



## KEY OF SUCCESS

# JESUS' METHOD

*Remember, your child is still your child. Above all, don't let their confusion effect your relationship with them.*

### JESUS' STANCE

Jesus stood for truth, but He also stood with those who were burdened.

### YOUR CHILD'S PROBABLE STANCE

If your child is confused about their sexuality, then it is safe to say they are burdened.

### JESUS' SOLUTION

Jesus' truth will never fade, but they must know that He stands with them. A day will come when their confusion will end, but never will a day come where He will cease to be standing with them as long as they need Him.

In today's world, young people are struggling to understand their sexuality in light of Biblical truths clashing with worldly teaching. What are parents to do? How can you reach your kids?



### What should be your priority?

Let them know of the big lies, but more importantly let them know the Big Truth. And most importantly, let them know the Biggest Truth, that Jesus is with them, that He loves them. And while His plan for human sexuality may not be what they are feeling, He is with them as you figure it all out together.

### Maintain a truthful approach

Speak truth. Explore their true identity with them. Show them how they are more than their sexuality. Always be there for them, and always point them to Jesus.

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## YOUR MISSION

Before engaging in Biblical or moral conversations with your child, find ways to touch their heart. We have learned that when we try to share any Bible truth, if a person's heart is not touched and engaged, then the truth is minimally effective. The same is true when dealing with the truths of sexuality. So we recommend the following to continue ministering to your child's heart:

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**Make sure your child knows you love them and are there for them.**

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**Make sure your child knows you will be a guide for them as they navigate this tricky ground.**

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**Make sure your child knows that Jesus still loves them and has not abandoned them, even if they are feeling confused and scared.**

## BIG LIE #1



### YOUR SEXUALITY IS YOUR IDENTITY

This is a dangerous lie, even in traditional heterosexual relationships. Many marriages have been negatively affected when one partner feels rejected by the other over matters of sexuality. When they believe their sexuality is their identity, then rejection becomes personal and wounding. Therefore, when sexual confusion is present, this lie can be even more wounding.

## BIG LIE #2



### YOUR SEXUALITY IS STAGNANT

We are often led to believe that our sexuality never changes, that it is hardwired. But sexuality is incredibly nuanced. Hormone shifts and life experiences can change how any person will relate to sexuality and desires. And research has shown that when these hormones are fresh or peaking, sexual desire can be very different than at other times, including what we hold as the object of our desires.

## BIG TRUTH

### YOU ARE MORE THAN YOUR EVER-CHANGING SEXUALITY, SO TALK ABOUT THE "MORE"

Even in the secular mindset, we have to recognize we are more than our sexuality. We have hobbies, likes, dislikes, careers, friends, passions, and more - most of them unrelated to our sexuality. And when we recognize that our true identity is found in Jesus, then life can be very rich.



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## SEPARATE LIES FROM TRUTH

WHEN DISCUSSIONS OF SEXUAL IDENTITY ARISE WITHIN A FAMILY, THERE ARE OFTEN HARD LINES DRAWN BY ONE OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS. THESE HARD LINES HURT AND PUSH PEOPLE AWAY FROM EACH OTHER, AND OFTEN AWAY FROM GOD. IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE BIG LIES THAT THESE HARD LINES ARE BASED UPON AND TO TRANSITION THE CONVERSATION FROM THE BIG LIES TO THE BIG TRUTHS.