

A person wearing a red t-shirt is holding a newspaper that is on fire. The newspaper has the word 'marjuana' visible on it. The person is standing in front of a wall with a window. The text 'WHERE WE STAND' is overlaid on the image in a red and white box.

# WHERE WE STAND

**TIMELESS ANSWERS TO TIMELY ISSUES**

**Leslie**

**Allen**

Gender

**Behind every issue  
is a person with a story.**

**“I love you,” isn’t a  
statement of approval.**

**“I disagree with you,” isn’t  
a statement of hate.**

**Accepting sinners isn't  
synonymous with affirming sin.**



**Refusing to condemn a sinner  
isn't synonymous with  
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Gender

# Self-Identity

**Who am I?**

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Who gets the right to define  
who I am as a human being?

**If someone experiences  
incongruence between their  
biological sex and their internal  
sense of self, which one determines  
who they are- and why?**

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**

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**Genesis 1:1 NIV**



So God created the great  
creatures of the sea and every  
living thing with which the water  
teems and that moves about in it,

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Genesis 1:21 NIV

according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

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Genesis 1:21 NIV

God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

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Genesis 1:22 NIV

And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so.

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Genesis 1:24 NIV

God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

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Genesis 1:25 NIV

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Genesis 1:25 NIV

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

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Genesis 1:26 NIV



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*It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship...*

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*There are no ordinary people. You have  
never talked to a mere mortal.*

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**C.S. Lewis**

**So God created mankind in his own  
image.**

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**Genesis 1:27 NIV**

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them

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Genesis 1:27 NIV

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*Masculine and feminine can be understood only in terms of each other; basically they are opposite and complementary qualities. They are like darkness and light. It is very hard to understand darkness except in terms of light, and light except in terms of darkness. They are two extremes on a continuum.*

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Robert Seigel

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*Being male or female isn't just about cultural stereotypes. Masculine and feminine characteristics reflect something much deeper—attributes of God that resonate in the core being of our souls and personalities.*

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**Jeff Johnston**



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Genesis 1:27 NIV

God created you.

God created you with a body.

God created you male or female.

# Gender Roles

# Gender Identity

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incongruence between their  
biological sex and their internal  
sense of self, which one determines  
who they are — and why?

# Gender Dysphoria

# Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria

There are two sexes: male and female, and each are made in the image of God.



The person who is furthest from  
the grace of God is the one  
unwilling to extend grace to others.

**Those who struggle with gender  
are not our enemies to fight but  
our neighbors to love.**

**Only the Creator has the right  
to define His Creation.**

Leslie



Allen

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*If I never learned about pure, un-distilled grace, I would have transitioned to a female and left the church,” Alan said. The thing that brought me to an acceptance of Biblical masculinity was not a poignantly laid-out exegetical argument against transsexuality nor a fire and brimstone diatribe against homosexuality*

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*but a man who gave me the space to speak  
about my desires openly and let me know he  
and God loved me nevertheless.*

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*It was love, not logic, that changed Alan's heart.  
People are rarely argued into the kingdom*

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**Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church,  
and What the Bible Has to Say  
Preston Sprinkle**