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WEBSITES

www.thereformationproject.org: As a Bible-based, Christian organization, The Reformation Project's mission is to advance LGBTQ+ inclusion in the church. Founded by Matthew Vines, author of *God and the Gay Christian*.

www.matthewvines.com/transcript: The Gay Debate: The Bible and Homosexuality

www.freedhearts.org: FreedHearts reaches into hurting communities with a message of love, inclusion, belonging, and hope—for parents, LGBTQ+ educators, therapists, and for the church. Founded by Susan and Rob Cottrell. There is also a FreedHearts podcast available.

www.embracingthejourney.org: Dedicated to helping to reconcile LGBTQ+ individuals, their families, and their lives of faith. Founded by Greg and Lynn McDonald.

www.mykidisgay.com: Digital presence, inclusive videos, helpful advice, and resources, dedicated exclusively toward helping parents understand their LGBTQ+ children.

www.trans-parenting.com: An organization dedicated to providing support and educational resources to parents and their advocates raising a gender independent child.

SERMONS FROM THE GATHERING:

The Birds, the Bees and the Bible (part 3): <https://youtu.be/0JogH3vsfR4>

The Talk (part 4): <https://vimeo.com/112629861>

Things the Bible Never Said:

<https://soundcloud.com/the-gathering-umc/things-the-bible-never-said-pt-2-rev-matt-miofsky>

<https://soundcloud.com/the-gathering-umc/things-the-bible-never-said-pt-2-rev-yvi-martin>

Going Nowhere Fast (part 4): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1YvNpkmyz9g>

PODCASTS:

Open Bible Podcast: A podcast working to make LGBTQ+-affirming theology more accessible to conservative Christians and those who may identify as theologically “traditionalist” regarding LGBTQ+ inclusion.

FreedHearts Podcast: A podcast addressing love and LGBTQ+ inclusion. Associated with FreedHearts, an inclusivity-focused organization founded by Susan and Rob Cottrell.

Blue Babies Pink Podcast: “A southern coming out story in 44 episodes.” B.T. Harman grew up as the son of a Southern Baptist pastor in the heart of the Bible belt, denying his sexuality for years and wrestling with how his faith and who he knew himself could connect.

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BOOKS

Embracing the Journey, A Christian Parents' Blueprint to Loving your LGBTQ Child, Greg and Lynn McDonald, 2019:

This book offers a sympathetic, compassionate, and inspiring guide for parents. From the founders of one of the first Christian ministries for parents of LGBTQ+ children.

God and the Gay Christian, Matthew Vines, 2015: Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, Matthew Vines devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality.

Mom, I'm Gay, Susan Cottrell, 2016: When your child reveals that he or she is attracted to the same sex, how you respond may have a lot to do with your faith. Doesn't the Bible say that is wrong? Will we have to leave our church? Worst of all, you may wonder, "Do I have to choose between my Christian faith and my child?"
Risking Grace: Loving Our Gay Family and Friends Like Jesus, Dave Jackson, 2016: A father's story about his personal journey toward LGBTQ+ inclusion based upon a renewal of his understanding of the Bible. He explores alternative interpretations of the "prohibitive texts," but focuses primarily upon the life and teachings of Jesus.

Torn, Justin Lee, 2013: As a teenager and young man, Justin Lee felt deeply torn. Nicknamed "God Boy" by his peers, he knew that he was called to a life in the evangelical Christian ministry. Lee, however, harbored a secret: he knew that he was gay. In this groundbreaking book, Lee recalls the events that led him to self-acceptance.

Unclobbered, Colby Martin, 2016: Unclobber reexamines the six frequently quoted "clobber" passages regarding LGBTQ+ persons in Scripture, alternating with author Colby Martin's own story of being fired from an evangelical megachurch when they discovered his stance on sexuality.

Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians, Austen Hartke, 2018: With the patience of a teacher and the humility of a fellow traveler, Austen Hartke carefully unpacks the terminology, sociological studies, and biblical and theological perspectives that most impact transgender Christians, combining them with compelling personal stories (including his own).

This is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids: A Question and Answer Guide to Everyday Life, Danielle Owens-Reid & Kristin Russo, 2014: Written in an accessible Q&A format, this is a helpful resource for parents hoping to understand and communicate with their gay child.

Scripture, Ethics, and the Possibility of Same-Sex Relationships, Karen Keen, 2018: With thoughtfulness and balance, Biblical scholar and spiritual director Karen Keen offers a much-needed, integrative perspective that fruitfully brings together evangelical biblical interpretation, theological ethics, and pastoral wisdom to frame a loving, Christ-honoring discussion about same-sex relationships.