

Former Homosexual: How the Holy Spirit Wants Leaders to Address the LGBT Community

As a former member of the LGBT community, Ronald McCray knows what it's like to suffer sexual trauma and brokenness. But as someone who has been freed from that lifestyle, he also knows what's like to experience Christ's redemption.

Homosexuality is a sensitive culture subject, and McCray says believers, including Christian leaders, don't always know how to address the LGBT community in the most loving way. But there is a way to show them the love of Jesus and transform their hearts.

McCray underwent a life-changing experience in 2009 and now has a wife and a family.

"Prayer is paramount because I believe that every approach is going to be different," McCray told Dr. Steve Greene on a recent episode of *Greenelines* on the Charisma Podcast Network. "One person's response may be different than another's."

"I've heard people say they responded to the hellfire and brimstone message, and they came out of that and gave their life to Jesus. I don't know that the 'scare tactic' is that effective. We need to approach people with love, and that is where we can make the most impact. I would start by counseling."

"If I were in the position to give advice to coaches or pastors, I would say to understand how hurt this community has been and how bashed and broken they have been. Let compassion lead the way. I believe that as we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit, He will guide us as to how to be most effective in reaching people. I can't make a blanket statement, but I

believe if we loved like Jesus loved, we can reach this community. Show love and speak the truth.”

For more of McCray’s incredible story and how to purchase his new book, *Is God Who He Says He Is?*, visit and listen to this entire podcast.