



# NEWSLETTER | JUNE 2023

Calling Women to Freedom, Fullness, and Fruitfulness in Christ

## Gender & Sexuality: Clarity in an Age of Confusion

**H**OW DID WE GET HERE? AS THOUSANDS OF WOMEN STREAMED INTO THE SAGAMORE BALLROOM FOR THE TRUE WOMAN '22 PRECONFERENCE LAST FALL, THEIR CRAVING FOR ANSWERS WAS PALPABLE.



This was no one-size-fits-all audience. From white-headed grandmas to young moms with strollers, women from varied churches and regions with a variety of experiences sat with their Bibles open and pens poised to write down any nuggets of truth that could help them make sense of how to respond to the culture's boldfaced rejection of God's plan.

**They represent so many Christians—people like you—who aren't interested in winning a culture war but in understanding God's truth.** These were:

- Grandmothers suddenly faced with the choice to call their grandchild by a new name and pronoun or face total exclusion from their lives.
- Mothers who have been forced to navigate the harmful effects of pornography in the hearts of their young children.
- Women who question God's design for their own gender and wonder how they can ever tell someone at church that they secretly feel that God made a mistake by making them female.
- Teachers who are being forced to affirm the lie of transgender identity or leave students they love.

These aren't headlines, they are image bearers of God struggling to make sense of His plan in a world that has lost its sexual moorings.

"Our view of sex begins with our view of God," was Dr. Juli Slattery's countercultural proclamation from the preconference stage. Juli is the founder of Authentic Intimacy and has dedicated many years to reclaiming God's design for sexuality. **She says that the answer to the sexual revolution unfolding in our day is revival, a message that Revive Our Hearts has been honored to proclaim for more than twenty years.**



**Don't miss the True Woman '22 preconference messages on Revive Our Hearts this month.**

At *Revive Our Hearts*, we do not test the cultural winds nor do we respond reactively to a world running away from God. **This month, as the rainbow "pride" flag flies as a symbol of distorted sexuality, we continue to wave the white flag of surrender to God's plan and His good design.** Now and always, we stand with courage and conviction on the bedrock truth that Heaven

rules as we call women to experience the fullness of knowing Jesus and living fruitful lives for His glory.



The answer to "How did we get here?" can be found in the Garden of Eden. Still, we are not doomed to sexual bondage. In an age of confusion we will continue to point women to the clear and timeless truth of God's Word so that through their lives they can declare, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (Rom. 1:16). 

—ED

Scan the QR code to check out more from *Revive Our Hearts* on gender and sexuality.



June 7 | Worldwide Prodigal Day

## When Surrender Goes Viral

**O**N A SUNDAY MORNING YOU SIT BESIDE A FRIEND AND ASK ABOUT HER GRANDCHILDREN. SHE SHARES SOME HIGHLIGHTS: A NEW JOB, A RECENT ENGAGEMENT, AND GRADUATION WITH HONORS. THEN A COUPLE COMES FORWARD TO DEDICATE THEIR NEWBORN TO THE LORD.

You remember what it was like when your children still fit in your arms. But that was before rebellion, before addiction, and before your child cut you out of his life. As your pastor prays for the young family, you bow your head and silently cry out to the Lord for the lost child you will never stop loving.

**What does it look like for a mother to release her children to the Lord when they are five, twenty-five, or fifty-five? How does a mom surrender her kids to Christ once they're old enough to make their own choices—those that break her heart?**

Nancy addressed those questions in the podcast episode “A Legacy of Dedication.” “It’s a mother’s instinct,” Nancy said, “to gather her children around and try to protect them.” But when the instinct emerges to pull them back and take back control, it’s time to say, “Lord, this child is Yours.”

When this teaching aired, quotes from the program were published on the *Revive Our Hearts* social media accounts. Four words stopped the scroll of thousands of women: “For the Praying Mother.” The truth Nancy shared offered weary mothers renewed perspective, and it encouraged them to surrender their children to the Lord.

### For the *praying* mother:

You're not responsible for what only God can do in your child's life. That means you don't have to beat yourself up when your child makes wrong choices.

You have to come to the place where you take your hands off, where you say, “Lord, I give this child to You.”

It's not that you no longer love. It's not that you no longer care. You certainly keep praying and loving and, as God opens doors, speaking truth into their lives. But you're not doing it as an owner or as a controller or as one who can fix it. You're saying, “Lord, this child is Yours.” — Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth @ReviveOurHearts

God has continued to use this viral social media post to speak truth to faithful mothers and grandmothers. Praying Mom, the Lord sees your heart. As Nancy says, “Don't ever stop praying for your children.” ❤️

—KL



To listen to the program “A Legacy of Dedication,” scan this QR code.

