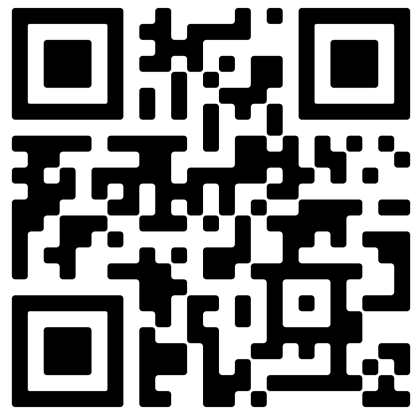
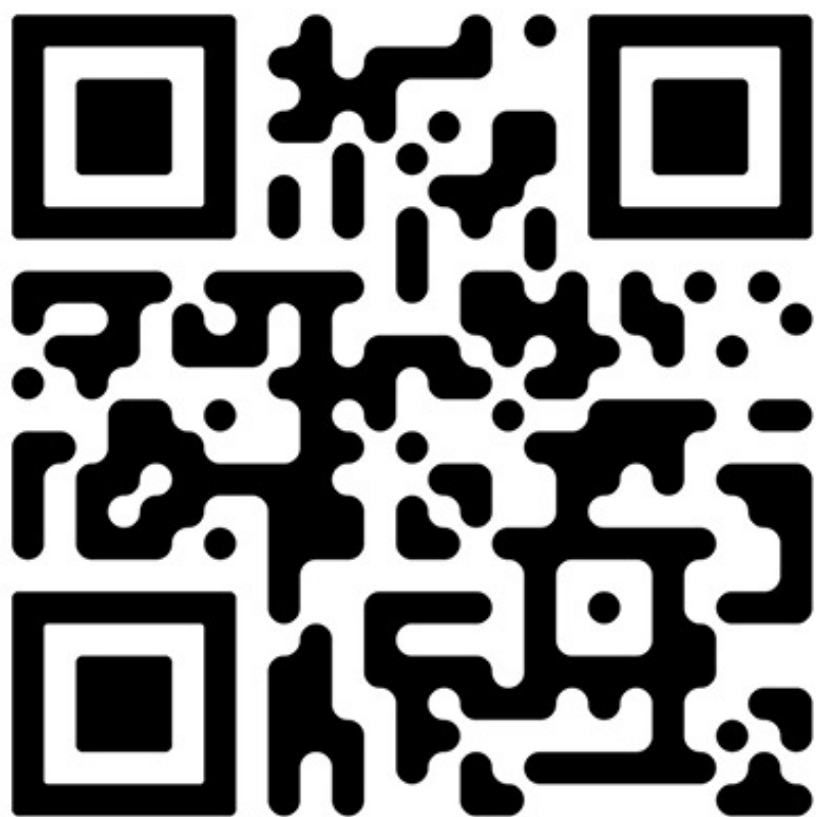


Ministering in a Changing Sexual Landscape

Eddie Moody

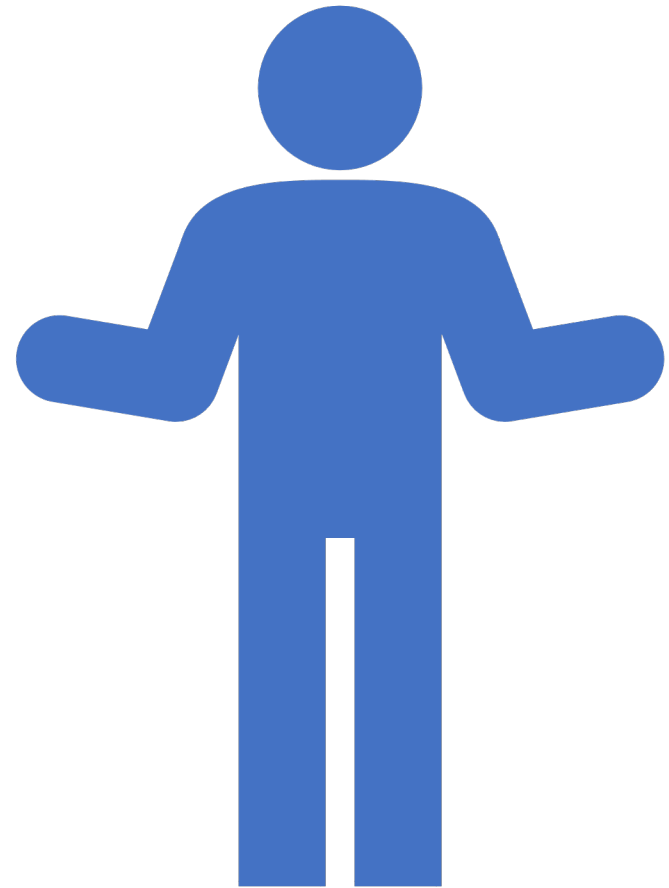
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What do we
need to
know?

