

Proactively Dealing With Gender Confusion

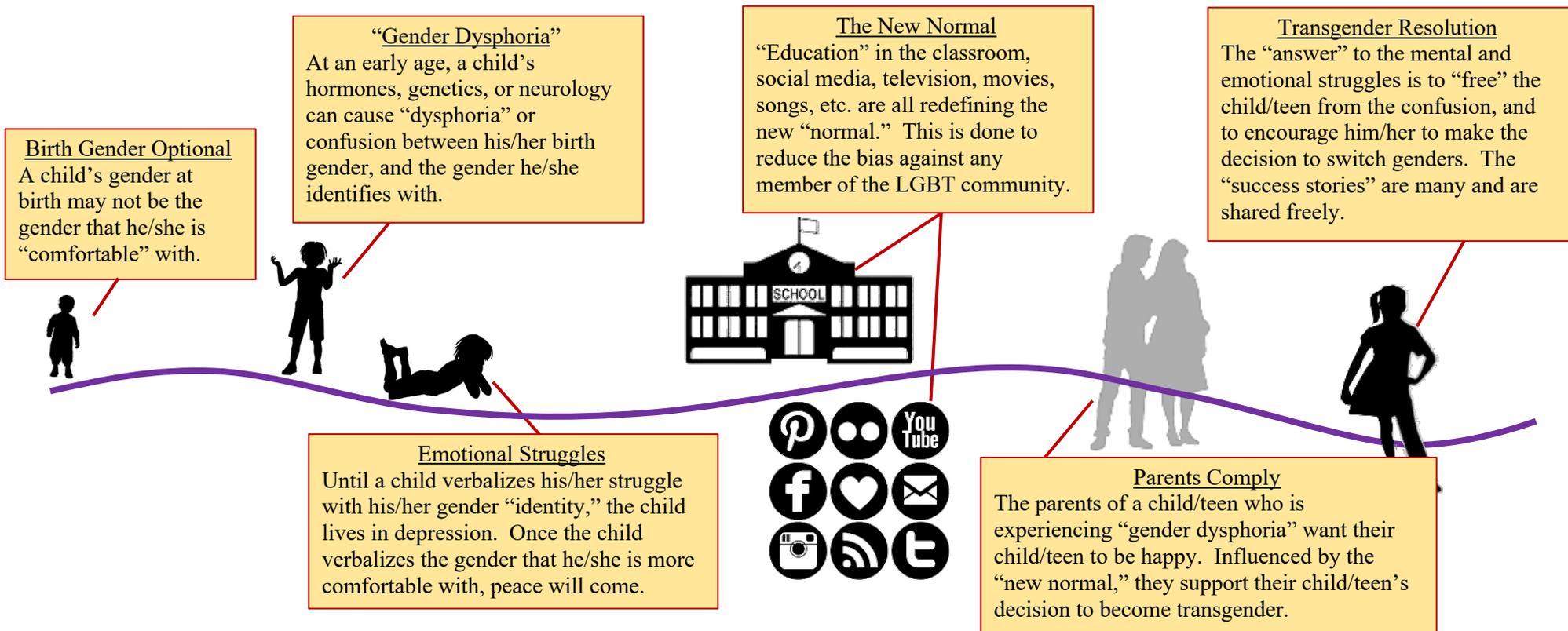
Empowering Parents To “Train Up” Their Own Children
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Introduction

