

Speaking the Truth in Love

Ephesians 4:15-24

Speak with Clarity

The Bible's teaching on
Sexuality

Know your audience

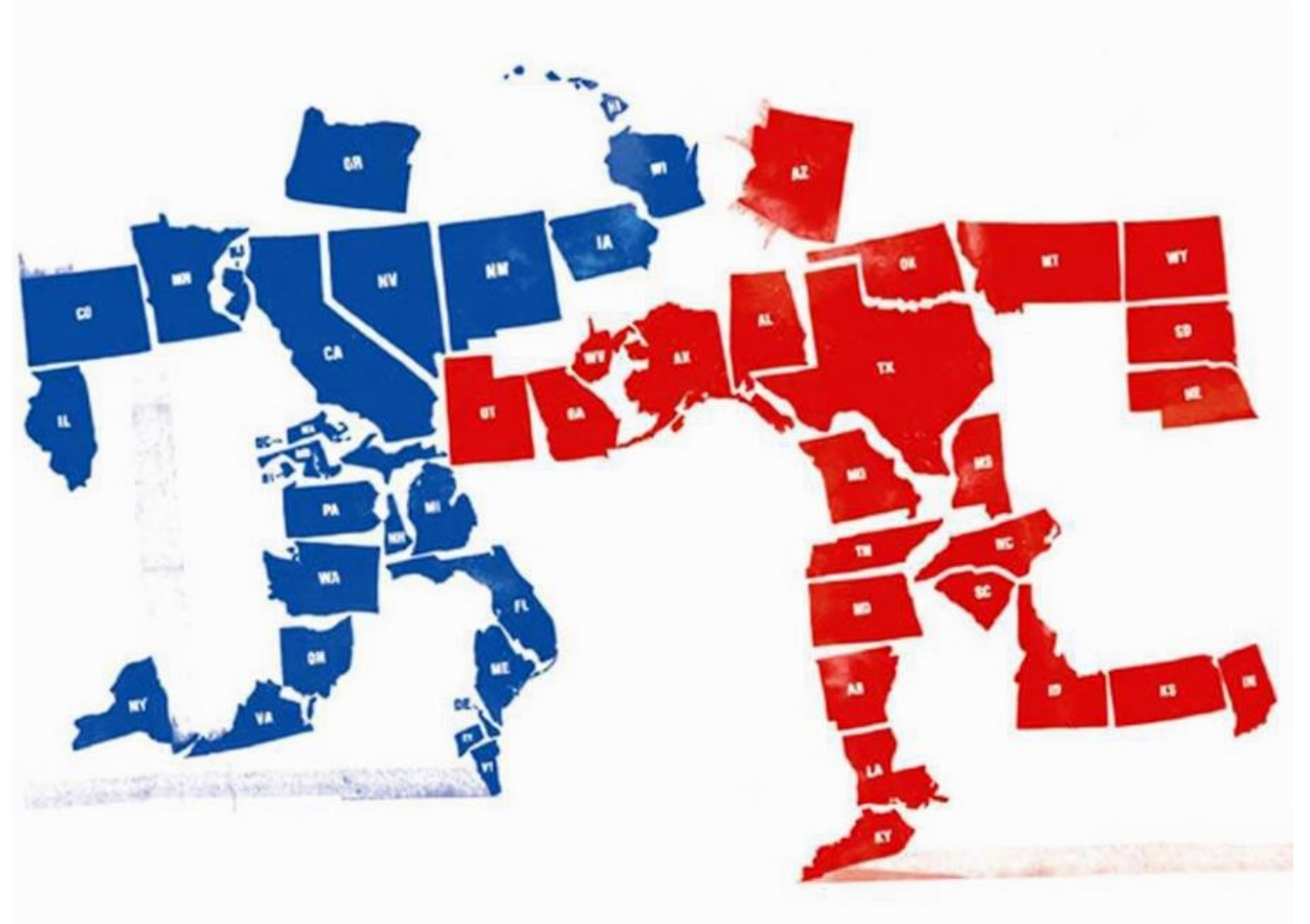
Broader culture

Christian Community

The True meaning of Love

Prov. 27:6

I Cor. 13:4-7



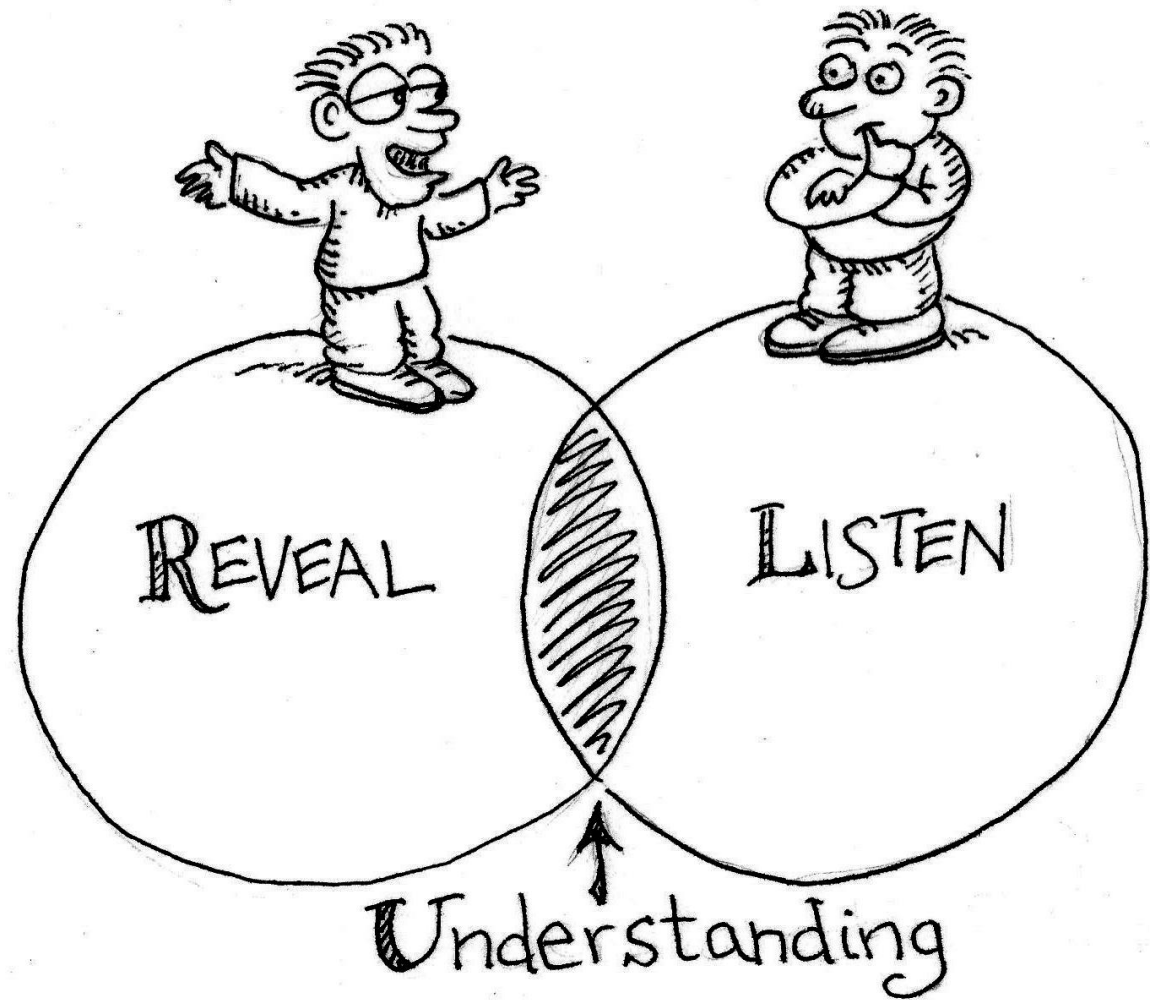
“It is essential to love those who experience homoerotic impulses. Love involves seeking and finding, humbly and patiently coming alongside, remembering one’s own failing, having empathy, readily forgiving repeat offenders who repent repeatedly, and putting another’s best interests over one’s own. However, love does not mean affirming homoerotic acts. Love does not condone any form of behavior that violates Scripture’s core values, distorts, the structural integrity of the participants, multiplies the risk of serious negative side effects...and puts persons at risk of not inheriting God’s kingdom.”
Gagnon, *The Bible and Homosexual Practice*, (2003), 91.

Speak with Understanding

Make Appropriate Distinctions
Same Sex Attraction
Gay Identity
Homosexual behavior

The Dominant Message

The Christian Message
I Peter 1:14 & Jeremiah
17:9





Speak with Genuine
Compassion

Speak Respectfully

I Peter 3:13-17

Affirm Moral Choices

Realize the brokenness

Appreciate hard choices

Speaking the Truth in Love

With Clarity

With Understanding

With Compassion