

## **LGBTQ and Christian Resources**

### **Books:**

*The Bible and Homosexuality: How the Scripture Changed my Mind* – Justin Lee  
*Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians* – Candance Chellew-Hodge  
*The Children Are Free: Reexamining the Biblical Evidence on Same-Sex Relationships*- Reverend Jeff Miner and John Connoley  
*Coming Out Within: Stages of Spiritual Awakening for Lesbians and Gay Men* – O’Neill and Ritter  
*Counseling Transgender and Non-Binary Youth: The Essential Guide* – Irwin Krieger  
*Daring to Speak Love’s Name, A Gay and Lesbian Prayer Book* –Elizabeth Stuart  
*Gay Theology Without Apology* –Gary David Comstock  
*God Believes in Love: Straight Talk About Gay Marriage* – Bishop Gene Robinson  
*The Identity Kit: For Queer Christian Youth* – Crystal Cheatham  
*Love Is an Orientation* - Andrew Marin  
*Made In God’s Image: A Black Church Guide to Gender Difference* – Book by Rev. Cedric A. Harmon and Ann Thompson Cook  
*My Name is Brett: Truths from a Trans Christian* – Book by Brett Ray  
*Omniender: A Trans-religious Approach* – Book by Virginia Mallenkott  
*This Is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians* – Book by Christina Beardsley  
*Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gay vs. Christians Debate* - Justin Lee  
*Transgender, Intersex and Biblical Interpretation* – Book by Theresa Hornsby and Deryn Guest  
*Transgendering Faith: Identity, Sexuality and Spirituality* – Book by Leanne Tigert  
*Trans-Gendered: Theology and Communities of Faith* – Book by Justin Tanis  
*Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity* – Elizabeth M. Edman  
*Radical Love: An Introduction to Queer Theology* – Patrick S. Cheng  
*Reconciling Journey: A Devotional Workbook for Lesbian and Gay Christians* - Michal Anne Pepper  
*Soulfully Gay* - Joe Perez  
*Uncommon Calling: A Gay Christian’s Struggle to Serve the Church* – Chris Glaser

### **LGBTQ and Christian Organizations:**

Believe Out Loud - <http://www.believeoutloud.com/>  
Dignity USA, GLBT Catholics - <http://www.dignityusa.org/content/what-dignity>  
Familia: Trans Queer Liberation Movement - <http://familiarqlm.org/>  
Institute for Welcoming Resources - <http://www.welcomingresources.org/>  
Many Voices: A Black Church Movement for Gay and Transgender Justice  
<http://www.manyvoices.org/>  
The Marin Foundation - <http://www.themarinfoundation.org/resources/recommended-reading/>  
National Center for Transgender Equality - <http://www.transequality.org/>

## LGBTQ and Christian Organizations (continued):

National LGBTQ Taskforce: [www.thetaskforce.org](http://www.thetaskforce.org)

Parity: Reconciling Faith and Identity - <http://parity.nyc/>

Reconciling Works - <http://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

The Reformation Project: Advancing LGBTQ Inclusion in the Church  
<https://www.reformationproject.org/>

SoulForce and the Equality Ride - <http://www.soulforce.org/>

Standing on the Side of Love - <http://www.standingonthesideoflove.org/resources/talking-points/>

Transfaith - <http://www.transfaithonline.org/>

Your Identity Kit: Affirming Spirituality and Gender Identity - <http://youridk.com/>

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## Films:

*Call Me Malcolm* – United Church of Christ and Filmworks, Inc. (2004)

- A documentary about a trans man's struggle with faith, love, and gender identity

*Fish Out of Water* – Ky Dickens (2009) <http://www.fishoutofwaterfilm.com/>

- Pro-LGBTQ film examining and explaining Biblical passages.

*For the Bible Tells Me So* – First Run Features

(2007) <http://www.forthetibletellsmeso.org/indexa.htm>

- Pro-LGBTQ film sharing different perspectives and stories about both movements.  
(Available for instant view on Netflix.)

*Love Free or Die* – Reveal Productions (2012)

- Bishop Gene Robinson's, the first gay bishop in the Episcopal Church, story.

