



## High Meadow Ranch Men's Bible Study “We Will Not Be Silenced” Series

### Chapter 6: Sexualize the Children

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America turns further from Christian values and the core principles of liberty every day. It's frustrating when you feel like you can't assert Biblical truth without facing condemnation. It's sad that outrage and victimhood have replaced respect and reason. How can you stay rooted in your own faith and continue publicly testifying for Jesus?

In *We Will Not Be Silenced*, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer gets us ready to live out our convictions against a growing spirit of hostility by obtaining a better understanding of non-believers' legitimate hurts and concerns regarding issues such as racism, sexism, and poverty, and identify the toxic responses secular culture disguises as solutions. In the process, we'll evaluate how we can witness, show compassion, and gentleness outside the faith without affirming their beliefs. *We Will Not Be Silenced* (WWNBS) will prepare you to move beyond fear and boldly accept the challenge of representing Christ to a watching world that needs Him now more than ever before.

1. The opening salvo from Dr. Lutzer in this chapter is the statistic from the 2004 Pew Research poll that showed at that time 60% of Americans were opposed to same-sex marriage, whereas today only 40% of Americans are opposed.
  - a. How does this make you feel?
  - b. What happened that permitted this change?
  - c. As Christians what should our perspective be? Feel free to present Bible passages to support your position.
2. On page 164 of WWNBS we read, “Progress in the wrong direction is not something to celebrate – especially when it goes against the natural order of creation or even established facts of science.”
  - a. What kind of fallout do you see in our society as a result of this sexual “progress” in the wrong direction?
  - b. In contrast, what are the benefits that result when we live according to a Biblical worldview, especially with regards to sexual values?

3. On page 169 of WVNBS in the “There’s a Demonic Nature of What’s Happening in the Transgender Phenomenon” section, there’s a quote from Dr. Will Malone worthy of discussion.

*You can't be born in the wrong body – it's our minds that need treatment, not our sex. The mental health services will look back at this episode [in American history] as another dark chapter in the treatment of people with psychological difficulties.*

- a. What role do you believe demons play in the sexual sins that seem so pervasive in our country? Consider Ephesians 6:10-12 in developing your answer.
  
  
  - b. What has happened to parental rights in relation to the transgender movement?
4. The Bible speak significantly about sexual sins in both the Old and New Testaments. Many of the pagan practices in the Old Testament that prompted God’s demands for Israelites to wipe out societies *en masse* were associated with His concerns regarding pagan influence. Read Ephesians 5:3-13 where Paul addresses the subject of sexual sin.
- a. In general, how has the American church dealt with sexual sins over the past 50 years?
  
  
  - b. What are some specific actions the American church can take today to deal with the sexual sins pervading our nation related to pornography, sex trafficking, homosexuality, and the transgender movement?

5. On page 171 of WVNBS we read the following,

*We must return to the creation account to remind ourselves that God created only two genders: male and female. Without a believe in God as Creator, there is little hope of making sense of our lives and the roles we are intended to have in marriage, the family, and of course, sexuality.*

- a. In your life how important is the Bible in establishing what you believe? Has this changed over the years for you?
  
  
- b. How do you think our nation would benefit if Biblical values were at the core of the decisions we make as a society?
  
  
- c. What are some specific actions we can take as Christians to advance Biblical values in our country and improving our nation’s view of God?