Those who
struggle are
among us



CCM veteran Ray Boltz comes out of the closet and confesses he's gay

posted by Joanne Brokaw

Well, here's a shocker of a story: in an interview with the gay publication *Washington Blade*, CCM veteran Ray Boltz has come out of the closet and admitted that he's gay. The story, published last Friday, relates Boltz's Christian music career, his struggle with gay feelings, and his eventual confession to his family in December 2004. It's actually a really well-done story and definitely worth reading. But WOW, it's a total shocker.



For more than 20 years, Boltz has been a staple of the CCM industry, earning several certified gold albums, three Dove Awards and a string of 12 No. 1 hits. He's probably best known for the songs, "Thank You," "Watch the Lamb," "The Anchor Holds" and "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb."

He was married for 33 years, raised four kids, and was by all accounts a typical Christian music artist. But in 2004, he dropped a bombshell on his family when he admitted that he was gay. He'd been struggling for years with his feelings, to the point of clinical depression and thoughts of suicide. Boltz tells the *Washington Blade*, "I'd denied it ever since I was a kid. I became a Christian, I thought that was the way to deal with this and I prayed hard and tried for 30-some years and then at the end, I was just going, 'I'm still gay. I know I am.' And I just got to the place where I couldn't take it anymore ... when I was going through all this darkness, I thought, 'Just end this.'" He and his wife divorced – and maintain a good relationship – and Boltz has the love and support of his children. He's moved to Florida to start his life over, and tells the publication that he's dating and leading a "normal gay life." In 2007, he visited Jesus Metropolitan Community Church in Indianapolis and quietly slipped a CD and a note to the pastor. It was the first step for Boltz in going public with his news.

Vicky Beeching, Christian rock star 'I'm gay. God loves me just the way I am'



Beeching's God-fearing lyrics are sung by millions in America's Bible Belt. Here, the singer and religious commentator discusses her sexuality for the first time and reflects on the political ramifications of coming out as a lesbian

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Ex-Christian music star Jennifer Knapp tells of coming out

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Mention Jennifer Knapp to Christian music execs and they scatter.

This is the same Jennifer Knapp who made the Christian music industry several million bucks in album and ticket sales in the late '90s and early 2000s before quitting in 2002.

When she came out as gay in 2010, any chance of a comeback in the Christian music genre ended, industry execs said.

"Jennifer's an incredible woman and an incredible artist," said executive Robert Beeson, who helped launch Jars of Clay. "Do I think the Christian market will embrace (her music)? No, I don't."

What?

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**Don't be like Jonah, embrace and always
remember your mission**

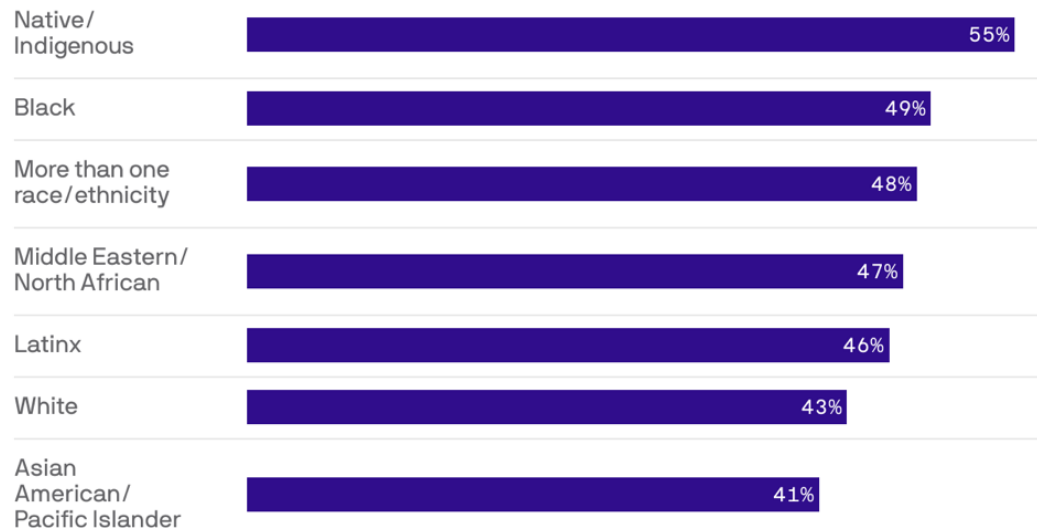
Ask yourself, "Why am I doing what I'm doing?"

