How to Foster a Loving Relationship with Your Loved One

Courage member, Manny Gonzalez, responds to the question, "How can EnCourage members relate to their loved ones so as to establish the best possible loving relationship?"

Love this person like you would any other important person in your life. Remember that this experience of theirs does NOT define them, just as any other struggle of any other of your loved ones does not define them either. They are not their same-sex attractions — they are your loved one and His beloved.

Talk to them as such and love them as such.

Ask them about their interests and hobbies. Make sure that their days have gone well. When they're sad, give them a shoulder to cry on. When they laugh, feel free to joke and laugh alongside them.

Your loved one is still a wonderfully made person of His, created in His image and likeness. He has gifted them with uniquely profound gifts and traits that you will not find in anybody else — explore those.

Lastly, and most importantly in my honest opinion, constantly speak life into this person. Remind them of how loved they are by you and especially by God, as they more than likely are doubting it and in disbelief.

Speak life.



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