

When Someone You Love is Transgender

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I. Primary Goals: Sustain the Bond, Join the Work

Sustain the Bond: God has Entrusted you with your loved one (I Corinthians 4:7)

Join the Work: God is seeking your loved one (James 1:19)

II. 3-Levels: Stabilizing, Clarifying, Dialoguing

Level One: Stabilizing

Stabilizing = Safety, Hearing (James 1:19)

To create Safety: Reassure, Express Desire

Level Two: Clarifying

What we're wanting from each other.

Where our lines are drawn with each other.

Policy (Ephesians 5:11, I Timothy 5:22, Romans 14:23)

Level Three: Dialogue

"Help me understand your Process."

"Help me understand your Position."

"This is my Position."

"Is an ongoing conversation possible?"

III. Desired Outcomes

Communication – Improved tone and content in our communication

Consideration - New willingness to consider the Biblical view on gender

Conviction - Awakening of conscience that one is outside God's will

Conversion – From death to life, and from error to truth

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“If You Loved Me, You’d Approve”
Seven questions and arguments we often hear from gay loved ones
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1. “If you loved me, you’d approve.”

2. “If God made me this way, how can it be wrong?”

3. “I can’t change, so I have to be true to myself.”

4. “I won’t be in a relationship with a hater!”

5. “Don’t you know how many people have publicly renounced your position?”

6. “What about all the Christians who get divorced, us porn, or commit adultery?”

7. “I have to make up my own mind about this.”

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*For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?
I Corinthians 14:8*

I. Christian *identity* is not under attack. Christian *distinctions* are.
(Leviticus 10:10) (Consider Luke 3:19-20 and Acts 24:25)

II. Christian distinctions that are *Secondary* can be *Discussed*
Christian distinctions that are *Essential* must be *Defended*

III. In these times *Vague* in in *Vogue*

Consider how reluctant people are to give clear Biblical answers regarding
salvation, marriage, sexuality, and the coming judgment.

Consider the clarity of sermons in the Book of Acts

Consider Spurgeon's take on this: "Still, for all, my firm old fashioned belief is that
some doctrines are true, and that statements which are diametrically opposite them
are not true – that when 'No' is the fact, 'Yes' is out of court, and that when 'Yes'
can be justified, 'No' must be abandoned."

IV. Clarity is Charity

"Love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in truth." (I Corinthians 13:6)

We have a three-fold mandate:

To Know the Truth (I Timothy 4:16)

To Live the Truth (Luke 6:46)

To Express the Truth (Acts 20:27)

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