

# AFFIRMING NEWS

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## Bible, Gender, & Sexuality

*Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships* is a thought-provoking book by James Brownson. He develops a "broad, cross-cultural sexual ethic from Scripture, locates current debates over homosexuality in that wider context, and explores why the Bible speaks the way it does about same-sex relationships." His book speaks about the "traditional" and "revisionist" views on the discussion. "In the process, he explores key concepts that inform our understanding of the biblical texts, including patriarchy, complementarity, purity and impurity, honor, and shame. Central to his argument is the need to uncover the moral logic behind the text'.

Dr. James Brownson is a professor at Western Theological Seminary. He teaches New Testament Theology as well as Greek, Hermeneutics, and Theological Methodology. He came to write this book after he had to discern his faith and stance on LGBTQ issues after his son came out as gay. His book is the result of Brownson's research and discernment. Although this book is quite long and has a bunch of theological terms, Brownson does a great job of summarizing and explaining his thought process and arguments for the reader. This book is great for pastors who want to learn more about this topic, but it is also quite an accessible read for laypeople or anyone interested in the topic.

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<p><b>Question 1:</b> Can transgender women conceive children after gender confirmation surgeries?</p>	<p><b>Question 2:</b> Can transgender men get pregnant?</p>	<p><b>Question 3:</b> Are LGBTQ2S+ individuals loved by God?</p>
<p><b>Answer 1:</b> Unfortunately not. There are no surgeries available that create or transplant uteruses that are able to sustain the creation and birth of a child. These types of surgeries are in the works and may be available to transwomen in the near future.</p>	<p><b>Answer 2:</b> Yes, they can, although it depends on certain situations. If they have had a hysterectomy then they are unable to. If they have yet to undergo certain surgeries, or start hormone therapy, yes they have a chance of becoming pregnant. Likewise, if they are on Testosterone, they still have a chance of becoming pregnant if they still have a uterus.</p>	<p><b>Answer 3:</b> YES! God loves everyone! God loves us unconditionally. We are all fearfully and wonderfully made. We are all created in the image of God, regardless of our sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.</p>