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# Reclaiming Your Faith from the Nonaffirming Church

I heard someone say, “I want my Jesus back! The church is not even using him!” Too often the nonaffirming conservative evangelical church only holds Jesus up as a mascot. Their teachings have little to do with Jesus’ message of radical love and inclusion. As an LGBTQI person, or parent or loved one, we have been made to feel that we don’t belong. It is time to reclaim our faith! It is time to rediscover the overarching message and heart of the gospel. It is time to understand that we are fully affirming BECAUSE of our faith, not in spite of it. It is time to take our Jesus back.

*This presentation can be adapted as needed for any situation. It can be a short presentation (from 10-40 minutes) or expanded into a longer workshop, conference, or weekend retreat.*

*“This was my favorite workshop of the weekend. The room was packed. Sitting in the aisles and spilling out the door. I wanted to stand up and say, ‘Yes! Yes!’ so many times. You have renewed my hope and helped me reclaim my faith. I will never look at Jesus the same way. Thank you for giving me my Jesus back! “*

**Susan Cottrell** is the prominent voice for faith parents of LGBTQI children. She is an international speaker, author and spiritual director. As the Founder and President of FreedHearts, a nonprofit organization, Susan champions the LGBTQI community and their families with her characteristic tender-heartedness. She zealously challenges Christians who reject them with her wise insistence that love—of God and others—is the foundation of faith. She spent twenty-five years in the nonaffirming Evangelical church.

Susan, who holds a Master of Arts in Theological Studies has been featured on ABC’s 20/20, Nightline, and Good Morning America. Her books, “*Mom, I’m Gay*” (Westminster John Knox Press), and *True Colors* (FreedHearts), have been endorsed by The Human Rights Campaign, PFLAG, and The Gay Christian Network. She and her husband Rob have been married for thirty years, have five children, two of whom are in the LGBTQI community, and live in Austin, Texas. Read more on her website, <http://freedhearts.org>.



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