

# Making Things Right

## B R I A N N I E T Z E L

With one of today's most divisive, hot-button topics—Christianity and the LGBTQ+ community—extreme voices seem to lead the conversation. Yet as you look to the quieter middle, where most of us live, you will find a more constructive and hopeful narrative playing out in the church.

Since “coming out” 15 years ago as a gay man committed to his faith in Jesus, Brian has consulted with evangelical churches big and small to help advance more productive conversation. He knows the tension of reconciling long-held beliefs with compassion for LGBTQ+ loved ones. From his vantage, many leaders are braving that journey, and rethinking their responsibility to LGBTQ+ individuals in and outside their congregation.

Brian invites us on that journey. Through statistics and stories, he presents the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ people, many with unresolved wounds from church and family. With empathy and mutual respect in place, we can better discover the Christian response and responsibility to the LGBTQ+ community.

In 2021, Brian launched *Making Things Right* to invite and equip Christians to better love and serve our LGBTQ+ neighbor. His podcast mini-series was featured by Christianity Today and has over 20,000 downloads. His writings have been published by Baptist News Global with 4.5 million annual readers, and The Dallas Morning News, a Top 15 U.S. news outlet with 12 million readers monthly. Brian lives with his husband, Dan, and two daughters in Atlanta, GA.



### Example Topics

- **Brian's Story:** Three key chapters to navigating his love for Jesus and being gay.
- **LGBTQ Stories:** 86% were raised in the church. 54% left at age 18. Why?
- **Church Conversations:** Stories of churches examining LGBTQ+ positions and practices, without splitting their congregation.
- **Quieter Middle:** Extreme voices do not represent the majority. Most want a better, redemptive dialogue.
- **Hesitations:** Two key hurdles that keep Christians and LGBTQ+ people from reconciliation.
- **Integrity:** Loving LGBTQ+ people while staying true to your faith.

### Example Questions

- What are 3 things Christians need to know about the LGBTQ+ community?
- What are 3 things LGBTQ+ individuals need to know about Christians?
- Why is reconciliation between the church and the LGBTQ+ community important? What are the hesitations and hurdles on both sides?
- How do Christians love and serve LGBTQ+ people and not compromise their beliefs?
- How do LGBTQ+ individuals hurt by church/Christians find healing and faith?
- What are practical ways to help “make things right”?

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