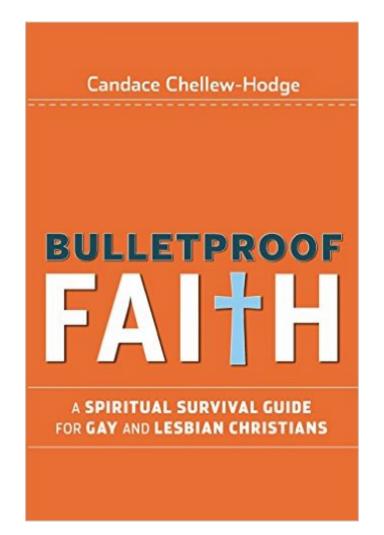
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# Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide For Gay And Lesbian Christians





## Synopsis

This thoughtful, practical guide shows readers a way through the minefield of condemnation and persecution faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Christians and helps foster a faith that is bulletproofâ "impervious to attacks, yet loving and savvy in its approach. Bulletproof Faith is filled with useful insights and proven spiritual practices that deflect attacks and enhance and strengthen faith by turning attacks into opportunities for spiritual growth.

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Prior to reading this book I was a discouraged gay Christian. As much as I wanted to believe God loved me, I always felt ashamed and guilty about being gay. When I saw this book I had to read to read it and I was not disappointed. I can honestly say this book has changed my life and I am forever grateful for it. I feel empowered, positive and renewed in my faith. Should be required reading for all gay (and straight) Christians!

When I purchased this book, I did so thinking that I would give it a perfunctory read and then pass it along to one of my GLBT friends. I soon found much of my own story in Chellew-Hodge's words. Bulletproof Faith is an invaluable resource, not just for gay and lesbian Christians, but any person of faith who has struggled to make peace with The Divine and the world around them. Be Bulletproof.

Tough and tender, experienced and insightful, Bulletproof Faith is a manual LGBTQ people of faith

will read to nourish their own faith while meeting the challenges of those so caught up in their own hurt and pain but using religion and religious arguments to stay stuck rather than face the real issues in their own lives. Rev. Chellew-Hodge walks believers through the steps that can prepare them to stop trying to win arguments with those who object to LGBTQ people and begin to experience every encounter as a chance to personally grow. (Winning isn't a virtue. We must sometimes "lose" to show that we really believe.) Though subtitled a "survival guide," I'd say it's really a guide to thriving in the midst of people who would rather see LGBTQ people anything but proud and healthy.

This book provides the empathetic ear to the worlds problems today, regarding the complexities of being LGBT. It also provides an empathetic ear to this oppressed community of pupils. It equips the reader/learner with a better understanding that they are Gods children as well and that there is nothing wrong with those of the LGBT Community. I am the proud owner of this book and I boldly state that I support its context and would recommend this book for teaching purposes to anyone open to education, on how we can get equal rights and protection passed for everyone.

As a (straight) Christian mom of a gay Christian son, this book spoke directly to the issues I face in dealing with rigid, rejecting folks in my own faith community. The concept of the importance of developing a "bulletproof faith" so that I can continue to extend grace to those who are not extending grace to me or to my son, is as helpful for straight Christian supporters as it is for the intended audience.

I have a friend who is battling cancer and felt God might be punishing her because she is gay. My sister's church had used the book and the study guides to examine the fact that our God is not a punitive God and that some bad things happen for other reasons. In this case, having cancer may have initially made my friend question her faith and her position, but Bullet Proof Faith helped her to realize it was strengthening her faith. I have passed this book around to other gay friends and each of them has had a positive reaction. My sister's suggestion to share this book with my friend was "right on". It being available on was perfect timing. Thank you and God Bless You All.

I needed to read this book, as i am a born again Christian, and i love my friends and family members that are GLBT. This is a struggle for a lot of my friends, and I needed to be encouraged to continue to walk and talk about bringing us all together. Thank you for your honesty and your kindness. Although tears are a part of reading this book, it is good to know that God is in control, and my job is just to love Him, and love the people He made. Thank you.

Very insightful and meaningful read. I believe this book would touch on the needs of any individual that reads it. It is not just a gay/lesbian book. It is a Child of God book. I have bought several for other people in my life and I have loaned mine out. It is very inspiring.

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