



IS IT TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO CHANGE?

SUMMER SERIES WITH RCC





GENDER IDENTITY:
**CAN THE CHURCH FIND AN APPROPRIATE
CONVERSATION THAT BOTH LOVES AND STANDS?**



What does a healthy perspective look like?

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- **Is change possible?**

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 - **Biblical perspective**

Genesis 1:26-27, 31

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them... ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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- **Our identity is found in Jesus**

What does a healthy perspective look like?

**How does a healthy perspective
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- **How will my interactions affect the relationship going forward?**

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 - **Remember our goal...not to change behavior but rather point to Jesus**

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- **Engage in open & honest dialogue**

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