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Untangling the Mess

Kathy Baldock is the author of *Walking the Bridgeless Canyon | Repairing the Breach Between the Church and the LGBT Christian Community*, and the Executive Director of Canyonwalker Connections, based in Reno, Nevada.

This presentation is easily modified and adapted to secular, academic, or political environments.

Information:

www.canyonwalkerconnections.com

Shortened video presentation:

<http://bit.ly/UntanglingTheMess>

As she teaches, Kathy creates a timeline to give participants the feeling of discovering information along with her as together they progress through time beginning with the understanding of human sexuality and the social/sexual structures between men and women in ancient cultures, and progressing to modern day. Along the way, Kathy presents the many influences on our current understanding same-sex behavior from several points of view: science, governmental and legal impacts, cultural changes, psychoanalysis, and the merger of politics and religion.

Participants gain insights, clarity and ways of engaging conversations about the diversity and science of human sexuality, the history of discrimination, the important roles of religion and politics and the merger of the two, and equally important in current conversations: the intersection of faith with sexual orientation and gender identity.

The ideal format for the "Untangling the Mess" presentation is a five hour block of time with lunch (preferably onsite) at midpoint. (If the time allotment is more constrained, she can do a 90-minute, 2-hour, 3-hour, or 4-hour version.)

In the full version, Kathy spends the first three hours constructing a firm foundation on which to observe the use and abuse of Bible verses associated with same-sex behavior. That may seem a long process, but it goes fast and is essential to modern discrimination in context.

The teaching is accessible, powerful and appeals to the various learning methods. The information is solid. Kathy's spent several years researching and refining the presentation and stays up-to-date with information.

What people are saying . . .

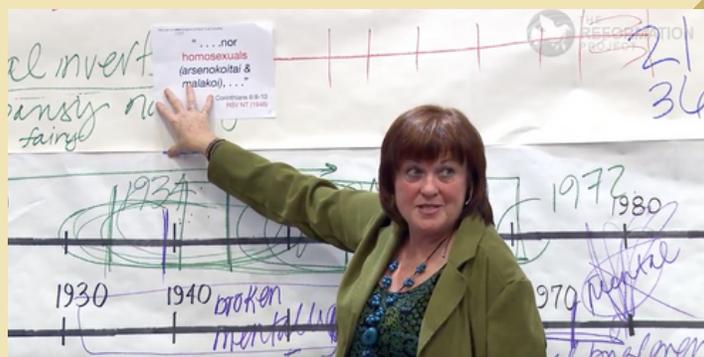
"I have heard Kathy Baldock speak on several occasions in various places! Kathy's message has always been one to educate and encourage both the LGBT community and the conservative Christian church. Thank God for her! She goes to places that the LGBT person cannot go!"

"Thank you for your service to Him and to/for all of us! I was incredibly moved by the workshop!"

"Kathy's use of a timeline that spanned across the entire room of her presentation was hyper exciting! This illustration tactic truly enhances the understanding of how much time goes by without any new comprehension of basic human sexuality."

"Kathy's writing and presentation style is quite unique in that while she's bold, unapologetic, and commanding, she simultaneously disarms you. Kathy proves constantly that this work is solely a labor of justice and love. Kathy maintains the demeanor of a big sister that's "been there, done that", and is simply passing useful information onto you."

"Kathy often weaves her vast understanding of the Ancient Scriptures, with her educated knowledge of science together to provide a palatable reason for the misunderstandings and misrepresentations within human sexual identity and interaction."



For information on speaker and workshop facilitation rates, please contact Kathy directly at Kathy@canyonwalkerconnections.com.

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Outline of full five hour presentation - *adaptable to any length 90 minutes and over.*

1st Segment: Same-Sex Behavior and Homosexuality in History and Culture

Early understanding of same-sex behavior
The "discovery" of heterosexuality and homosexuality
How did heterosexuality become the "good" sex?
Historical terms about same-sex attracted people and the link to views on women
How did homosexuality come to be understood as a mental illness?
The beginnings of reparative, or change therapy
Gays in the American culture from the 1940s to the 1960s

2nd Segment: Roots of the Merger and Effects of Religion and Politics

The roots of Fundamentalism
The need to galvanize unregistered blocs of Fundamentalists in the mid-1970s
Conservative voters and gay activists rise in response to actions by Anita Bryant
The AIDS crisis in the 1980s and the response of the American public and Christian church

3rd Segment: Science

What is sex?
What is intersex?
Understanding gender
Understanding transgender
The science of sexual orientation

Lunch Break

4th Segment: Same-sex Behavior in the Bible with Ways to Combat Religious Discrimination

Looking at Scripture in historical context: Leviticus 18 and 20, Romans 1, 1 Corinthians and 1 Timothy, and Deuteronomy 22:5
Understanding 1611, 1946, 1971, and 1996 translations of the Bible
The use of similar "tactics" in substantiating slavery, domination of women are used in mistreatment of LGBT people

5th Segment: Civil and Christian marriage, reparative therapy, mixed-orientation marriages, public policy on LGBT issues, and creating safe place in school, communities and churches

Shifting definition of marriage
History of civil marriage
Tips on discussing marriage equality in Christian spaces
The attempt to "fix" gay Christians with the rise and fall of Exodus-type ministries
Mixed orientation marriage where: one spouse is straight and one is gay, or cis- and transgender
Public policy in religious liberties discussion
Public policy on transgender issues
Creating safe places in schools, communities and churches

Final Discussion

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