

## **ONE BY ONE MINISTRIES**

### **STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE, SEXUALITY & GENDER**

***One by One Ministries is a faith-based ministry with Christ at the center of all we do. It is very important that our mentors model biblical living before the moms we serve. One by One is committed to providing caring support, godly encouragement and offering God's grace to all, particularly as it relates to this statement.***

We believe that the term "marriage" has only one meaning and that is the union sanctioned by God which joins one man and one woman in a single, exclusive bond, as delineated in Scripture.

We believe that God intends sexual intimacy to only occur between a man and a woman who are married to each other. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage.

We believe that any form of sexual intimacy, such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, homosexuality, bisexual conduct, bestiality, incest, pornography or any attempt to change one's sex, or disagreement with one's biological sex, is sinful and offensive to God.

We believe that God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture or One by One standards of conduct.

***Therefore***, it is the expectation of One by One that any person representing the organization in any capacity (staff or volunteer) will conduct themselves in all areas of their life according to this view of marriage, sexuality and gender and uphold these ideals when working with moms through the ministry. If at any point a representative violates these expectations, they should remove themselves from service with One by One.

#### *Support from scripture:*

God created human beings male and female (Gen 1:27) and gave the pure and good gift of sex (Gen 1:31) to be enjoyed and expressed only within the context of marriage (1 Thess 4:3-4, Heb 13:4). Marriage was designed by God as a sacred and spiritual union between one man and one woman (Gen 2:23-24). Any sexual act outside of marriage (whether heterosexual, homosexual, or otherwise) is a violation of God's design and is morally wrong (1 Cor 6:9-11). God places this restriction on his people, not to limit human freedom and expression, but for our good (Heb 12:10), as a model of his covenant of love for us in Christ (Eph 5:31-32), and to promote the best and most fulfilling sexuality humans may experience. Because God created human beings male and female, human beings should affirm their biological sex and refrain from altering, changing, or expressing disagreement with their assigned biological sex (Gen 1:26-28, Rom 1:26-32, 1 Cor 6:9-11). All human beings sin. There is no room for self-righteousness, but only righteousness through the grace of Jesus Christ (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:1-10, 1 Cor 10:13).