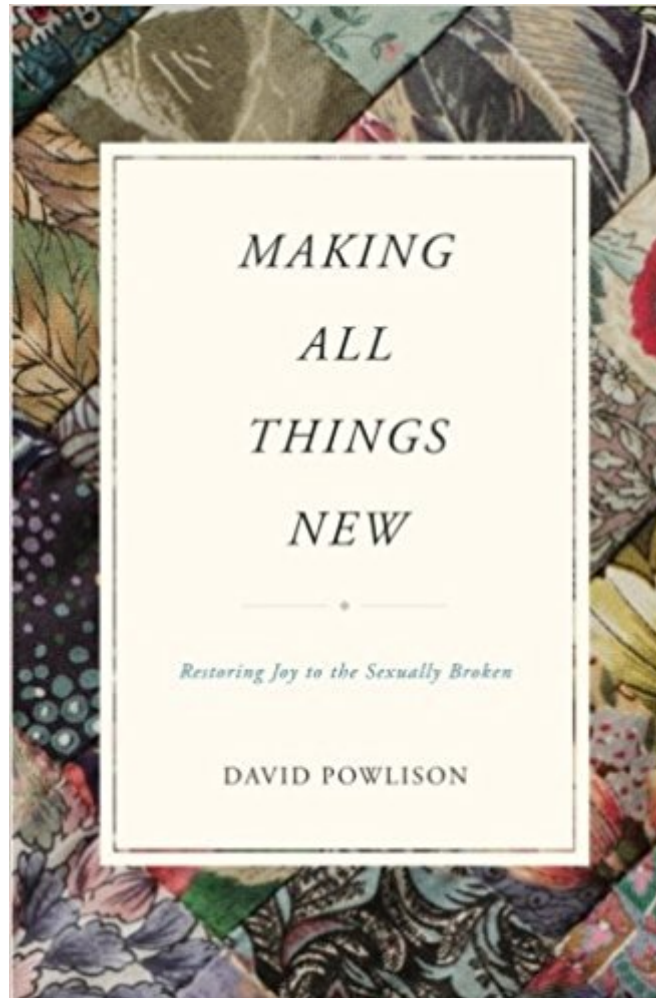




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# Making All Things New: Restoring Joy To The Sexually Broken



## Synopsis

Sexuality was a part of God's good creation from the beginning. But with sin came a world filled with sexual brokenness. Thankfully, God is always in the business of restoration. This book offers hope for both the sexually immoral and the sexually victimized, pointing us all to the grace of Jesus Christ, who mercifully intervenes each moment in our lifelong journey toward renewal. Author David Powlison casts a vision for the key to deep transformation, better than anything the world has to offer—not just fresh resolve, not just flimsy forgiveness, not just simple formulas, but true, lasting mercy from God, who is making all things new.

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In *Making All Things New*, David Powlison offers us a gem, a helping hand, and a sure bet. True to the Bible, he is a realist. He shows us how a Christ-redefined life changes what sex means. This book is not pie in the sky. It is feet on the floor. Where do you or people you love struggle? Take David's hand and walk this road with the Lord. He shows us all how besetting sexual sin is symptomatic of something yet hidden. Repentance of sin commences sexual repatterning, and this accessible book will take you into that dark place with the light of Christ. As the world clamors about sexual rights and privileges, the people of God must show up with something beyond moral platitudes or behavioral modification programs. We already have a Savior who knows how to rescue his people. And now we have an accessible guidebook, one that helps the sexual sinner recognize the deeper battle, and one that helps parents and allies apply faith to the dire facts of being held captive. —Rosaria Butterfield, former professor of English, Syracuse University; author, *The*

Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert

Sexual sin can seem like a trap from which one can never escape. David Powlison brings good news to those caught in sexual sin, and to those who have been sinned against. This book addresses sexual sin not with shame and moralizing but with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We all need to hear the message of this book.

—Russell D. Moore, president, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

David Powlison's ministry to all fallen humanity is evident in this book. He calls those impacted by the pain and sorrow of sexual struggle and sin to repentance while finding refuge in the arms of our faithful Savior. Likewise, he presents to all who bear God's image a picture of what God is doing to restore the beauty of sexual intimacy in the lives of his people.

—Timothy Geiger, president, Harvest USA; author, *What to Do When Your Child Says, "I'm Gay"*

Finally, a gospel-centered book for both genders that beautifully brings the hope of Christ to bear upon broken sexuality. Women, like men, have been sinned against sexually and have pursued their own expressions of sinful sexual behavior. *Making All Things New* masterfully achieves the author's vision to be candid and hopeful regarding the real possibility of life transformation and to restore joy to women and men bound up in the shame and pain of sexual brokenness.

—Ellen Mary Dykas, women's ministry coordinator, Harvest USA; author, *Sexual Sanity for Women: Healing from Sexual and Relational Brokenness*

I love David Powlison. Few living authors have shaped my approach to gospel growth, and even preaching, more than he has. Gifted Christian counselors like Powlison read the Bible in a unique way, laying open both the truth of Scripture and the foundations of the human heart, showing where one intersects the other. I have to think that if you heard Jesus preach in the first century, you would have assumed you were listening to a very gifted counselor. In this remarkably insightful book, Powlison offers gospel hope to those who have sinned through sex and those who have suffered through it. I am excited to provide this resource to people dealing with an area in which many first experience their need of the gospel.

