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CHAPTER 1 FROM THE AUTHOR

There were two opposing groups, and there were threatening shouts and angry epithets. One could see drops of saliva flying across the sidewalk coming from an outraged mouth. The sidewalk seemed to get smaller and smaller. The opposing groups, firmly ensconced in their respective belief systems, held fast their ground. It was more than obvious that there were intense and driving passions about what each side felt. All of this has happened before, as with the Stonewall Riots in 1969, known as the Greenwich Village incident. And yet, in our more "evolved" society, which is blatantly a misnomer, these scenes are common now.

The difference today is that the LGBT community is much more vocal, more organized, and has increased—or become more visible publicly. It seems as though there have been incalculable numbers of people "coming out" across the world, to declare their gayness. There are many new resources, clubs, support groups, and even churches which have developed. These resources have only come to be realized in the last ten years or so, but why? Why the need?

What is so different? Has there been some sort of universal revelation that we are all people first?

Has there been a vast societal change that causes everyone to be accepted, and, more importantly, loved? No matter the answer to these questions, the fact remains that the heterosexual community is not much farther along in their assessment of the LGBT community. Rather, many have become adept at their ability to feign acceptance. But there are still slurs, laughter, and snickering. These are their true judgments going on behind closed doors.

Instead of overt disdain, what we have now is a quiet disapproval that one doesn't need to reveal—don't forget our evolved society. This attempt to keep quiet about the subject seems more manageable, unless you are in like company. Then, one can act as they truly believe.

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It should be noted that we are all called to love our neighbor. People of many faiths—everyone, is found professing peace and caring for other human beings having the same directive. Sadly, nothing is further from the truth.

To say we fall short of that is an understatement. The many wars and conflicts notwithstanding, the vilifying and hatred of the LGBT community is relentless. People are people, after all. We do have things in common, to which many will not admit. Just as the first violent act of Cain and Abel was revealed, people now can still be violent and full of hate. In the alternative, they can also be loving and kind. Fortunately, everyone can be happy a bit, from time to time.

As painful as it may be for most, I believe these commonalities must be pointed out. We all hurt, and we hurt others. We get lonely, angry, and happy as others do. People first, then sexual choices, whatever they may be, seems to be evident.

There is no way to predict, pigeon-hole, or generalize the sexuality of individuals. Simply put, people do have something in common with some other people. It is to that end I demonstrate such commonalities between some people. Most importantly is that every single person needs Jesus's love. That is the greatest thing we all have in common.

If having accepted Jesus as your savior, all sins will be forgiven, no matter how egregious they are. That seems incredible, I know. It seems unbelievable because human beings are trying to wrap their brains around something that is profoundly supernatural, especially when you consider the beginning of creation.

The creation of the human race in itself is supernatural. When one reads the Bible, one will learn of the supernatural events, and the myriad of miracles throughout the entire Bible. It is impossible to explain in human terms that which is profound, and indefinable. Should you not read the Bible, you probably have heard of at least one, probably more, unbelievable events that people are unable to explain. This book was not written to debate whether being gay is right or wrong.

This book was written to let everyone know that they need Jesus, which is to know unconditional love. We all do. For example, I have read two books written by gay pastors. Their belief is that since the Bible speaks against being gay, they choose not to participate in homosexual behavior. Furthermore, the

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pastors have been able to reconcile the teachings of the Bible by remaining celibate. They also suggest, as devout Christians, this is the position to take.

In my reading of these men and their lives, some physiological and sociological questions are posited about being gay. However, this book is not to examine and take apart every theory. I have chosen to speak about Jesus, our loving Savior. And, if you do not believe that Jesus is our loving Savior, but just a prophet, or just a nice man, then this book is also for you also. Jesus, through his teachings, is a how-to guide to live a beautifully lived life. Certainly, I am aware of being redundant, but I believe it emphasizes a point. When you follow Jesus's teachings, you will lead a beautifully lived life for yourself and for others. Your legacy will be that of a person who was full of goodness, kindness, truth and love.

I must emphasize that whatever your beliefs are about what is right or wrong, it is between you and God. As Christians, we are taught to adhere to the Bible for directions and truth, and to be a guide for our lives. However, we do not always obey the Bible and its tenets. All of us have different belief systems, which may or may not espouse biblical teachings. That is to say, a person might believe adultery is a sin. They do not commit adultery, feeling proud of that. However, they will lie, which is also a sin. But they excuse that sin as *not hurting anyone, as they believe they are considering peoples' feelings*.

To continue, someone who believes that being gay is a sin, but commits the sin of adultery, is just picking and choosing what they want to believe. What they choose to do is okay, but what someone chooses to do which does not line up with their way of thinking, is a sin.

The Bible is the truth.

We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. One person's sin, no matter what it is, will not ensure a one-way ticket to hell. No matter the sin, it is Jesus who will save you. And love you, which everyone needs. Furthermore, no person has the right to judge, predict the future, or vilify any other person. Sadly, we find this almost impossible to achieve. Finally, I do state unequivocally that everyone does, in fact, need Jesus. He is love, understanding, compassion, and goodness. He is forgiveness, acceptance, kindness and truth.

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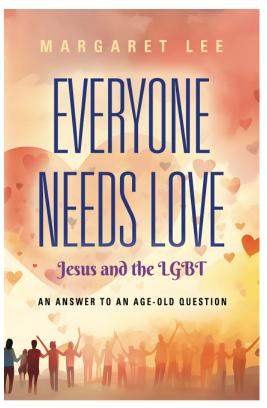
"Do not judge others so that you will not be judged.

For in the way that you judge, you will be judged,

And by your standard of measure, it will be

Measured to you"

Matthew 7: 1



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