

ADVANCE PRAISE FOR
Openness Unhindered

This is a remarkable book—uncommonly wise, unrelentingly gentle, and uncompromisingly biblical. I know few people who can be as heartfelt and as tough minded at the same time. Whether Rosaria is telling her God-driven personal story, calling the church to a renewed emphasis on hospitality, or arguing for the importance of words and definitions, I found this work to be an inspiring mix of humility, honesty, compassion, and courage. I hope it is read far and wide, and read deeply too.

—Kevin DeYoung, Senior Pastor, University Reformed Church

Who am I and how do my deep-seated desires fit into my identity? This is a question of utmost importance for the true follower of Christ. With truth and grace, Dr. Rosaria Butterfield delivers another outstanding book—this time addressing the issues of sexuality and identity.

The release of this book couldn't have come at a more opportune time when the Church is awakening to the need to better minister to people navigating through issues of sexual identity. This is the book. And it is a must read for the theologically astute and gospel-centered person. Whether you agree or disagree, read it. You will be challenged and uplifted, and you will get to know in a small way a woman who loves God with all her heart, soul, mind and strength.

—Christopher Yuan, speaker and author of *Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God*

In an age where Facebook offers over fifty gender options, confusion about identity abounds as people try to discover who they really are. Thankfully, like the seasoned trail guide she is, in *Openness, Unhindered* Rosaria Butterfield offers knowledgeable,

compassionate direction to lead people in their search for true identity. As you read this book, you will hear echoes and explanations of the ancient paradox that all true sojourners eventually learn: that to find yourself, you must first lose yourself.

—Barry York, professor of pastoral theology, Reformed
Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Who is Rosaria Butterfield? A wife? A mother? A former tenured English Professor? A former lesbian? Yes, all of these. But, fundamentally, and most importantly, she is a child of God, who belongs to Jesus Christ. That is her chief identity; and that identity makes all the difference in the world as she approaches the sensitive and difficult topic of sexual sin.

But—and I believe this is vital—we have a book before us that explains what it means to be a true Christian. And when we understand what it means to be a true Christian, we will quickly realize, as Rosaria Butterfield has, that God’s grace for us in Christ is sufficient for all of our various struggles and sins. *Openness Unhindered* is a courageous book, warmly written, theologically rich, and precisely what the church needs right now.

—Mark Jones, author of *Antinomianism* and minister at
Faith Vancouver Presbyterian Church of America

Rosaria Butterfield is a gift from God to the church. She brings together so many rare combinations: courage and compassion, provocation and wisdom, profundity and accessibility. Virtually every page of this new book overflows with insights on sexual identity, our disordered rebellion, and what it means to commune with the Triune God to whom we are united. Taken to heart, this book will change not only conversations but the very way we live before God.

—Justin Taylor, co-editor for John Owen’s
Overcoming Sin and Temptation