If I say or do _____, what am I likely to
accomplish?

Many of
them are
suffering

Percentage of U.S. LGBTQ+ youth who have considered suicide in the past year, by race/ethnicity

Based on a survey of 33,993 LGBTQ+ youths ages 13 to 24 conducted Sept. 20 to Dec. 31, 2021



Data: [The Trevor Project](#); Chart: Axios Visuals

What do we
need to
know?


Many have
been
misinformed

Ye are of your father
the devil, and the
lusts of your father
ye will do. He was a
murderer from the
beginning, and
abode not in the
truth, because there
is no truth in him.
When he speaketh a
lie, he speaketh of
his own: for **he is a
liar, and the father
of it.**

John 8:44

And ye shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make
you free.

John 8:32

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The truth is
being
suppressed

For the wrath of God is revealed
from heaven against all
ungodliness and
unrighteousness of men, who
**hold the truth in
unrighteousness;**

Romans 1:18

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Can Some Gay Men and Lesbians Change Their Sexual Orientation? 200 Participants Reporting a Change from Homosexual to Heterosexual Orientation¹

Robert L. Spitzer, M.D.^{2,3,4}

Position statements of the major mental health organizations in the United States state that there is no scientific evidence that a homosexual sexual orientation can be changed by psychotherapy, often referred to as “reparative therapy.” This study tested the hypothesis that some individuals whose sexual orientation is predominantly homosexual can, with some form of reparative therapy, become predominantly heterosexual. The participants were 200 self-selected individuals (143 males, 57 females) who reported at least some minimal change from homosexual to heterosexual orientation that lasted at least 5 years. They were interviewed by telephone, using a structured interview that assessed same sex attraction, fantasy, yearning, and overt homosexual behavior. On all measures, the year prior to the therapy was compared to the year before the interview. The majority of participants gave reports of change from a predominantly or exclusively homosexual orientation before therapy to a predominantly or exclusively heterosexual orientation in the past year. Reports of complete change were uncommon. Female participants reported significantly more change than did male participants. Either some gay men and lesbians, following reparative therapy, actually change their predominantly homosexual orientation to a predominantly heterosexual orientation or some gay men and women construct elaborate self-deceptive narratives (or even lie) in which they claim to have changed their sexual orientation, or both. For many reasons, it is concluded that the participants’ self-reports were,

Spitzer Issues Apology for Study Supporting Reparative Therapy

Mark Moran,



Despite methodological limitations, Robert Spitzer, M.D.'s, study on efficacy of reparative therapy was seized upon by ex-gay groups as evidence of the therapy's effectiveness, but was criticized as harmful to gays and lesbians.

It is the latest turn in a now 30-plus year evolution in psychiatry's understanding of homosexuality and involves a figure who has been prominent in that story throughout.



Robert L. Spitzer, M.D., is a major architect of the modern classification of mental disorders.

Alex di Suvero for The New York Times

Robert Spitzer, M.D., well known to APA members as a leader in the development of *DSM*, renowned as instrumental in removing homosexuality from the diagnostic manual as a disorder in 1973 and—paradoxically—the author of a deeply controversial study in the early part of the last decade suggesting that “reparative therapy” could help gay people change their sexual orientation—has now renounced the findings of that controversial study.

