



"In a hermetically sealed environment, the gospel becomes lifeless"

- A. Grant

## Bullet Points

Bullet points are often used when making lists of important things. What are the bullet points of your life? If you could only list four bullet points, what

would they be? Bullet points can reflect priorities, direction and intention among many things. What are these for you?

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## Why don't we just ask them?

- Jim and Deb

That's the question proposed in the video "Through Our Eyes" that we watched together. Our son recommended it to his sister. Attached to the video was a note that said, "Pass along to mom and dad.." Our son came home three years ago and over a Sunday dinner with the rest of the family present, told us he that he had been seeing someone and that someone was a guy. Were we shocked or surprised? Yes, in the sense that we were not prepared for such an announcement. At that moment, we really did not know how to respond. And so was the start of our journey in loving our son and hearing from our son over time on how his journey is going as well.

and are involved in youth group - even becoming leaders. These are our young people; they are our children, raised in the church, sitting in the pew next to us. As in the video, some don't know what to do with their feelings of same sex attraction, others coming farther along in their understanding of how they fit into their family, the church, and their world.

In the video, we identified with a young man who said that there is much confusion in the gay community about what it means to be a Christian – and, much confusion in the church about what it means to be gay. The young man asked that if there is so much confusion in the gay community and the church, why don't we just stop and ask them.

The video, "Through Our Eyes", gives voice to the thoughts, views, and concerns of young, gay Christian people, or should we say Christian, gay people? They gave their life to Jesus

We would recommend that you check out the video from the Bridge Evidence Group library. We hope to contribute again as we continue our journey.

## I really wanted you...

- G. Gough

*"Nobody said it was easy, it's such a shame for us to part. Nobody said it was easy, no one ever said it would be this hard."*

- Coldplay



What happens when someone really wants one thing for you, but you don't really want that one thing?

This dynamic hits close to home for me. I have choices, but making a choice other than the one thing can come at a high cost. It becomes the invisible plastic bag around me which suffocates the possibility of wanting something else for myself. In a sense, I shouldn't want one thing for myself if they want another thing for me. It's a never ending cycle of dissatisfaction. It amazes me time and time again when I see acceptance based on anything other than being.

Acceptance won't be the bull's-eye on the dartboard because you're playing pool. It won't work; it's the wrong game and even the wrong way of going about it. Acceptance must be understood for what it is in order to have it. In fact, it's not really about having acceptance itself. It's about having a person. You get to accept. Then you get that person. Once you have that person, more is possible. You don't have to want

one thing for them.

When you have someone, you begin to see them breathe. You begin to see creativity. You begin to see life. Life that will give more life. You get to enter into that with them.

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What would it look like to put the suffocating expectations down? What vehicle would benefit this process in your own life? What else instead of expectations? Now, if you feel that your possibility is being suffocated, know that you too can demonstrate true acceptance with others. No one is beyond creating this in their own lives with others.

## Could we ask you for financial support?

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*"When you love you walk on water. Just don't want to stumble on the waves. We all want to go there something awful, but to stand there it takes some grace."*

- R. Mullins & Beaker

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