

7-Day Devotional Journey



Homosexuality, Transgenderism, and Faith



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Introduction — Homosexuality, Transgenderism, and Faith

This 7-day devotional is crafted in the heart of *The Faithful Sinners*, a place where honesty, compassion, and spiritual wrestling are not avoided but embraced. The goal of this series is not to judge, categorize, or diminish anyone. Instead, it invites believers to explore how faith, identity, Scripture, and love intersect in a world where many are navigating questions about sexuality, gender, belonging, and God's heart.

Each day offers up to four paragraphs of reflection, a Scripture verse, and a call to action rooted in humility, grace, and Christlike love. This devotional does not attempt to define anyone's worth or identity by their sexuality or gender. Instead, it challenges believers to walk with Christ in truth and compassion, never sacrificing one for the other.



Day 1 — The Call to Compassion

Scripture: *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”* — Ephesians 4:2

The conversation around sexuality and gender often becomes loud, polarized, and painful. But Jesus never approached people with hostility, He approached them with compassion. Before we talk about theology, doctrine, or interpretation, Scripture calls us to begin with humility and gentleness. Compassion is not compromise; it is Christlikeness.

Many believers have never personally walked alongside someone wrestling with identity, faith, or belonging. When we lack proximity, we often lack empathy. Jesus entered people's lives, listened to their stories, and saw their humanity before addressing their wounds.

As *Faithful Sinners*, we begin here: with compassion that refuses to dehumanize, dismiss, or shame. We acknowledge that every person, regardless of sexuality or gender identity, is made in the image of God and worthy of dignity.

Call to Action: Pray for God to soften your heart toward those you struggle to understand. Ask Him to help you see people the way Jesus does. Consider exploring Christlike compassion.



Day 2 — Truth and Grace Together

Scripture: *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us... full of grace and truth.”* — John 1:14

Jesus never separated grace from truth. He held both perfectly, refusing to weaponize truth or dilute grace. Conversations about sexuality and gender often fall into extremes, either harsh truth without love or soft love without conviction. But Jesus calls us to a better way.

Truth without grace crushes people. Grace without truth confuses people. But truth *with* grace transforms people. This means we must approach Scripture with reverence while approaching people with tenderness.

As believers, we must acknowledge that many LGBTQ+ individuals have experienced deep wounds from Christians, sometimes more than from the world. Healing begins when the Church learns to speak truth in ways that do not harm but heal.

Call to Action: Reflect on an area where you’ve leaned too heavily on truth or too heavily on grace. Ask God to help you walk in both. Consider exploring grace and truth.



Day 3 — Listening Before Speaking

Scripture: *“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.”* — James 1:19

Many believers have strong opinions about sexuality and gender, but few have listened deeply to the stories of those affected. Listening is not agreement; it is love. When Jesus met people, He asked questions, invited conversation, and honored their humanity.

Listening builds bridges where assumptions build walls. When we listen, we discover that people’s journeys are often filled with pain, confusion, hope, longing, and sincere spiritual searching. Faith grows when we learn to understand rather than react.

The Church must become a place where people can bring their questions without fear of rejection. When we listen well, we reflect the heart of Christ, who never rushed to condemn but always moved toward connection.

Call to Action: Reach out to someone whose experience differs from yours and simply listen. Ask God to help you hear with empathy. Consider exploring empathetic listening.



Day 4 — Identity and the Image of God

Scripture: “*So God created mankind in his own image...*” — Genesis 1:27

Every person, regardless of sexuality or gender identity, bears the image of God. This truth must shape how we speak, act, and respond. Identity is complex, and many people wrestle with questions of who they are and how they fit into God’s story.

For some, sexuality or gender identity feels central to their sense of self. For others, it is a source of confusion or conflict. But Scripture reminds us that our deepest identity is not found in labels, categories, or cultural debates, it is found in Christ.

When we anchor identity in Jesus, we create space for God to work in every area of life. We do not force transformation; we invite God to lead it. We do not shame people into change; we walk with them as fellow sinners saved by grace.

Call to Action: Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal your identity in Him. Consider exploring identity in Christ.



Day 5 — The Church as a Healing Place

Scripture: “*Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*” — Galatians 6:2

Many LGBTQ+ individuals have been deeply hurt by churches, sometimes rejected, shamed, or excluded. This is not the heart of Christ. The Church must become a place of healing, not harm. A place of welcome, not fear. A place of discipleship, not dismissal.

Healing begins when believers acknowledge past wounds and commit to doing better. We cannot change history, but we can change how we love today. The Church must be a community where people can wrestle with Scripture, identity, and faith without being cast aside.

When we carry one another’s burdens, we fulfill the law of Christ, not by agreeing on everything, but by loving through everything.

Call to Action: Pray for churches to become places of healing. Consider exploring spiritual healing.



Day 6 — Walking With People, Not Ahead of Them

Scripture: *“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* — Matthew 28:20

Jesus walks with people through their journeys, He does not drag them or abandon them. Likewise, believers are called to walk alongside others, not dictate their pace or path. Spiritual growth is rarely linear, and God works uniquely in each life.

Walking with people means showing up consistently, loving faithfully, and praying earnestly. It means resisting the urge to “fix” people and instead trusting the Holy Spirit to lead them.

When we walk with others, we reflect the patience of Christ, who never rushed transformation but nurtured it.

Call to Action: Ask God to show you someone you can walk alongside with patience and love. Consider exploring spiritual companionship.



Day 7 — Love as the Final Word

Scripture: *“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”* — 1 Peter 4:8

At the end of every theological debate, cultural tension, or personal struggle, love must remain. Not shallow love, not conditional love, not selective love, but deep, Christlike love that reflects the heart of God.

Love does not erase truth, but truth without love loses its power. Love does not erase conviction, but conviction without love loses its witness. Love is the final word because love is the nature of God Himself.

As Faithful Sinners, we commit to being people who love deeply, speak gently, listen humbly, and walk faithfully. We trust God to work in every life, including ours, with wisdom far greater than our own.

Call to Action: Ask God to make you a vessel of Christlike love. Consider exploring Christlike love.