—J. D. Greear, pastor, The Summit Church, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; author, *Gaining by Losing: Why the Future Belongs to Churches that Send*

*Making All Things New* is a helpful perspective for understanding a common theme in life. David Powlison will help you to see sexual transgression and sexual affliction under the unique lens of the gospel, and will guide you to find hope in the purity and the cleanness of Christ. Jesus makes all things new, even our sexual experience.

—Alexandre Chiaradia Mendes, pastor, Maranatha Baptist Church, São José dos Campos, Brazil; director of vision and expansion, Brazilian Association of Biblical Counselors; coauthor, *Dating and Engagement That God Desires*

Nothing hinders joy more than sexual misuse and abuse, and nothing troubles more people more profoundly today than sexual deception,

corruption, and brokenness. This easy-to-read book is compassionate yet uncompromising, practical yet principled. It shines light into darkness for those seeking a way out, and extends hope to those needing it most desperately. • "Daniel R. Heimbach, senior professor of Christian ethics, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; author, True Sexual Morality: Recovering Biblical Standards for a Culture in Crisis"

David Powlison (MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary) is a teacher, a counselor, and the executive director of the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation. He is also the senior editor of the Journal of Biblical Counseling and the author of Seeing with New Eyes, Good & Angry, and Speaking Truth in Love.

This book is a bit different than other Christian books that deal with the topics of sex, sexual sin, and sanctification. It doesn't give all the stats about pornography, it doesn't get into details about our over-sexualized culture, and it doesn't talk in depth about all the varieties of sexual sin. However, it is a helpful resource for those who have struggled with sexual sin or been victims of sexual sin. Whether male or female, young or old, sexual sin is a terrible burden to live with as is the shame that comes from being a victim of sexual sin. Powlison does a great job showing the reader the mercy of God towards his people who are struggling with sin or who are victims of such sin. There are two reasons I didn't give this book five stars. First, some of Powlison's wording/language was ambiguous. For example, he mentioned "unexpurgated righteousness" and "troika." He also used some phrases like saying how God will "remake your joy" and remake your "worry and irritability." I didn't always know what he meant by these words/phrases. Second, the book's contents blend a little; there are nine chapters, but they all sort of mingle with each other which hinders the overall outline of the book. But these two critiques aren't major; the book is very good and worth getting. I appreciated the way Powlison explained that sanctification is a gradual process. He did a great job giving detail on how the Christian doesn't just defeat sexual sin in a few weeks, and he helpfully mentioned how victims of sexual sin need to be patient with God's timeline of healing them. He also noted that sexual sin is bundled with other sins and heart issues, which I thought was spot-on. All in all, I really recommend this book for anyone dealing with sexual sin from any angle. I underlined and highlighted quite a few sections of this book, and have already read parts of it over. Even though the writing style isn't my favorite, the book is outstanding and I'll be handing it out to people in the future!

I wasn't sure what to expect. I, like so many others, are looking for help in conquering sin. So this book offered an interesting take by examining help for those who have sinned and those who have been sinned against. This topic is much for one (very short) book, and much to include both issues. But I think this book proves to be a great starting point for anyone struggling with sin. David Powlison is a teacher and counselor. He had compassion, intelligence, and candor that should help just about anyone who is struggling with just getting started on the road to renewal. He writes in a frank manner that allows you to follow along effortlessly, but also to allow you to be frank about what you do and why. This book shows you how to start to examine yourself, or assisting helping someone else examine their own heart. I am an Orthodox Christian, who has been practicing for seven years. This book is written from a Protestant perspective, so maybe my revelations are extraordinary because of the differences in practice. But I think I found this book so extraordinarily helpful because it changed the way I have thought about so many topics. The most compelling is the idea that sinning is a "temper tantrum" against God. I had never thought of it like that before, but now I see it so clearly. This book is by no means definitive. The book acknowledges that throughout. It is particularly scant if you are suffering from being sinned against, but I found this sections helpful as well. The questions it asks and the trajectory it lays will be helpful to all people for a variety of sins. This book is a great base. Read this book. Examine your own heart. Read more Scripture. Obtaining guidance from your spiritual father or elder and continuous reading and examination would be a next step. Please note this book is written by a Christian to help Christians on a spiritual journey. Sins are named and current culture norms are questioned. I highly recommend this book for anyone truly wanting a deeper connection to God and their faith. It is a great place to start. Thank you Mr. Powlison for your constructive, yet challenging book.

David Powlison reminds readers that Christ alone can make all things new. For the sexually broken - whether their struggles involve promiscuity, pornography, abortion, prostitution, sexual abuse, or any other sexual sin, Powlison offers hope, the kind of hope that is found in Jesus Christ. This is a simple little book, that would only take about half an afternoon to read. He offers suggestions for forgiving and being forgiven, and forgiving oneself. God is a God of mercy, and he extends that to each of us, just as He offered it to Mary Magdalene and others. For anyone struggling with any kind of brokenness, you'll find this book helpful and hopeful.

David Powlison book gives real insight into the love of Christ who loves us no matter the sin including sexual sin, this book give a simple instructions on how to truly forgive yourself and others

not just not simply pretend to resolve the issues. Making all things new is a great book that could be used in marriage counseling, or couples who are working on healing their marriage. Overall, this book is one that in career of psychology I can implement some parts.

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