# Hope for the Parents of Prodigals

**F**EAR. ANGER. SHAME. REGRET. WORRY. NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO LOVE A PRODIGAL LIKE A PARENT WHO HAS JOURNEYED ALONGSIDE ONE HERSELF. MEET TWO MOTHERS WHO HAVE WALKED THIS ROAD BEFORE AND FOUND GOD TO BE FAITHFUL EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

## FRANCINE PERRY

For nine years, Francine's daughter embraced a transgender lifestyle. During those years, Francine wrestled with guilt and countless questions. In the podcast episode "A Mother's Absolute Surrender," she shares how the Lord broke her until the only place she could turn was to Him.



## ANGELA YUAN

Angela was not a Christian when her son began pursuing a homosexual lifestyle, and her despair led her to consider taking her own life. Hear what happened when she encountered the hope of Christ while on a train ride in the program "Loving a Prodigal."



Scan the QR code to visit a special page with additional resources.



## Gospel Fruit Underground

**T**WO SISTERS ARE BUSY SELLING FRUIT OUT OF THEIR SMALL SHOP. BEHIND THE COUNTER SITS A BLACK BOX. FROM IT, A CLEAR VOICE TEACHES FROM GOD'S WORD. CUSTOMERS TAKE NOTICE. THEY START COMING TO THE SHOP FOR MORE THAN PRODUCE. EAGER TO HEAR MORE OF THE VOICE STREAMING FROM THE SPEAKER, THEY RETURN DAY AFTER DAY AS GOD'S TRUTH BEGINS TO TAKE ROOT AND PRODUCE LASTING FRUIT IN THEIR HEARTS AND LIVES.

This is a snapshot of how God is working through *Revive Our Hearts* in one of the most closed countries in the world. A year ago, our ministry began a partnership with leaders in this country that is so marked by hostility toward the gospel, it cannot be named publicly. All Christian work in this area is underground. Since then, translators have produced 272 of Nancy's half-hour teaching podcasts and sixty-four of Nancy's teaching videos in the nation's native language. Content is then distributed to house churches and small groups via small speaker boxes, wifi SD cards, and shortwave radio.

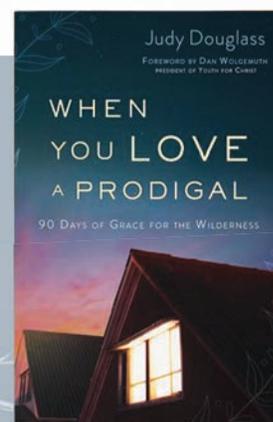
Even where official doors are closed to our message, hearts are open and responding to the message that freedom, fullness, and fruitfulness can be found in Christ. 



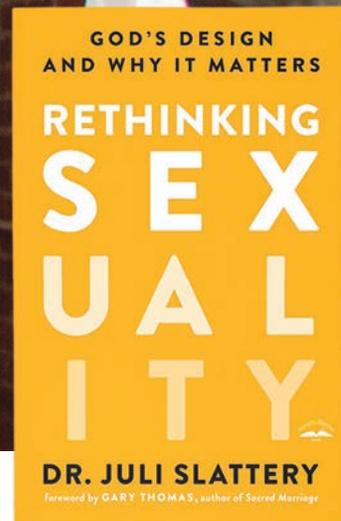
## RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

As you pray for your child or estranged family member, do you find yourself crying out, "How long, Lord?" In her book *When You Love a Prodigal*, Judy Douglass takes you through ninety days of considering how God intends to work in this part of your life. As you read, you will be encouraged by how God is able to strengthen you as well.

Get your copy of *When You Love a Prodigal* by Judy Douglass



# THINK BIBLICALLY ABOUT SEXUALITY ONCE AND FOR ALL . . .



What if instead of arguing with the world about what's right and wrong when it comes to sexual choices, you had a practical resource to equip you to share the love and grace of Jesus as you encounter the pain of sexual brokenness—your own or someone else's?

In *Rethinking Sexuality: God's Design and Why it Matters*, Dr. Juli Slattery will help you to think and act biblically and compassionately about matters of sexuality.



Request your copy when you make a donation of any amount to *Revive Our Hearts* this month.



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