Faith and Same-Sex Attraction Resources

Books

**7.400 CHEbu 2008**  
This thoughtful, practical guide shows readers a way through the minefield of condemnation and persecution faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Christians and helps foster a faith that is bulletproof—impervious to attacks, yet loving and savvy in its approach. *Bulletproof Faith* is filled with useful insights and proven spiritual practices that deflect attacks and enhance and strengthen faith by turning attacks into opportunities for spiritual growth.

*Calling the Rainbow Nation Home: A Story of Acceptance and Affirmation* by E. Sundby  
**7.439 SUNca 2005**  
Follow Reverend Elaine Sundby’s journey, as she takes us on her personal quest for truth and self-acceptance—a path that eventually led her to enter the ministry. Reverend Sundby was determined to discover God’s plan for her and equally determined to do what was right in the eyes of God, without taking "the easy way out."

*The Children Are Free: Reexamining the Biblical Evidence on Same-sex Relationships* by Rev. Jeff Miner  
**7.410 MINch 2002**  
In this book we have limited ourselves to a single question: Can two people of the same sex live in committed, loving relationship with the blessing of God? We believe this is the question most commonly asked by gay, lesbian, and bisexual Christians today. All we ask of any ready is that you give us a fair hearing. We invite you to pray this prayer: "God, if this book contains truth, help me recognize it." Our prayer is that God will use this book to bring peace to many homosexuals who have struggles, to their loved ones who worry about them, and to others wrestling with how their church should respond to homosexuals. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*Frequently Asked Questions About Sexuality, the Bible, & the Church* edited by Ted A. Smith  
**7.430 SMIfr 2006**  
Twenty-six scholars from nineteen seminaries and colleges offer short, accessible essays that take on the tough questions congregations and clergy across the country are asking as they seek discernment on ordination, sexual orientation, and what it means to be called by God. The questions asked range from "What do the Gospels say about sex and sexuality?" to "Is there room for those of differing orientations?"

*Gifted by Otherness: Gay and Lesbian Christians in the Church* by M. R. Ritley  
**7.405 COUgi 2001**  
As outsiders, gay men and lesbians challenge the church to be inclusive of all God’s children the central message of the gospel. God has drawn us to this difficult place, they write, in order to reveal God’s grace to us and in us and through us. Basing their book on retreats they have presented to churches and seminaries, Countryman and Ritley explore what it means to affirm, not merely accept, being gay or lesbian, as well as Christian. Writing primarily for the lesbigay community, and for their families and communities, they explore the ways in which the gay and lesbian community can appropriate and re-tell the biblical story, and find confidence in their unique spiritual journey and gifts. This proactive and self-affirming book provides new hope for those who feel that it is impossible to be gay or lesbian, as well as Christian.
God and the Gay Christian by Matthew Vines  
7.400 VINgo 2014

As a young Christian man, Matthew Vines harbored the same basic hopes of many young people: to someday share his life with someone, to build a family of his own, to give and receive love. But when he realized he was gay, those hopes were called into question. The Bible, he’d been taught, condemned gay relationships. Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, Vines devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality.

Movies

Coming Out, Coming In: Faith, Identity, and Belonging  
DOC COMI 2005
This documentary gives voice to gay and lesbian Christians who have struggled to reconcile faith with sexual orientation.

Fish Can’t Fly  
DOC FISH 2005
Is religion something that only belongs to a few? Taking a secular point of view, Fish Can’t Fly explores the lives of Gay men and women of faith as they recall their journeys to put their sexuality and spirituality in harmony.

Fish out of Water  
DOC FISH 2009
Fish out of Water tackles the seven Bible verses used to condemn homosexuality and justify marriage discrimination. This feature documentary uses humor and original animation to make a traditionally complex and controversial topic accessible to those who don’t like talking about religion and sexuality.

For the Bible Tells Me So  
DOC FORT 2007
Brilliantly reconciles homosexuality and Biblical scripture, and reveals that religious anti-gay bias is based almost solely upon a misinterpretation of the Bible. Through the experiences of five very normal, Christian, American families - including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson - discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member.
**LGBTQA – Friendly Ministries**

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Interfaith resources forthcoming.

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