



# CHANGING OUR MIND

A call from America's leading evangelical ethics scholar for full acceptance of LGBT Christians in the Church

**DAVID GUSHEE'S** 20th book, *Changing Our Mind* is a series of timely essays that describe Gushee's own struggle over an issue that is causing great suffering among teenagers, alienating families, and tearing apart many of our nation's churches. As a Christian minister and ethicist Dr. Gushee has preached and written in support of traditional evangelical views on LGBT people and their relationships. This new book is a historic turning point in which Gushee describes his gradual change of mind and heart. He calls all Christians to respond to the tragedy, vulnerability and suffering of LGBT teens and others—by ending all contemptuous treatment, by being open to scholarship that challenges traditional readings of key biblical texts, and by loving our LGBT neighbors in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. He invites readers to stand with him in solidarity with a group that has been and continues to be among the most mistreated in the world, and especially—tragically—in the Church.

For decades now, David Gushee has earned the reputation as America's leading evangelical ethicist. In this book, he admits that he has been wrong on the LGBT issue. He explains why he has changed his mind and heart. Not only is David Gushee's work deep, thoughtful and brilliant; and not only is David philosophically and theologically careful and astute; he is also refreshingly clear and understandable by 'common people' who know neither philosophical nor theological mumbo jumbo.

**BRIAN D. MCLAREN**

Author, activist and theologian

David Gushee's work in this book stands to be of pivotal importance in reframing the LGBT dialogue in the church, and in reclaiming the church's moral authority for a new generation. One day, even many of those who respond with dismissal and outrage now will thank him for it. Certainly, I and other LGBT Christians already have much reason to be grateful.

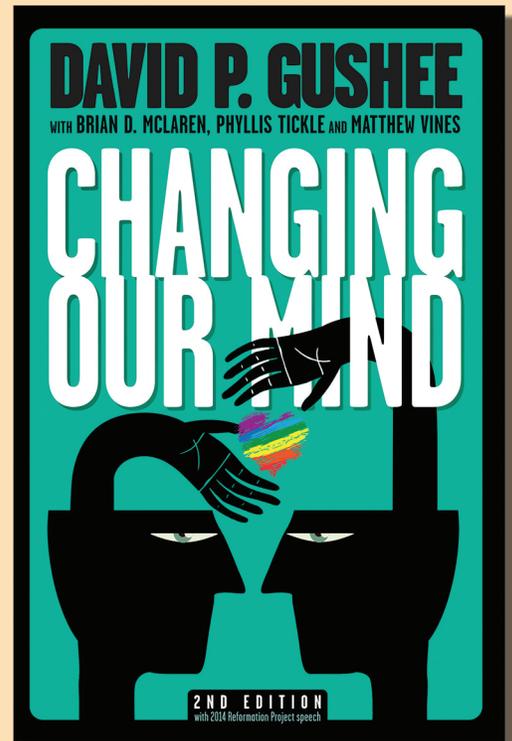
**MATTHEW VINES**

Author, founder of the Reformation Project

This book is courageous, clear, balanced, and like everything David Gushee writes, deeply grounded in biblical faith. He takes theology and the Bible with utter seriousness, continuing in his role as a leading evangelical scholar around questions of ethics and discipleship. David's description of how his mind has changed on LGBT issues will be a challenge to some, an inspiration to others, but a gift to all who find themselves at some point on this journey.

**WESLEY GRANBERG-MICHAELSON**

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