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TGIF: Practical Steps to Breaking Down Walls

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How do you feel ?

One of the difficult things that I find in the Christian church is the wall that exists between the people in the pew - and the people that are sexually broken.

There doesn't seem to be a wall for the people that gossip? There is no wall for people that experiment with pre-marital sex? There is little or no walls for those that have committed adultery? There is no wall for people that become angry or abusive with their words?

But there certainly is a wall for people that are sexually broken - you know the ones that are homosexuals and the transgendered people.

It doesn't take long to figure out the great walls that some people help build between the sexually broken and the Christian church. A Google search done of "Hate for Homosexuals" produced 1, 700,000 results proves the point. Many of the results point to "christians" that are quoted for their stance on sexually broken people.

Have you ever found that?

Some how there needs to be a bridge that is built from the nice Christian world to the broken world out there. There needs to be some how to break down the walls that separate two worlds that need each other.

I offer the following 6 steps to start the possibility of building a bridge to someone different from you.

1. First remember - It is going to take God moving on their lives as a result of our prayers.
2. We are faced with people who have a strong sense of community and if we don't stand along side of them, we will loose them.
3. We have to face our own brokenness – the very fact that advice was given for us to be open, tolerant ...means that we are not that

real about our own brokenness.

4. We must step out of our comfort zone – they are not going to come to us if they don't sense trust e.g. it is ok to say that God loves a homosexual in church – they are sinners like us.

5. Although the LGBT community appears a tight community it is not really, broken relations, distant families loom either in the past or on the horizon. We need to be a voice of hope for people.

6. It is not enough to just say God loves the homosexual in the church but the church must become a place of healing and redemption.

We have to go to them and show and live that we care for them. If we don't go to them they aren't coming to us.

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