

CULTURE WARS

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Colossians

***“THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SELF
MADE MAN. YOU WILL REACH YOUR
GOALS ONLY WITH THE HELP OF
OTHERS”***

George Shinn, American Businessman and author

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Church moving
towards
DYSFUNCTION
- The pastor is
the only
minister.



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Church moving
towards HEALTH -
Everyone ministers
according to their
gifting & passion.



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BIBLE READING:

Col 4:7-18

**WHAT KIND OF
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1. TYCHICUS - A FAITHFUL MAN COL 4:7-8

- Matt 25:23
- 2 Cor 4:1-2
- 1 Tim 3:10
- James 3:13

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Why does the bible emphasise the character of FAITHFULNESS?

- *FAITHFULNESS BUILDS TRUST -*
- CAN I TRUST THEM? IS
THIS PERSON TRUSTWORTHY?

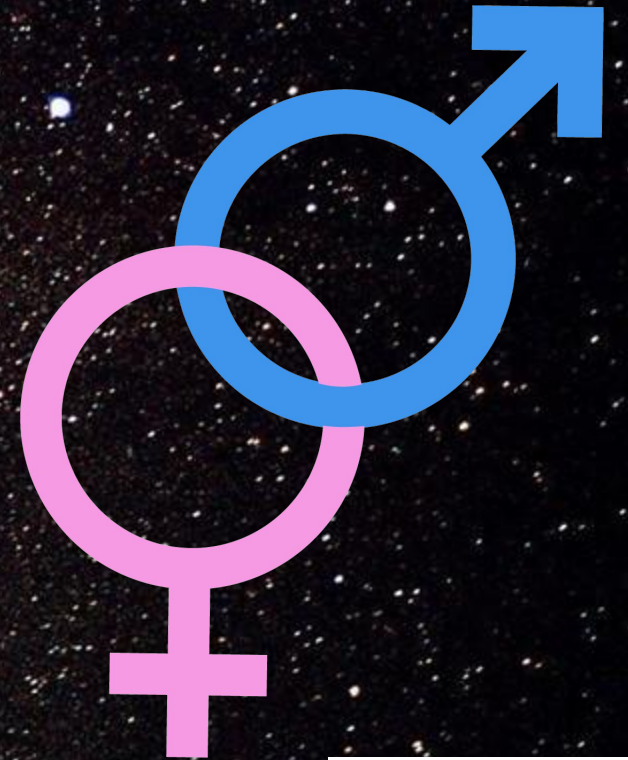
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Thinking Biblically About

Sexuality


Sunday 26th July 5.30pm

Secondary School Age Appropriate



ARE WE FAITHFUL IN:

- **GROWTH** – 2 Pet 3:18
- spiritual disciplines of bible reading, prayer,
- connecting to others in community,
- renewal of your mind.
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the private stuff behind the scenes (God sees)

A pair of hands is shown from the wrist down, held outwards. They are wearing black metal handcuffs, which are connected by a chain. The hands are positioned against a bright, hazy background that suggests a light source, possibly a window or a bright sky. The lighting creates a strong contrast, highlighting the contours of the hands and the metallic texture of the cuffs.

**FINDING
YOUR
SPIRITUAL
FREEDOM**

ARE WE FAITHFUL IN:

- **GROWTH** – 2 Pet 3:18
- **GIVING** - 2 Cor 8
- **GIFTS (GRACE)** Rom 12:3-8

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3 John 5-11 *“Diotrephes, who loves to be the leader”, “who loves to the first”*

Can we be faithful in little things and hidden things when no one sees?

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2. ONESIMUS - A MAN WITH A PAST COL 4:9

- Onesimus -runaway slave of Philemon
- Paul uses a play on words when he refers to Onesimus in verse **Philemon 1:11**: *“Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.”*
- The name Onesimus means “helpful,” “useful,” or “profitable.”

- Onesimus had been so helpful that Paul longed for him to stay at his side: *“I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. (Philemon 1:12–14).*
- The enemy will come in and whisper the lie: “of course you can be forgiven but He can never use you, you’ve failed.”
- The kind of people God can use may even have a past! Just look at the bible!

3. MARK - A MAN WITH A WITH A NEW OPPORTUNITY COL 4:10B

- John Mark was a helper who deserted Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey (Acts 13:5, Acts 15:38).
- Barnabas, "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36), wanted to give him another chance.
- Paul took the more rational view: pioneering missionary work requires dedication, resolve, and endurance. Paul saw John Mark as a risk to their mission

BUT there was a new opportunity and He is the author of the gospel of Mark taken from Peter's eyewitness statements.

- Failure is not falling down but staying down.
- Take personal responsibility – don't blame everyone else!
- Take the new opportunity right in front of you.

2 Cor 6:2 For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation

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4. EPAPHRAS - A MAN OF PRAYER COL 4:12-13

- We too often pray for God to make everything go right, and too infrequently that **WE WILL BE RIGHT.**
- Col 4:2 “devote yourselves to prayer”
- Acts 2:42 “devoted themselves to...prayer”
- Gift of intercession notes

5. ARCHIPPUS -A MAN OF CALLING COL 4:17

“I brought glory to you. by completing the work you gave me to do.” John 17:4 NLT

God calls us to be fruitful:

- *Genesis 1:28 “Be fruitful and multiply”*
- *John 15:8 “This brings great glory to my Father.”*
- *2 Peter 1:8-9 “more productive and useful you will be”*
- *Titus 3:8-9 “devote themselves to doing good.”*

WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR IN MY TEAM?

WHAT AM I LOOKING FOR IN THOSE I'M WORKING WITH?

- **CHARACTER** - NOT perfection but key qualities of teachability
- **COMPETENCE** - a faithful person who is competent.
- **CHEMISTRY** – not have to agree on everything but not in a contrary spirit, needs to be chemistry. Heb 13:17 “be responsive & open..”
- **CALLING** – a sense of calling to this place as well as using your gifts
- **CULTURE** - If the culture of what we are trying to build doesn't excite you then you are in the wrong culture.

CONCLUSION: WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

- The Gospel message needs ALL of us to reach ALL people
- You want to be part of a church where we value difference gifts, different cultures, different ages so it means we need people to take this seriously.
- Team ministry is important, it's what I said I'm building and I'm looking for character first and foremost.
- Philips promo - if we want to build a great church then we need a great team

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