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INTEREST:**

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- "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." *John 3:17*

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# The Hard Questions

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## Answers to Life's Hard Questions— Are You Ready?

### Dear Joy,

We're a Christian family. My sister just told me her son (my nephew) is gay. His father wants to disown him. His mother loves him but wants to do what's right. What is right?

(From a female reader in Colorado)

We think of this topic as a difficult one to discuss but it needn't be. First, we'll look at what God says about it as we all think we know, but just in case, let's look at what the Old Testament says then the New Testament. In *Leviticus 18:22; 20:13* it says: "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable." Verse 20:13 echoes it. In *Romans 1:24 -27*: "Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ...Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion."

God views homosexuality as detestable and sinful. Genesis says He made male and

female and called it very good. God designed the sexes differently, therefore, He hates our trying to change the natural into the unnatural, something outside of His design.



That said, what you need to tell your sister goes beyond the definition of detestable. She needs to hear that God sent His Son to die for the ungodly. And we have all, at some-time or other, "sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Ro-

*mans 3:23* The ungodly, when you read scripture, refers to ALL of us. Jesus died for all the ungodly so why do we think we can pick and choose whom we think he died for? And why did He die for the ungodly? They certainly don't love Him or worship Him or even care about what He did for them. They even persecuted Him, hated Him and killed Him but He died for them even so—because He, for reasons we can't fathom, loves us—all of us.

I don't agree that people are born "that way". That would make God a devil. It would be like Him demanding that we be "good" when we don't have that ability. In *Mark 10:18* Jesus tells us only God is good so any goodness we have must come from Him. And since He tells us to be good and do good things, He then even gives us the power to be and do good. "Without Him I can do nothing." *John 15:5*.

He even loves the homosexual who does the detest



*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8*



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able—something God hates and loathes. I don't know about you but I'm glad He loves all of us even *them*, because He loves even *me*. I didn't have to clean up my act for Him to love me, I didn't have to love Him for Him to love me; I didn't have to be good for Him to love me. Wow! What a thought! He loves us, extends forgiveness to us, and accepts us just as we are.

So I would tell your sister that you will follow Christ's example and love your nephew and think she would do well to do the same, as we are to hate the sin and not the sinner. Examples of this you can give your sister are to maintain an active part in her son's life even if it is uncomfortable for her. You might remind her that Jesus "ate with tax collectors and sinners". And one more thing that might be even harder, she needs to think of his partner and be welcoming toward him, as this will show forth Christ's love. Loving him, extending grace to him, forgiving him, emulates Christ's actions. We are called to be Christ-like as Jesus said in *John 14:12*: "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." He also said, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him." *John 3:17*. This gives you and his family the opportunity to grow more like Christ and feel the heartbreak over sin and the sinner as He does. What a privilege.

And never stop praying for your nephew, that's the greatest way to show your love for him.

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*Good communication is as stimulating as black coffee and just as hard to sleep after.*

*Anne Morrow Lindberg*

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## Just for Fun

Little Tony was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He'd been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her, "Grandma, what's that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?"

She was a little taken aback, but she decided to just tell him the truth. "It's called sexual intercourse, darling.."

Little Tony just said, "Oh, OK," and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, "Grandma, it isn't called sexual intercourse. It's called Bunk Beds. And Jimmy's Mom wants to talk to you."

**Sometimes you come up with really hard, tough questions that you don't have the answers to.**

At times you're too embarrassed or uncomfortable to ask your friends and family... and when you are brave enough to ask the questions, even they don't always have the answers.

**You don't think you have anyone that you can talk to... well now you do.**

Genuine Joy Ministries is dedicated to helping you find the answers to life's hardest questions.

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