

Staying Strong in the Word

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As Thanksgiving fast approaches, some families happily anticipate their reunion with family and friends, while others secretly dread a possible confrontation.

Recently, a parent was talking to me about how demanding a transitioning adult child has become, especially about preferred pronouns – insisting that the parent use them.

The problem is this parent knows what is biblically and morally right, and that this doesn't include embracing a lie to make someone feel better.

Parents are often afraid of the blowback they will get from their own children—and from society—if they resist. The way to overcome this fear is to call upon the Lord, as Nehemiah did when he was rebuilding the walls in Jerusalem:

After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes." (Nehemiah 4:14)

There was a lot of resistance to Nehemiah's plan. But he called the people to remember what God had done for them in the past, and to work



together, which is what they did. That is equally important today.

From Rebel to Believer

Rosaria Butterfield, who once lived as a lesbian, discusses how the LGBT revolution, and transgenderism in particular, are a rebellion against God fomented by Satan.

Here's a snapshot of her blog post, "Why I no longer use Transgender Pronouns – and Why you shouldn't, either," at *reformation 21*:

"In 1998, I became one of the first crop of so-called 'tenured radicals' in American universities, proudly touting my lesbian street cred. In 1999, Christ called me to repentance and belief, and I became a despised defector of the

LGBTQ+ movement. But progressive sanctification came slowly, and I have failed many times during these past decades.

"After I have learned lessons, I have earnestly tried to course-correct. And that's the problem. My use of transgendered pronouns was not a mistake; it was sin.

"Public sin requires public repentance, not course correction. I have publicly sinned on the issue of transgender pronouns, which I have carelessly used in books and articles. I have publicly sinned by advocating for the use of transgender pronouns in interviews and public Q&As.

"Why did I do this? I have a bunch of lame and backside-covering excuses.