



# CHRISTIANITY & LGBTQ+ PEOPLE

LGBTIQ+ community members shares their connection with their faith as well as some tips for other LGBTQ+ Christian people



“My Christian-based values and beliefs, what I have learnt from reading the bible, through prayer -

...these things have helped me hugely get through my transition...

as well as has protected me and cared for me and watched over me.



- TRANS WOMAN ADULT\*



Since realising and finally accepting that I was gay,

...I have had to deconstruct and reconstruct my faith...

I had to look at faith and God with a lot more intention than I may have had to, had I not been gay. I am thankful for this.



- LESBIAN ADULT

## TIPS FOR OTHER LGBTQ+ CHRISTIANS:

- Try to separate people and church from God, and don't let what Christians might say to or about you turn you away from God
- Find an affirming church, and get involved there.
- Remember that God loves you, and will never let you go or leave you. Hold on to that when things get tough.



I can't ignore my sexuality, so why ignore my Faith?...

I'm Māori and we have a Health Wellness model called 'Tapa Wha', taking in account four sides of a whare (house). Physical, Mental/Emotional, Whānau (family) and Spiritual. I identify with the Rainbow Community and I identify with my Faith / Spirituality (Wairuatanga). I am, one. I am, whole. This is me and who I am.



- DANZ



\* quotes taken from the Counting Ourselves 2019 report

