

## Session Four

### Knowing How to Respond

#### Protecting Our Children

1. Celebrate God's Design:

Fill them with truth (Regular family devotions on character of God.  
[Deuteronomy 11:18-21.](#))

Repeatedly teach [Genesis 1-3.](#)

2. Avoid Over Stereotyping Masculinity and Femininity

Don't buy into gender nonconforming behavior as a need or reason to transition.

3. Model What It Looks Like for Both Genders to Be Equal but Different

4. Communicate and Carefully Monitor Social-Media

Teach and discuss the dangers and deception.

Read articles and resources with them.

5. Educate Your children about the False Claims of Gender Ideology.

Age appropriately, use the resources to increase awareness of danger of transitioning.

Stimulate their logic with the YouTube video interviewing University of Washington students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfO1veFs6Ho>

6. Protect Your Children from Public Education

Relocate to another state.

Give them a radically intentional Christian education at home alongside public education.

Teach that their identity is in Christ alone. He is the source of joy and freedom.

We live in a broken coercive unbiblical unjust world system.

The gospel delivers us from brokenness.

God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and sound mind. [2 Timothy 1:7](#)

We rest in the sovereignty of God [James 1:2](#)

Homeschool

Biblically sound Christian school

7. Carefully Monitor Your Children's Friends

Train them to be a friend and to understand genuine care means pointing friends to Jesus not endorsing harmful reasoning and behavior. [Proverbs 29:25, 15:33](#)

8. Do not be intimidated by threats of suicide.

9. Be Prepared to Answer Their Questions ([1 Peter 3:15](#))

Encourage questions and create a comfortable environment.

*Firmly (but kindly and patiently) insist that your child is a member of his/her birth sex. You should not allow your child to engage in behaviors such as cross dressing and fantasy play as the other sex. Above all else, you should not let your child socially transition to the other sex<sup>24</sup>.*

10. Let your church leaders know if your child is experiencing gender dysphoria.

11. Never Ever Give Up on Your Child

Pray diligently and fast.

Embrace the example of the Father of the Prodigal Son. [Luke 15:11-32](#)

## How To Speak the Truth in Love

*Our war is not with the captives that the serpent has taken to do his will. Our war is with the adversary who has enslaved them.<sup>25</sup>*

Remember that the people who are believing Satan's lies are image bearers of God who are precious, who are hurting and confused.

Broken people need the exact same thing we all desperately need – the truth of the gospel. ([1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#))

We must never degrade or cast shame.

*The liberating truth of the gospel is that through the blood of Jesus, we are forgiven and made clean. Even more, we belong to a God who does not shame us. He did not shame Adam and Eve. He may have asked for them to give an account of their actions (Gen. 3:11, 13), but He did not shame them, and He does not shame you or me<sup>26</sup>.*

Jesus never shamed sexually broken people. He extended mercy, love, and forgiveness into their sexual messes.

Samaritan woman at the well. ([John 4:1-30](#))

Woman caught in the act of adultery ([John 8:1-13](#))

Prostitute ([Luke 7:36-50](#))

Instead of shaming someone who is struggling with gender, thank them for being transparent and discussing something that is so personal.

Affirm that you see them as a valuable image bearer of God.

Affirm that you are their friend.

Be prepared to build a relationship of truth and love for the long haul.

Listen so that you can get to know them.

Ask questions that show care and concern:

- What is it like for a person to struggle with gender dysphoria or Transgenderism?
- What events do you think shaped your present expression of transgenderism?
- Have you ever been sexually abused or manipulated into sexual activity?
- Have you ever been deeply hurt in a relationship?
- How has it been painful to pursue a Transgender lifestyle?
- What is it like to face the reality of leaving close friends, long term partners, parents, or a supportive community?

Sincerely convey a concern for their well-being.

Speak from experience of how sin--choosing your own way over God's way invites unnecessary turmoil and stress into your life.

Be prepared to explain the gospel--the good news of victory in Jesus.

In the context of caring friendship, inspire them to replace their worship of gender with worship of the Living God.

Prepare yourself by immersing your heart and mind in Christ's love. Embrace His character so that your passion for Him controls your attitude.

Teach them the fear of the Lord (an awe and reverence for God).

Through the fear of the Lord men will depart from evil ([Prov. 16:6](#)).

Every counseling issue is a worship issue.

*Every gift from the designer has a counterfeit gift from the deceiver – a “shadow” gift. And every deceiver gift is a counterfeit. Satan cannot create anything; he can only take what has been created and twist it against its design. Jonah warns that we cannot keep both the counterfeit and the real at the same time. We must choose. Michael Cusick*

*Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs ([Jonah 2:8](#))<sup>27</sup>.*

*Idols cannot simply be removed. They must be replaced. If you only try to uproot them, they grow back; but they can be supplanted. By What? By God Himself, of course. But by God we do not mean a general belief in His existence. Most people have that, yet their souls are riddled with idols. What we need is a living encounter with God. Tim Keller*

*...the only way to dispossess the heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one...it is then that the heart, brought under the mastery of one great and predominate affection, is delivered from the tyranny of its former desires, and is the only way in which deliverance is possible <sup>28</sup> Thomas Chalmers*

#### Romans 13:13-14

There is hope, deliverance and new life in Christ. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

When you don't know how to answer a question, be honest, and say I don't know, but I'll get back to you with an answer.

Be willing to pray and fast for them.

Show love by opening your home to those who are struggling.

When ministering to those enslaved in sin, we need to remind ourselves nothing is too hard for God. We are not alone. His Spirit resides within us.