



Naked Surrender: Coming Home to Our True Sexuality

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“What sets us apart from the rest of creation is that we can think about another’s good and choose to act on that good. Yet we are also creatures full of need and desire whose heads and hearts are readily turned by the sheer attraction we feel toward some and not others. That is where the rigor of genuine relating comes in. Desire alone is not enough. We must always aspire to value the person rather than the pleasure we derive from that person. Love must subordinate desire.”
—from Ch. 4, “Opening Doors: The Rigorous Beauty of Romantic Love”

Restoring the Temple

Meet Jake, a young church leader with predilection for porn who thinks nothing of having one-night stands with women in his church. Or Bev, whose sexual abuse by an uncle when she was a girl has caused her to seek comfort in lesbian relationships. Carmen and Fernando have been married for a few years and now have a new baby. What should be a happy time in their relationship is actually a time of anger and frustration that threatens to break them apart. Rick struggles with same-sex attraction, while Lucy has rejected any kind of close relationship with any man under the guise of being “spiritual.” All are broken in their sexuality. All need the redemptive healing of the cross and the body of Christ in order to be “whole-enough.”

Author Andrew Comiskey knows what it means to be broken. For years he struggled with same-sex attraction, even after he gave his life to Christ. But through intimacy with Jesus, as well as caring relationships with people in the church, Andrew was able to exit the gay lifestyle and eventually enjoy a monogamous, heterosexual relationship with his wife, Annette.

Naked Surrender will answer questions for readers such as

- why recovery from sexual problems cannot be done in isolation—the church body is needed
- why Christians need both trustworthy men and women to administer aspects of God’s love and facilitate healing
- how to be single and celibate in a sexually charged culture
- why all—not just married couples—are under the divine command to aspire to harmony between man and woman
- how to set limits for physical expression in a dating relationship
- the importance of solitude to our relationships
- Facebook—relationship enhancer or killer?
- why those undergoing the process of healing from sexual brokenness are a gift to the church

Naked Surrender is a refreshingly honest and hopeful read for anyone who struggles with issues surrounding his or her sexuality, whether they are single or married, gay or straight. Pastors, church leaders and counselors will benefit from a clear understanding of how the church can minister effectively to people looking for healing, and restore the temple that is the body.