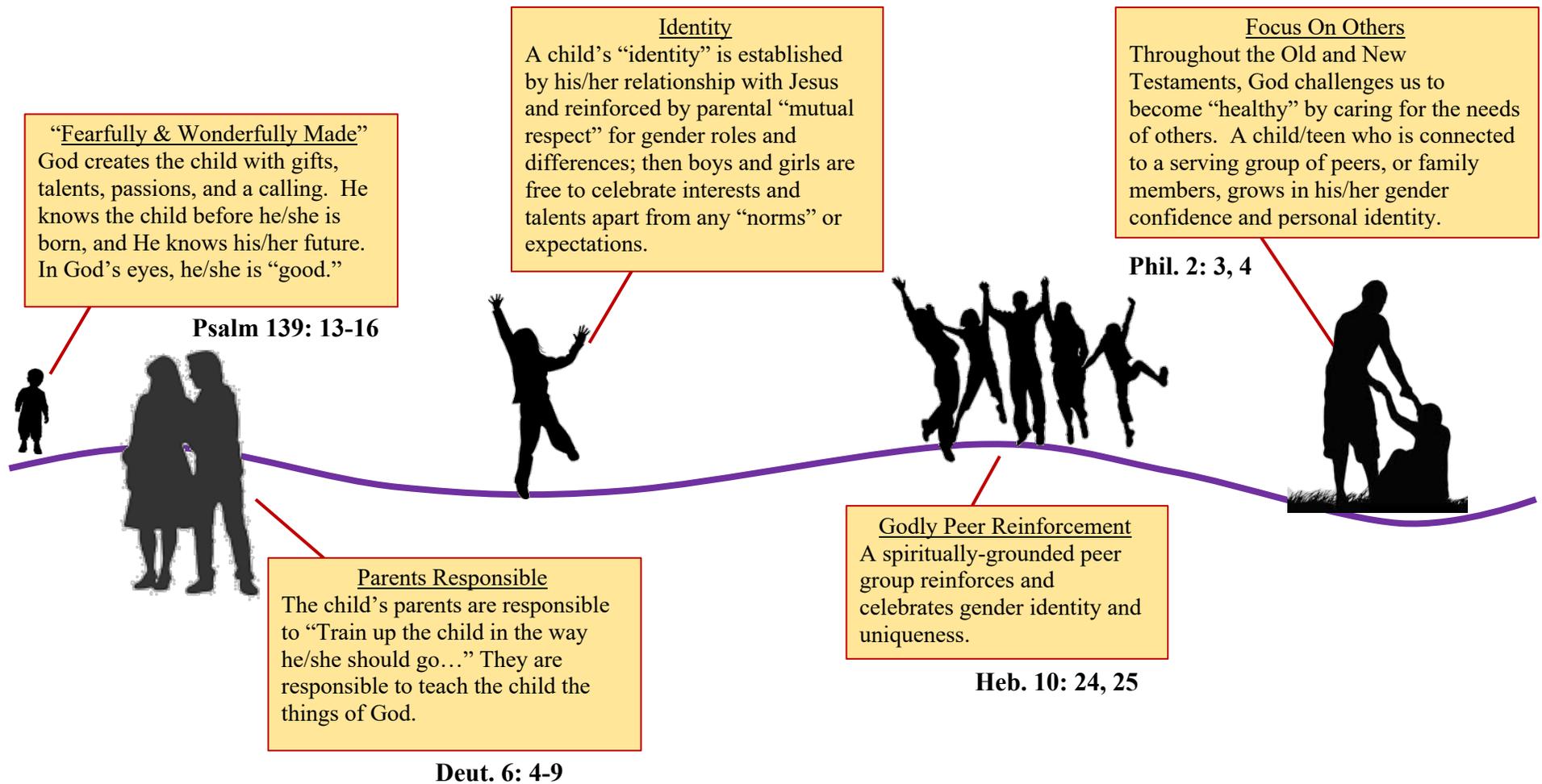
“God is not a God of confusion...” (1 Cor. 14:33). Every child is “...fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps. 139: 14). Parents are challenged to “Train up a child in the way he should go...” (Prov. 22: 6). The enemy (the world) “comes to steal, kill, and destroy...” (John 10:10). We believe that God’s creation is perfect, orderly, and with purpose; that applies to everything, including our own gender identity. We believe that ultimately, our “identity” is best found in our personal relationship with Jesus; and that every other aspect of our “identity” falls in place after that. The world is attacking our children and youth in the area of “gender identity,” and we must do all we can to empower and strengthen the parents as they “train up their children in the way they should go.”

The World’s Thinking

(Now “shouted” in elementary school curriculum, discussions, and lessons.)



God's Plans



Church Support

Because of the “risk” of offending parents, or “empowering” children’s ministry or youth ministry team members to address the issues, it is better, in the long run, to create a series of parent support “tools” (seminars, printed materials, counseling, etc.) to strengthen the parents to deal with the issue themselves, at home.

Printed Support

A series of easy-to-read pamphlets that address the critical fears and needs of today’s parents. These pamphlets strongly identify Jesus as the source of our “identity,” while providing practical support for the parents.

Parent Seminars

A series of parent support seminars specifically-targeted toward gender identity. Each of the seminars would include a strong emphasis, and training in, leading their own children to Jesus. The seminars would provide practical ideas for nurturing a healthy gender identity as well as following Biblical principles for successful parenting. Parent support networks would be fostered during each seminar.

Counseling

Specific counseling for parents who deal with gender confusion in their children. The counseling would provide immediate support, while encouraging the parents to attend the parent seminars. The church might also carefully consider counseling for children or youth.



Possible Seminar Topics

- How To Model Biblical Gender Respect In The Home.
- Practical Ideas For Fostering A Strong Identity In Jesus In Your Son or Daughter.
- Strengthening Your Son or Daughter’s Gender Identity.
- What To Do When Your Son or Daughter Expresses Gender Confusion.
- Practical Ideas To Foster Gender Confidence In Boys.
- Practical Ideas To Foster Gender Confidence In Girls.
- Counteracting The World’s Influence At Home.