*Out of Order: Queer Pastors Redefining Church* <http://www.outoforderdoc.com/about/#synopsis>

- This documentary reveals the complex and painful struggles faced by LGBTQ faith leaders as they confront entrenched bigotry and work to build loving support within their churches

*Still Black: A Portrait of Black Trans Men* - <http://www.stillblackfilm.org/>

- This documentary explores the lives of six black transgender men living in the United States. Through the intimate discussions of their lives as artists, students, husbands, fathers, lawyers, and teachers, the film challenges traditional notions of black masculinity, sexuality, and identity.

*This Is What Love in Action Looks Like* – Sawed-Off Collaboratory Productions (2011)

- The story of a boy's community who stands up when he is sent to Ex-Gay therapy

*Through My Eyes* – Gay Christian Network <https://www.gaychristian.net/dvd/>

- Stories from 20+ gay and lesbian Christians about their struggles and perspectives

*Voices of Witness: Out of the Box*- Integrity USA

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzCANWGsEdc>

- Transgender people of faith share their stories of hope, healing, and wholeness

## Common Questions:

### How can I talk to family/friends who are anti-LGBTQ due to their faith?

<http://www.friendsandfamilyplan.org/>

*My Mind Was Changed* - Auburn Theological

Seminary <http://www.auburnseminary.org/mindchanged>

### What is my denomination's stance on LGBT affirmation? Ordination? Marriage Equality?

<http://www.believeoutloud.com/background/christianity-and-lgbt-equality>

### Where can I find a welcoming church where I live?

<http://www.believeoutloud.com/take-action/find-your-community>

### I am LGBTQ, are there resources for my family?

- *PFLAG: Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians, Gays, and Trans* <http://community.pflag.org/Page.aspx?pid=194&srcid=-2>
- *Fortunate Families: Catholic Families with LGBT Children* <http://www.fortunatefamilies.com/>

### I am LGBTQ and Christian but am struggling to work through my identity and what that means.

Your Identity Kit: Affirming Spirituality and Gender Identity - <http://youridk.com/>

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### I am a straight, cisgender Christian who grew up believing that homosexuality is a sin. I want to hear another perspective.

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### What resources are available for transgender Christians?

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### Trans-Inclusivity Curriculums:

Institute for Welcoming Resources - <http://www.welcomingresources.org/>

- Check out the “transACTION: A Transgender Curriculum for Churches and Religious Institutions” that is available online for free!

- o Leader

guide: [http://www.welcomingresources.org/transaction\\_leader.pdf](http://www.welcomingresources.org/transaction_leader.pdf)

- o Participant

guide: [http://www.welcomingresources.org/transaction\\_final.pdf](http://www.welcomingresources.org/transaction_final.pdf)

TransACTION Curriculum for Churches & Religious

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**Encouraging Biblical Passages:**

**1 Samuel 18: 1-4; 1 Samuel 20; and 2 Samuel 1**—The stories of the love, covenant, and bond between David and Jonathan

**Psalms 139**—God searches us, knows us, and created our inmost being

**Matthew 5: 2-12**—The Beatitudes, we are truly blessed

**Mark 1: 29-31**—The greatest commandment is love

**Acts 8:36-40**—The story of the Ethiopian Eunuch who was the first Gentile to be baptized and welcomed into the faith. Many understand the Ethiopian's identity as a eunuch to be a queer identity.

**Acts 15**—The Council at Jerusalem – A reminder that the LGBTQ community is not the only community that church leaders have debated over whether or not they should be included, and that in ancient times and today leaders have landed on the side of inclusion and welcome.

**Romans 8:38-39**—Nothing can separate us from the love of God

**John 4: 1-42**—Jesus talks to the Samaritan woman at the well, breaking cultural norms due to his love of all

**John 15: 9-17**—We are Jesus friends, whom He loves

**John 16: 12-15**—The Spirit and God are still speaking

**Romans 13: 8-10**—The commandments can be summed up in “Love your neighbor”

**Galatians 3: 26 – 29**—We are all children of God

**Ephesians 2:10 -22** —We are God's handiwork, built together and created in Christ to do good works,

**Ephesians 3:14-19**—We are rooted and established in love, filled with the fullness of God

**Colossians 1:14**—We are redeemed and forgiven

**1 John 4: 7-12**—God is love; perfect love drives out fear; No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.