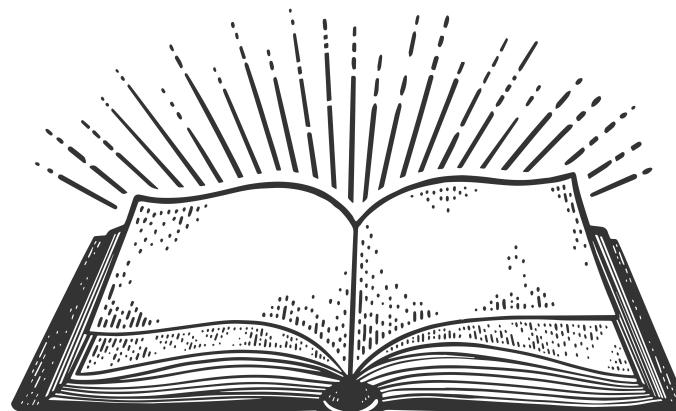
Genesis 1

What's Jesus got to say...

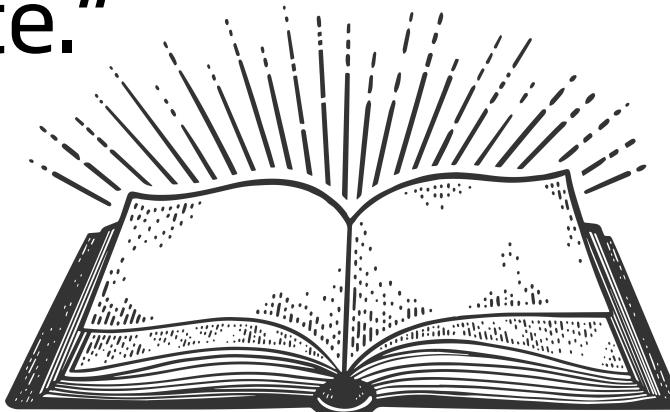


Matthew 19:3-6 (Mark 10:2-9)

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"



"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."



2.

**The Bible uniformly
celebrates marriage &
it being the exclusive
place for sex.**

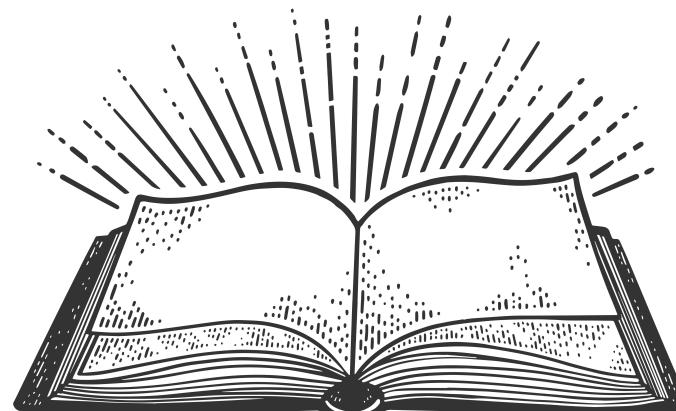
Same-sex practices forbidden

Lev. 18:22 and 20:13

Romans 1:26-27

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

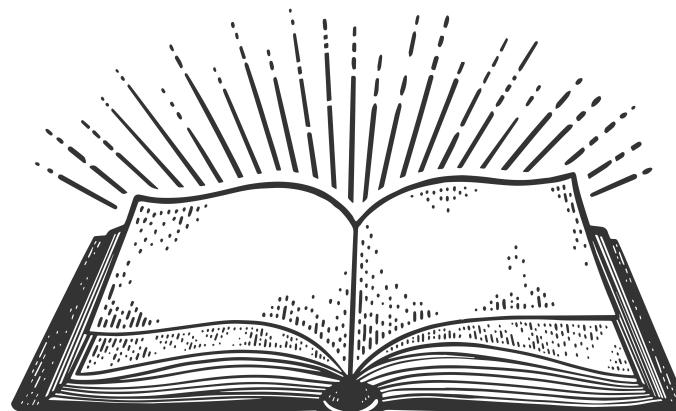
1 Timothy 1:9-10



Abraham - Sarah/Hagar (Genesis 16)

Lot - incest (Genesis 19)

Adultery - (Exodus 20:14, Hosea,
David, Proverbs 6:32, John 4, 1
Corinthians 6:18 and Hebrews 13:4).





3. HISTORICAL AGREEMENT.

*Jews, Protestants,
Catholic, Orthodox ALL
agree on the Bibles
definition.*

But... isn't being “true” to ~~yourself~~^{God} if key to a happy life?

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

About living a life of integrity:

Being true to ourselves doesn't make us people of integrity. Charles Manson was true to himself, and as a result, he rightly is spending the rest of his life in prison. Ultimately, being true to our Creator gives us the purest form of integrity.



John Wooden: Head coach at UCLA. He won ten NCAA national championships in a 12-year period.

Who Belongs at Sierra?

Behind these doors you'll discover people who struggle with lying, cheating, envy, greed, sexual impurity, gossiping, back-biting, bickering, anger, swaggering, bullying, cruelty, arrogance, meanness, stupidity, impatience, hate, judgement, pride and even more...

Who Belongs at Sierra?

If you've discovered that you are like us, broken with contrite hearts desiring forgiveness from sin, people longing for a clean start, then

Please Come In.

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Matt. 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, **a friend of tax collectors and “sinners.”**

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Romans 2:4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of **his kindness, forbearance and patience**, not realizing that **God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?**

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1 Tim. 2:3-4 God our Savior, 4 who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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In a fallen universe, *all of us* are alienated, in some way, from who we're designed to be. That alienation manifests itself in different ways in different people.



Russell Moore

Colossians 3:13-15 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. *Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts

