

Your Gay Child Says “I Do”

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“Mom and Dad, I have something to tell you.” Sharon’s parents sat down, not sure what to expect as their daughter spoke with a mix of joy and apprehension. “I’ve found that special someone to spend the rest of my life with!”

Sharon’s parents wanted to be thrilled for their daughter. But as the conversation continued, their hearts sank. Sharon talked about the future and how she had met the love of her life. But the lover she intended to marry was another woman.

Sharon anticipated that her parents’ faith in Christ would cause them to object to the relationship. Nevertheless, she was asking them to give their blessing to her same-sex relationship and to accept her partner. She mentioned that she intended to marry this woman in the near future. Behind the invitation to her commitment celebration was the threat to withdraw from them if they failed to respond positively.

Sharon’s parents felt stunned and threatened by her announcement. Like other parents before them, they found themselves on a path they had never intended to travel.

If you are a Christian parent facing this situation, you are in a hard place. On one hand, you believe that the Scripture is clear in only permitting marriage between a man and a woman. Yet you have a daughter or a son announcing their disregard for God’s design

for marriage, revealed in Scripture and affirmed by the Church for thousands of years. Where do you go for guidance when you love your child, but her or his actions are not only sinful, but hurtful to herself (or himself), others, and you?

You will suddenly have many questions to work through: How do I maintain a loving relationship with the child I raised and treasure, while not compromising my Christian beliefs? How can I deal with the pain of continuing to love my child when he or she chooses a path that God’s Word forbids? How can I have a relationship with his or her partner, whose involvement with my child encourages sinful behavior? What kind of parent does my child still want and need me to be?

There is a way to work through these tough questions. The God who called you to himself and gave you a child to love and care for will love and care for you and her through this time. His Word, the same Scripture that proclaims a God-intended design for sexuality, can faithfully guide you through the turbulent waters of your relationship with your child. Jesus gave every parent like you a powerful story of faith, patience, and hope—the “parable of the prodigal son.” Start by reading it in Luke 15. It’s a story about a father forced to learn how to relate to his wayward son. And it’s also a story about how God the Father relates to all his wayward children—you included.