



Be Transformed...
...and stop being conformed!

Ephesians 4:17-28



The Story So Far

Doctrines of their faith

- Blessed
- Forgiven and redeemed
- Jew & Gentile share God's promises
- United body of Christ

Gospel basics

- Dead in sin
- Deserved God's wrath
- BUT...saved by grace through faith
- Now alive with Christ

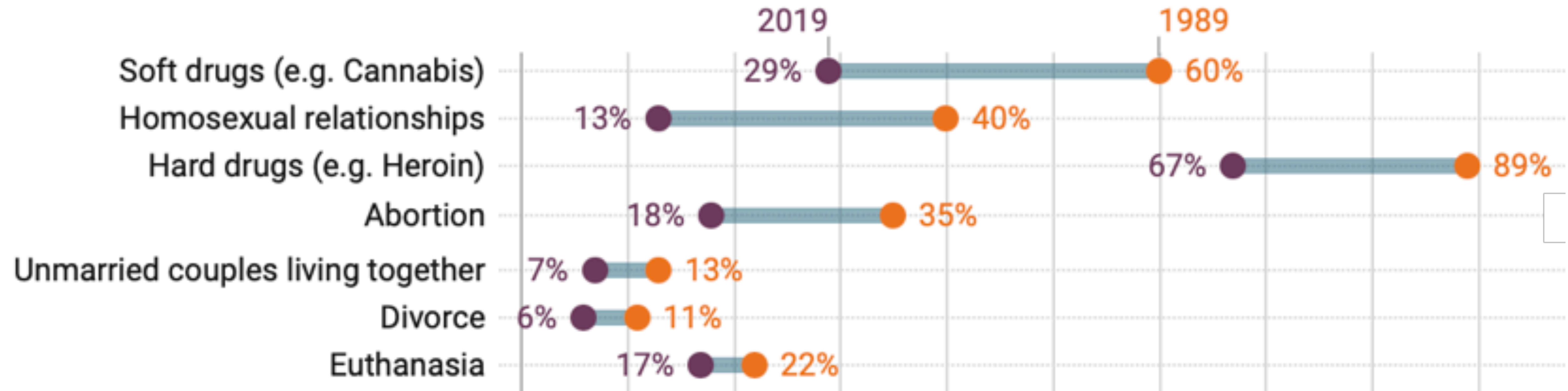


All is not well...

"I tell you this, and **insist on it
in the Lord..." (v17)**



What the UK thinks is immoral



Source: IPSO Survey, 2019



Jesus assesses the Ephesian Church

THE POSITIVE

- Hard working
- Intolerant of wicked people
- Tested false apostles
- Persevered / endured hardships for Jesus
- Not grown weary

THE NEGATIVE

- Forsaken **first love**

REMEDY: Repent and do the things you did at first



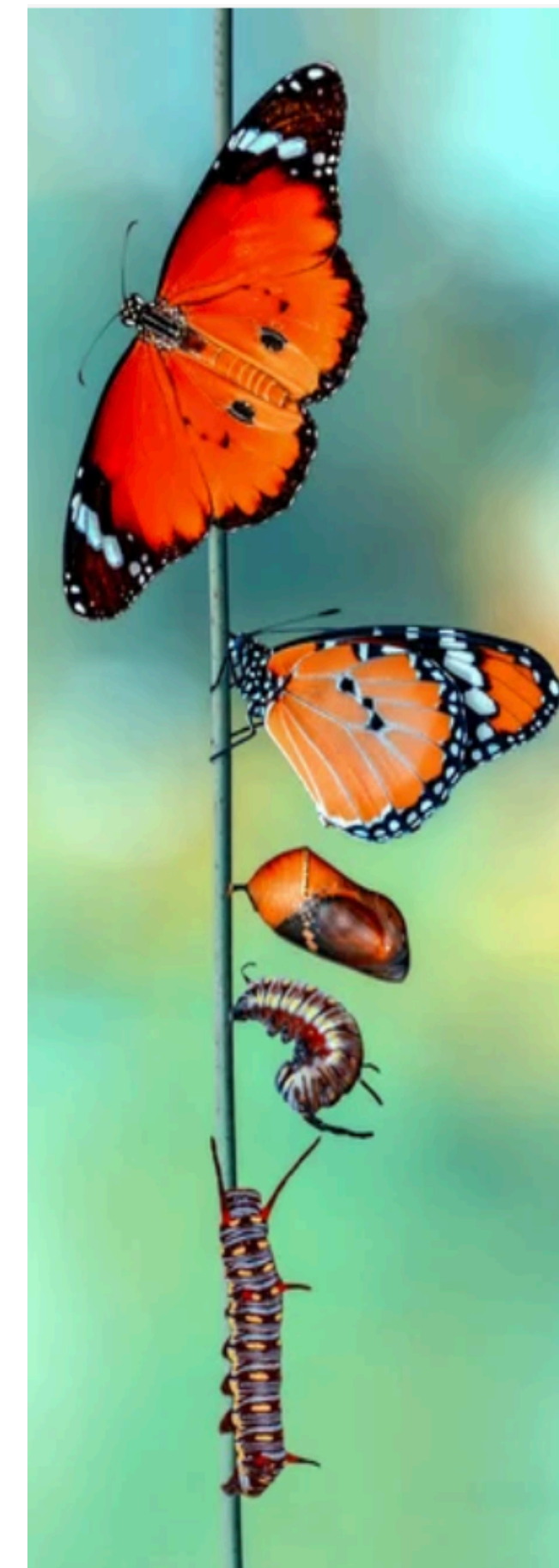
Transformation...all in the mind

"...made new in the attitude of your minds"

Eph 4:23

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Romans 12:2





Putting off and putting on...

Old Self



- Futile thinking
- Darkened understanding
- Ignorant
- Hard hearted
- Insensitive
- Given over to sensuality
- Indulging impurity
- Greedy
- False
- Angry
- Thieving
- Unwholesome talk
- Bitter
- Raging
- Brawling
- Slandorous
- Malicious
- Deceitful desires
- Grieving the Holy Spirit
- Separated from God

New Self



- Speak truth
- Work (do something useful)
- Share with those in need
- Build others up
- Be kind
- Show compassion
- Forgive



Getting Practical

- **Prayerful surrender**
 - Surrender; ask for Spirit power; allow Him to work
- **Feed on God's Word**
 - Meditate on Word; understand His will; be transformed by Holy Spirit
- **Obedient living**
 - Follow God's commands; Holy Spirit power resists sin / grow in holiness
- **Do life together**
 - Part of Christian community; teach / encourage one another; grow in faith