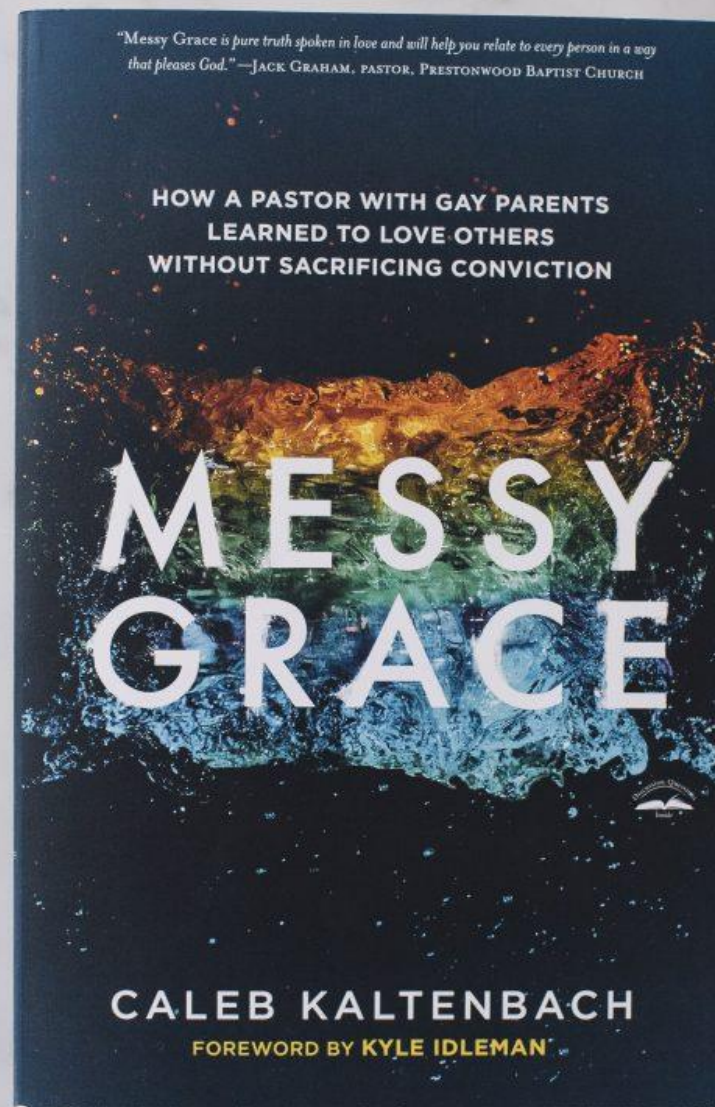




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- **If you believe same-sex marriage is consistent with God's design/intention for His people –**
 - Wrestle with Gen 1.27, Gen 2.24, Matt 19.1-6, Mark 10.5-9;
 - What authority are you looking to?
- **If you believe same-sex marriage is inconsistent with God's design/intention for His people –** how to *actively* love people who are same-sex attracted, actively homosexual, in a same-gendered marriage

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- What do you need to release to make oneness a reality in your marriage?



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Challenge to the Church – to help people discern if a potential spouse is a good fit

- **Move beyond chemistry to compatibility** – common interests, complementary temperaments, similar vision for the future, etc.
- **Decision to marry should be made in community** – what do the people who love you most and know you best think of your potential spouse?



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Challenge to the Church – to recover a Biblical understanding of divorce/remarriage

- **Spouse who initiates divorce can't remarry except in cases of:**
 - **Adultery** – Matthew 19.9
 - **Abandonment** – 1Cor 7.15
 - **Neglect/abuse** – Ex 21.10-11
- **Spouse who was 'divorced' can remarry**
- **Good rule of thumb** - wait at least one year; focus on healing



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Challenge to the Church – to help couples build strong marriages

- **Develop strong communication and problem-solving skills** – everyone can learn how to better express themselves, how to listen well, how to respond to disappointment and hurt, how to compromise, etc.
- **Encourage transparency in marriage** – every couple struggles at some point(s)