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“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19, NASB).

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The Christian’s Response to Homosexuality

Due to the “gay scene” in *Beauty and the Beast*, I had a conversation at dinner with my children (dinner is the best place for conversations). “What do you think your parents would do if one of our children announced they were gay?”

One said a gay friend at school got kicked out of their family.

I said that is not the response God wants us to have. First, we would reaffirm our love for the child. Second, we would reaffirm what God teaches on homosexual activity (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Third, we would admit everyone has tendencies which they must guard against, especially sexual. Fourth, we would encourage them, letting them know there are people (some even we know) who fight against same-sex attraction who are faithful Christians. Some remain single (Matthew 19:12) and others with God's help have a happy marriage (1 Corinthians 6:11). And finally, we would search out the possible reasons for such feelings. Personally, everyone I know who has same-sex attraction was sexually molested as a child.

And did you know just because someone “feels” attracted does not mean they are homosexual? I have thought men were good looking, and in today’s culture that is encouraged to mean I am gay. I was even called gay in middle school because I sat with my legs crossed (it was comfortable!). Just because something is called “gay” doesn’t mean it is.

Also, God doesn’t punish tendencies or feelings unless we act on them, whether homosexual or heterosexual. That “acting on them” would also include mentally lusting. Lusting is not thinking someone is attractive. It is mentally having sex with them (Matthew 5:32).

Unfortunately, I don’t think we’ll be seeing *Beauty and the Beast* even though we at first wanted to (and still do). But one thing positive that came from the controversy is it added an opportunity to speak to our children on the positive and godly Christian response to homosexuality.

--- Perry Hall, [Salt & Light](#), August 6, 2017