A Christian Response to Homosexuality

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I. Convicted
   A. Gay sex is not the worst sin
   B. Our sin is just as odious
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II. Consistent

A. Regarding relationships
   1. Singleness is a gift (1 Corinthians 7)

B. Regarding sexuality
   1. Holy Sexuality

C. Regarding Change
   1. Change is not the absence of temptations, but change is the ability to be holy even in the midst of temptations
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III. Compassionate

A. Expect this is present here
B. Know your position
C. Assurance of friendship
D. Zero-tolerance on bullying, stop gay jokes
IV. Complete
A. Focus on Truth
   1. “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God”

B. Be Redemptive

C. Christian with Homosexual Feelings
   1. Thank them
   2. Not alone

1 Cor 6:11
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IV. Complete

C. Christian with Homosexual Feelings

3. Identity in Christ
4. Be realistic
5. Don’t focus so much on externals
6. Encourage God honoring same-sex friendships
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IV. Complete

D. LGBT Friends

1. Do Not...
   a. Compare to addiction, pedophilia, murder, etc.
   b. Say “lifestyle” or “choice”
   c. Say “Love the sinner hate the sin”
   d. Debate (aka “defend the truth”). There’s a time for truth when their heart is open.
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IV. Complete

D. LGBT Friends

2. Do...
   a. Pray
   b. Listen
   c. Be Intentional
   d. Be Patient and Persistent
   e. Be Transparent