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TITLE: **Redeeming Sexuality in the Church**

Debra Hirsch helped show us a holistic, biblical vision of sex and gender that honors God and offers good news to the world. This is such an important topic for us to understand and grow in.

Here are the 3 key things she wanted to leave us thinking about:

1. **God doesn't rank sin.** None of us are perfect or without sin in some area of our life. God loves us where we are and he does not label any one type of sin worse or more offensive than any others. Jesus died for ALL sin and longs to redeem every part of our lives and relationships back to God's loving design.
2. **Acceptance precedes repentance.** As we develop our sexual ethics, and much of it from the strong and important words of the apostle Paul, it is important to take the posture of Jesus—his example, his heart. Remembering Romans 2:4, *"God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance."*
3. **Bring grace back into human sexuality.** It is the most vulnerable part of our identity and in need of grace. It's where we feel our pain, it's where our longings for intimacy (in genital and nongenital ways) are felt. It's easy to have shame connected to our sexuality and that is not good for us or anyone. There is no shame in the gospel!

Shame and condemnation can be big in our lives in connection to our sexuality.

Redemption is bigger. Grace is bigger.

Understanding our own sexuality and helping others find truth in this area of their lives is true "gospel work" and something we need not shy away from. It's time to redeem sex!

You can get Deb Hirsch's amazing book, ***Redeeming Sex: Naked Conversations About Sexuality and Spirituality*** by [clicking this link](#).

**Also:** If you'd like help in establishing natural discipleship rhythms in your life with family and friends, let's hop on a Discovery Call to get to know each other a bit better, and I can tell you about our Everyday Disciple Makers coaching experience and see if it's a good fit for you. Just go to [everydaydisciple.com/discovery](http://everydaydisciple.com/discovery) to set up a convenient time... no obligation, I'd love to meet you and hear your story!

Thanks for listening... we'll see you in the next episode!

~Caesar