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We love the LGBTQ, no matter what, when we:

Romans 13:8-10 (TPT)

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Listen to their story without contempt.

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Learn to accept them right where they are.

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Leave holy transformation up to God alone.

Romans 8:1, 3-4 (TPT)

So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One. ... For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet God sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave his body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!

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