In a letter to the editor of the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, where the study appeared in 2003, Spitzer issued a mea culpa. “I believe I owe the gay community an apology for my study

making unproven claims of the efficacy of reparative therapy,” he wrote. “I also apologize to any gay

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Proclaim the Truth

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ **And such were some of you**: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

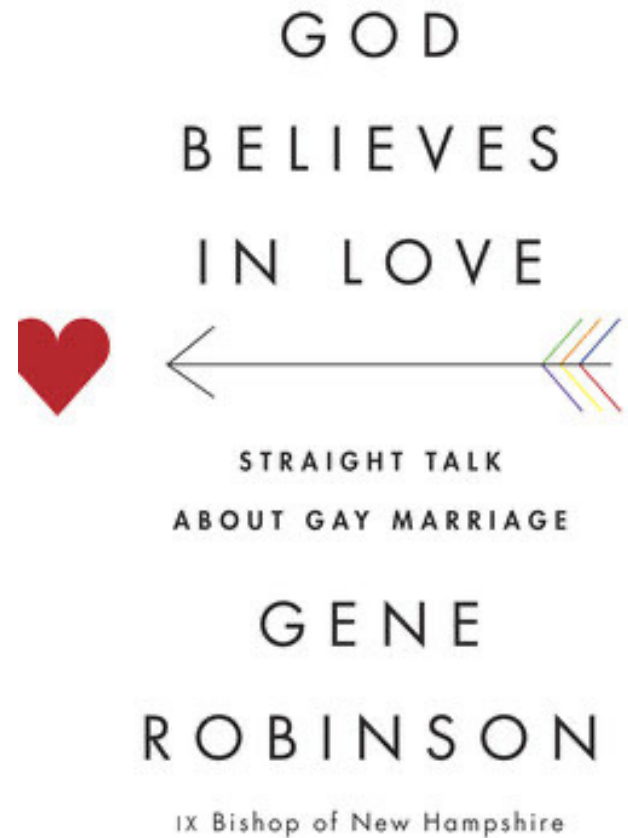
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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Proclaim the Truth about Scripture

"My friend, Bishop Gene Robinson, has long been a voice for equality—not with anger or vitriol, but with compassion and faith. He has been guided by the simple precept that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us." —*President Barack Obama*



⁴⁸ As I live, saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.

⁴⁹ Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

Ezekiel 16

Proclaim the
Truth about
Science

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GAY,
STRAIGHT,
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REASON
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THE SCIENCE *of*
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²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

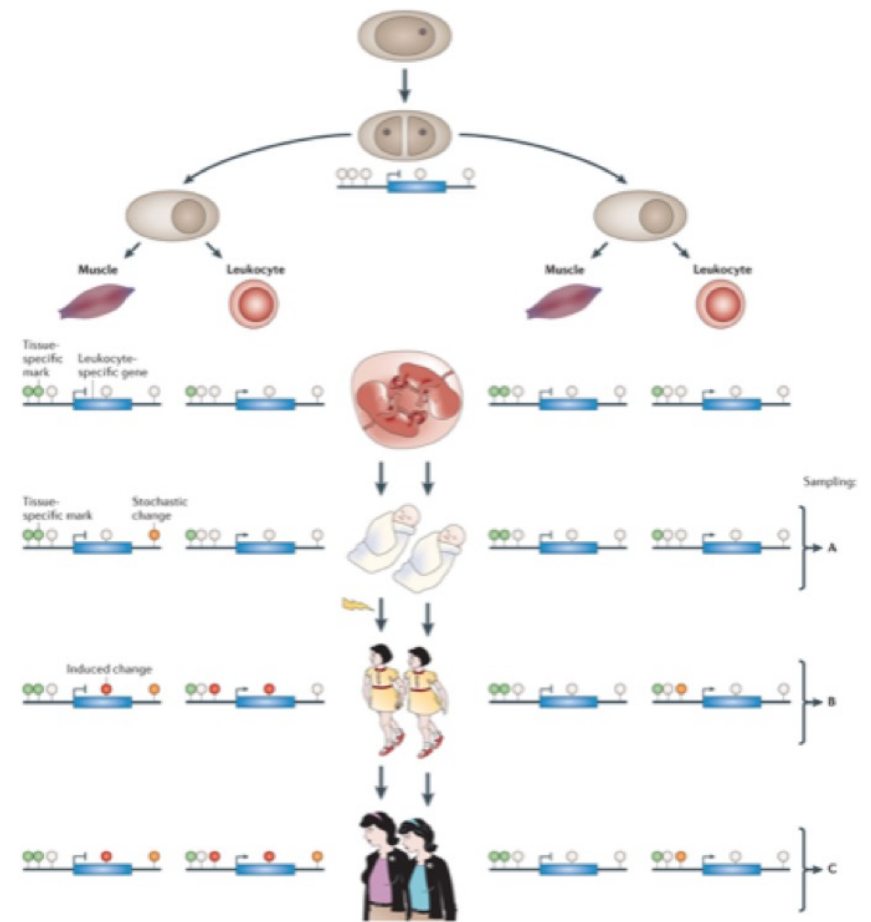
²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:27-28

Teach students to
think
scientifically
Who is in the
sample of a study
and how was it
obtained?



