

Leaving Homosexuality

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With several states legalizing same-sex marriage lately, the campaign to declare homosexuality as natural is gathering steam. Standing against this tide are ministries such as Exodus International, which offers hope to those wanting to shed same-sex habits.

Exodus President Alan Chambers shares that although he didn't choose this attraction, yielding to it reaped a harvest of shame, anguish and bitterness.

Part memoir and part instructional manual, *Leaving Homosexuality* spells out the difficulties involved in departing from a subculture that becomes a powerful mark of one's identity. Yet the author doesn't condemn homosexuals, noting that their creativity, intelligence and unity would be welcome additions to the body of Christ.

Because he maintains this balance, Chambers strikes a middle ground between those who blindly condemn homosexuality and advocates who tout this practice as normal. Still, the book has two weaknesses. The first chapter includes a salvation appeal that would have worked better at the end. Two guest-written chapters addressing male and female readers would also be preferable in an appendix.

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