What are some of the most helpful and positive things an EnCourage member can say and do for the person in their life who experiences same-sex attractions?

Show them the face of Jesus, as you very well could be the last glimpse of Him that they may have for awhile.

Authentically love that person as the beloved child God that they are, not the false LGBT+ identity which the world places on them. Constantly remind them how much they are loved not only by you, but by the Father and His Church.

Affirm that they are wanted and NEEDED in the pews on Sunday.

Ultimately, by being such a genuine example of Him for them, your loved one should be drawn to Jesus.

LET THEM DESIRE TO LOVE HIM BY THE WAYS YOU LOVE THEM.

Again, even if there exist disagreements on topics such as same-sex attractions and even beyond, do not ever stop loving this person.

They are still priceless to God no matter their sin or faults and they should be to you too.

And again … who knows? Maybe the ways you choose to love them, even beyond your disagreements, could draw them to Him?

LET THEM LOOK INTO HIS EYES WHEN THEY SEE YOURS.



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