The Study: What exactly did they find?



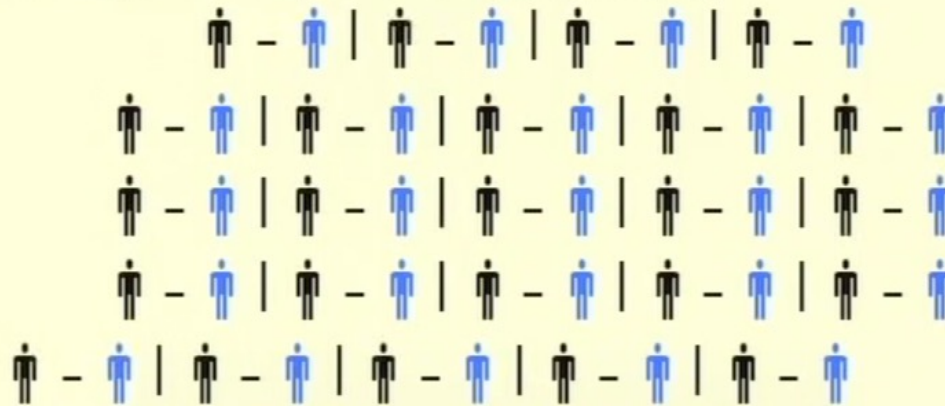
Here is a pictorial representation of what Bailey actually found in his newest study:

There were a total of 27 twin pairs. Of the 27, there were

1. three pairs where both twins were gay ("Match"):



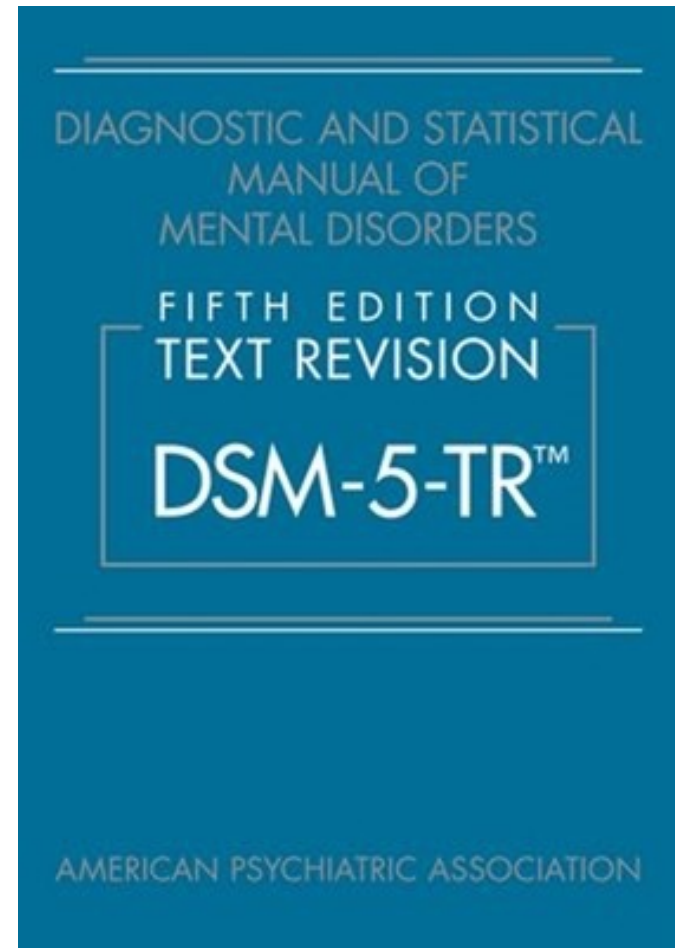
2. and 24 pairs where only one twin was gay ("NO Match"):



And ye shall know the truth, and
the truth shall make you free.

John 8:32

Less than 0.1% of the population has been assessed to struggle with gender dysphoria.



Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12



What can we do?

