



**Core Truth:** Belief in God must go beyond information to *holy* devotion.

Christopher Yuan shared his testimony of brokenness and sexual sin. Early exposure to pornography and same-sex attraction led him into a homosexual lifestyle. His mother's prayers, time in prison, and an HIV+ diagnosis pushed him toward Jesus. He traded his identity as a homosexual and prisoner for his true identity as a beloved child of God. His story inspires repentance and trust in God.

**Prompt:** Gender confusion and identity issues seem mainstream. Human sexuality does not define us, but it is an important part of our identity. And it is easy to confusing feelings and attractions for reality. Christopher Yuan's story wrestles with these issues in a very open way. You may have struggled with gender questions. Certainly some of your friends do. We're reviewing his story to start a conversation.

**Play:** Video of Christopher Yuan, "I Am Holy" [www.buildmomentum.org/resources.html](http://www.buildmomentum.org/resources.html)

**Process:** Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ Christopher said, "Satan cannot take away God-given gifts, but he can twist them." He was an Asian minority with intellectual and artistic gifts. ***How did Satan twist these God-given gifts? How have you seen him twist other God-given gifts?***
- ⏪ Throughout all his struggles, Christopher's mother remained faithful. She prayed and fasted, sent cards and spoke about Jesus. ***What did it finally take to turn him toward God?***
- ⏪ Read Luke 15:11-32. ***How does this line up with Christopher's story?***
- ⏪ Christopher saw in both God and his mother a loving response to him. Read Romans 2:4. ***How do we tend to view God after giving into sin? How does this align with Romans 2:4?***
- ⏪ His early encounters with Scripture (e.g., Gospel of Mark, Jeremiah 29:11) proved to Christopher their innate power (Hebrews 4:12). "This is not pen and ink," he said, "but the very breath of God." ***How has God spoken powerfully to you through His word?***
- ⏪ Christopher provides a list of four lessons he learned as God drew him out of his sexually-oriented identity to his spiritual one. ***Which of these can you recall? Why are they important?***
- ⏪ Toward the end, Christopher said, "Unconditional love is not the same as unconditional approval of my behavior." This is true, but muddy. ***Why is the idea so important?***
- ⏪ ***How do you encounter sexual identity issues in your schools, with peers, and in the media?***
- ⏪ The major thrust of the talk was a call to holiness. Christopher said, "Heterosexuality is not the opposite of homosexuality; holiness is. Holiness is the opposite of all sin. And it is the goal." ***How does a focus on holiness offer greater freedom than a focus on controlling sexual sin?***

**Pray:** Have students divide into small groups. Read Psalm 51:1-12 together. Give them a minute or two of silence. Then take turns praying for one another by name for holiness and sexual purity.