

Big Bold Bible Talks

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Final Charge

(Connect the dots from the question, the discussion, and the Definitive Scripture)

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The Big Question:

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What would Jesus say to Caitlin Jenner?

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How gentle would he be?

Would he ask questions? What would he ask?

Would he tell Caitlin about the Old Testament Scriptures?

Possible Attitudes

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"Jesus never mentioned homosexuality" "God loves everyone"

"Judge not, lest ye be judged" "God hates homosexuals"

"if it makes them happy..." "Why would Jesus care about it?"

Possible Responses

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"You can't ignore scripture" "Maybe the Bible isn't accurate?"

"I'm gay, and why would Jesus say who I love is sin?"

"My brother is gay and he is an amazing person..."

Relevant Scriptures

(Brainstorm ALL scriptures that you can think of that COULD apply to this question)

Romans 1 Leviticus 3

Luke 6 Jude 4

Rev 3 Romans 8.37-38

Gen 1.26-27 1 Cor 6.9

Proverbs 14.12 2 Peter 3.9

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John 8.1-11—Leave your life of sin, but if it continues, he's not there again

Final Charge

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We don't know the exact words, but we do know the feelings. God loves every person and wants everyone to come to repentance, but he is also holy. Jesus would say leave your life of sin. And regardless if it is this sin or any other sin, that is what Jesus would say. I love you, but leave your life of sin.