Do no harm

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Matthew 10:16

Gender Dysphoria in Children (6 or more of the following for at least 6 months)

1. A strong desire to be of the other gender or an insistence that one is the other gender
2. In boys (assigned gender), a strong preference for cross-dressing or simulating female attire; or in girls (assigned gender), a strong preference for wearing only typical masculine clothing and a strong resistance to wearing typical feminine clothing
3. A strong preference for cross-gender roles in make-believe play or fantasy play
4. A strong preference for toys, games, or activities stereotypically used or engaged in by the other gender
5. A strong preference for playmates of the other gender
6. In boys (assigned gender), a strong rejection of typically masculine toys, games, and activities and a strong rejection of rough-and-tumble play; or in girls (as assigned gender), a strong rejection of typically feminine toys, games, and activities
7. A strong dislike for one's sexual anatomy
8. A strong desire for the primary and/or secondary sex characteristic that match one's experienced gender

Gender Dysphoria in Adolescents and Adults (2 or more of the following for at least 6 months)

1. A marked incongruence between one's experienced/expressed gender and primary and/or secondary sex characteristics (or in young adolescents, the anticipated secondary sex characteristics)
2. A strong desire to be rid of one's primary and/or secondary sex characteristics because of a marked incongruence with one's experienced/expressed gender (or in young adolescents, a desire to prevent the development of the anticipated secondary sex characteristics)
3. A strong desire for the primary and/or secondary sex characteristics of the other gender
4. A strong desire to be treated as the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender)
5. A strong desire to be treated as the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender)
6. A strong conviction that one has the typical feelings and reactions of the other gender (or some alternative gender different from one's assigned gender)



What can we do?

- Foster positive relationships with one's father, male caregiver or role model
- Foster positive relationships with male peers
- Foster gender typical habits and skills
- Facilitate positive feelings about being male



What can we do?

