

Books and videos about LGBTQIA Christians and their stories

As our Genesis community embarks on these difficult conversations, I want to offer some resources that will help us.

Help us how?

Help us love our LGBTQIA brothers and sisters in Christ well. If we want to love someone well, step one is to listen to their story. So I submit these stories to you in hopes that we can all learn to love well.

BOOKS

Justin Lee's story:

[Torn: Rescuing the Gospel from the Gays-vs.-Christians Debate](#)

I wrote of review of Torn you can see here: [John's review](#).

I have a copy of this book you may borrow.

Jennifer Knapp's story:

[Facing the Music: My Story](#)

Brandon Wallace's story:

[Straight-Face](#)

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Maurice Monette's story:

[Confessions of a Gay Married Priest: A Spiritual Journey](#)

Jeff Chu's story:

[Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America](#)

Jeff co-hosted the Evolving Faith conference with Sarah Bessey recently.

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Garrard Conley's story:

[Boy Erased : A Memoir](#)

The following books were not written by gay Christians, but still tell the stories of gay Christians

[The Cross in the Closet](#)

This is the story of Tim, who is not gay, living life as a gay man in Nashville for a year.

Tim tells the short version of this story in a TED talk listed in the video section below.

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[A Letter to My Congregation: An Evangelical Pastor's Path to Embracing People Who Are Gay, Lesbian and Transgender in the Company of Jesus](#)

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Videos

Vicky Beeching's story:

Vicky Beeching is Christian Worship Leader and she shared [her story](#) at the 2015 Gay Christian Network (GCN) conference.

Danny Cortez's story:

Danny is a pastor and parent of a gay son. He shared [his story](#) at the 2015 GCN conference.

Rob & Linda Robertson's story:

Rob & Linda are parents of a gay son and they shared their story, [Just Because He Breathes](#), at the 2014 GCN conference.

Chely Wright's story:

Wish Me Away is a documentary of Country Music Star Chely Wright.

It's available for rent on many streaming services.

I found it free (with ads) on TubiTV here: [Wish Me Away](#)

Timothy Kurek's story:

Tim wrote the book "The Cross in the Closet" listed above.

He shared his story at a TED talk called [Walking in the shoes of the Other](#).

Garrard Conley's story:

Garrard's book was made into a movie. Here's the [Boy Erased](#) link on IMDB. It can be rented on many streaming services.

Julie Rodgers' story (added 11/4/2019):

Julie grew up in a Christian home, identified her same-sex attractions as a Junior in high school, participated in a Christian conversion therapy program for almost a decade before realizing it was not helping. As a gay person committed to celibacy, she was invited to Wheaton College to serve the needs in the community there. Though her ministry there flourished, parents and alumni (i.e. donors) were upset by her presence.

This is [her story](#) and the things she learned along the way.