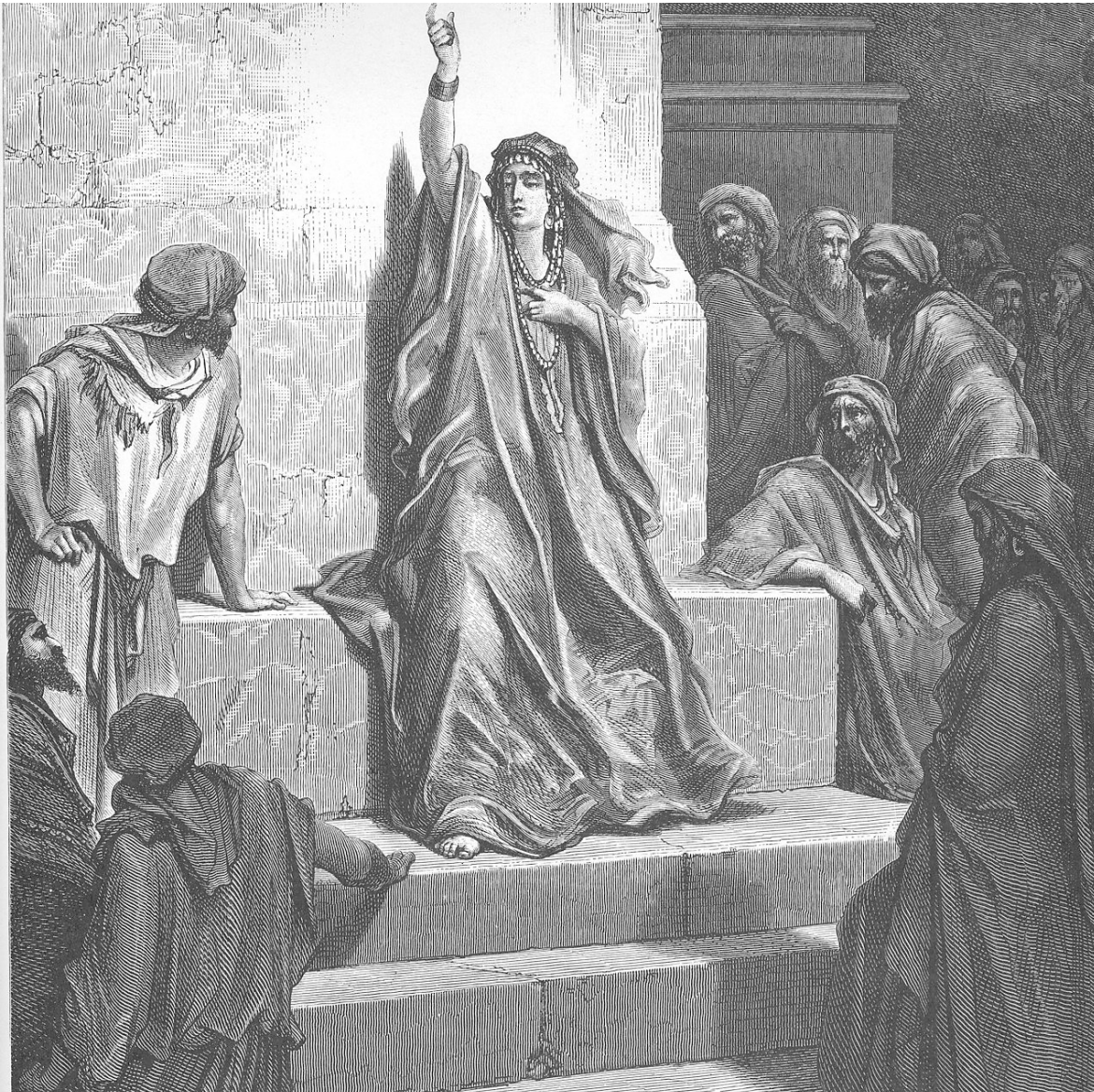
Teach

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

Genesis 1:27



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Deborah portrayed
in Gustave Doré's
illustrations for *La*
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Gratifying



Feed the
Spirit



Feed the
Flesh

The Wrong
People

**Who are the Jonadab's
in your life?**

The Wrong Thinking





The Way Out!

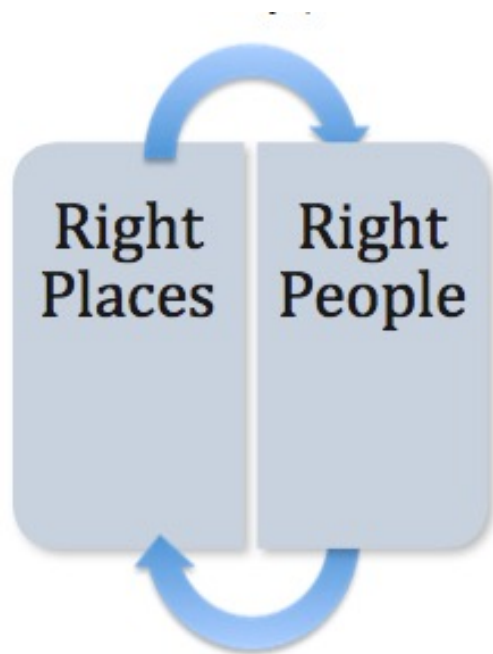
Create in Me

**What do you need
to commit to?**



Hard Choices

**What needs to be
cut out of my life?**



The Right Places

The Right People

**What questions do you
need to be asked?**

The Right Activities



Feed the Spirit

Life

The Right Thinking



¹⁹ What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

²⁰ For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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Better access to care has increased transgender patients' ability to seek the help of plastic surgeons

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What can we do?

Instill Hope

⁴ And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. ⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁶ O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Jeremiah 18



For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.
Matthew 19:12



What can we do?

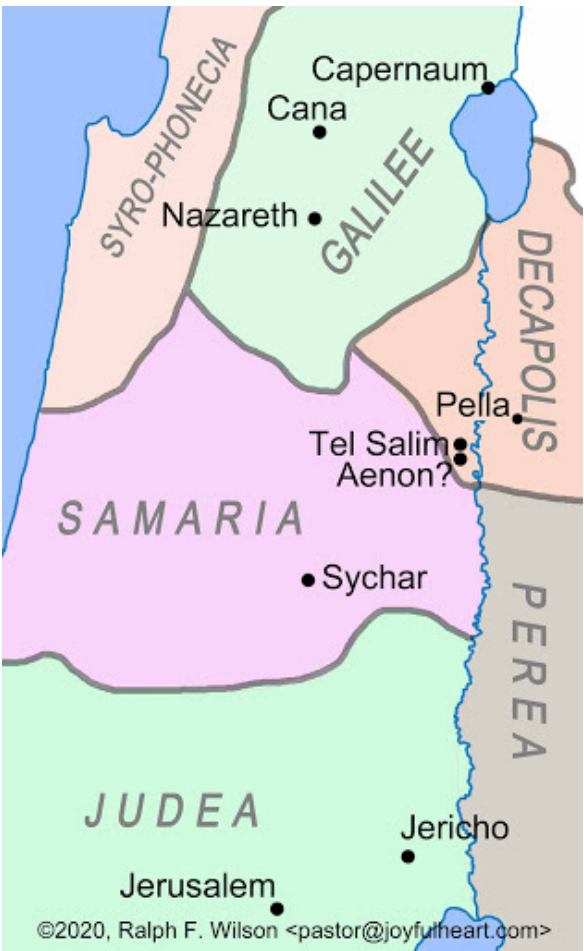
Befriend

¹⁰ And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples.

¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

Matthew 9:10-11







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[Angy Calvert](#) shares how God brought her out of a life of lesbianism and what we can do to help those who struggle. [#NAFWB](#)



Suggestions from a parent

- What was helpful for us from other Christians?
 - Listening, not judging and not giving advice we didn't ask for.
 - Acknowledging our sorrow and asking about our daughter how is she doing, instead of acting like she is dead to us.
 - Telling us they are praying, fasting and grieving for our child.
- What Christians did that was unhelpful?
 - Giving me advices and opinions on the matter, I didn't ask for.
 - Telling me at least I have another child who is faithful to God.
 - Speaking in front of me how blessed they are because all of their children are serving the Lord.
 - Dismissing the trauma our daughter had as a child and pointing only to her sin.

Suggestions from a parent

- Don't worry about their outward appearance, but try to earn their trust and communicate about their internal struggles.
- Limit social media access and get them involved in family and church fun activities.
- Talk to them about anything: sex, LGBTQ issues, dating etc. Don't shy away from difficult conversations and don't be shocked when they share stories and opinions with you.
- If things are going bad for them-get them into Christian counseling before they are 18 and explore a possible trauma in their lives. .
- Take care of your mental health too.
- Find a support group.
- Pray and fast about your child and give them back to God-He is their ultimate parent.



Suggestions from a parent

- We have experienced deep trauma, loss and guilt. Listen and mourn with us. Help us to heal mentally, emotionally and spiritually.
- Acknowledge our trauma and help us to heal.
- Tell us it was not our fault.
- Give us some practical advice when we ask for it.
- Educate other people about trans issues, so they will not go through what we are going through, and we would feel that our suffering is not meaningless.
- Give us hope for the future.

RESPONDING TO "PRIDE" MONTH

- + Do no harm (Matthew 10:16).
- + Don't gossip, ridicule, or embarrass people struggling in these areas (James 1:26).
- + Bear burdens (Galatians 6:2) & take time to talk (James 1:19).
- + Teach what the Bible says about gender (Genesis 2:21-24), the Fall (Genesis 3), and sexuality (1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, 7).

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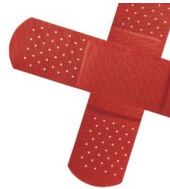
A RESPONSE TO "PRIDE" MONTH

- + Befriend those who struggle, knowing they can be reached with the Gospel (1 Corinthians 5:9-11; John 4).
- + Foster positive relationships, be a caring role model, promote positive feelings about gender (Titus 2).
- + Never forget that Jesus makes every situation better (Matthew 11:28-30).

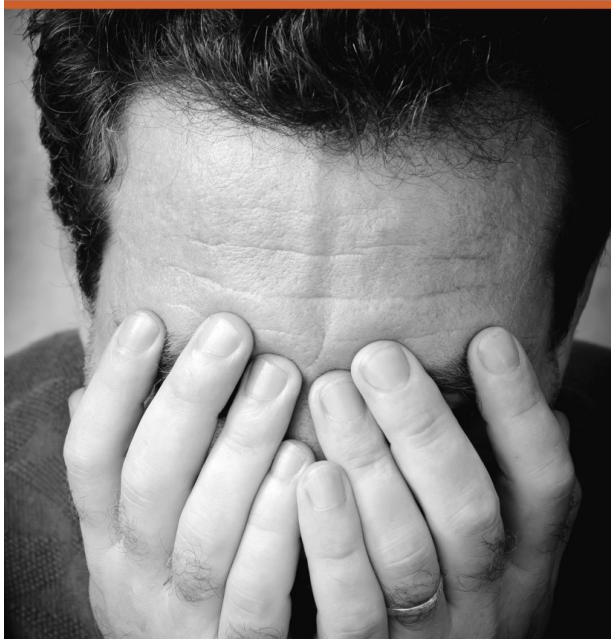
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