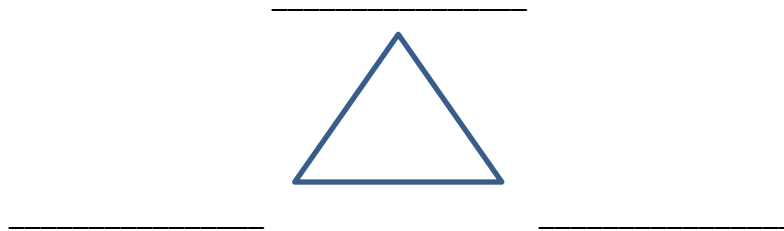


## What Are Redemptive Ways We Can Listen to and Love SSA Strugglers and People Who Experience Gender Dysphoria?

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We need to respond with three things –

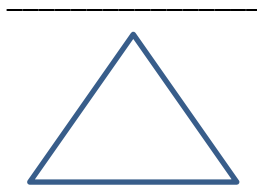


### Titus

Paul wrote his letter to Titus, a pastor who was ministering on the island of Crete.

Paul told him:

1. We need \_\_\_\_\_ who live and defend the gospel. (Titus 1).



“This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— <sup>6</sup>if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. <sup>7</sup> For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, <sup>8</sup> but

hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined.”

Titus 1:5-8

“He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.” Titus 1:9

“While ‘we commit ourselves to be in ministry for and with all persons,’ we do not celebrate same-sex marriage or ordain for ministry people who self-avow as practicing homosexuals. These practices do not conform to the authentic teaching of the Holy Scriptures, our primary authority for faith in Christian living.

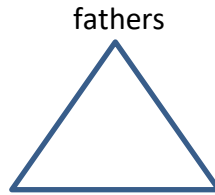
“However, we extend grace to all people because we all know we are sinners in need of God’s redeeming. We know how critical and life-changing God’s grace has been in our own lives.

“We warmly welcome all people to our churches; we long to be in fellowship with them, to pray with them, to weep with them, and to experience the joy of transformation with them.”

Dr. Jerry Kulah

“They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.” 2 Peter 2:19

2. We need \_\_\_\_\_ who together are trained in gospel living (Titus2).



“But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine. <sup>2</sup>Older men are to be sober-minded, dignified, self-controlled, sound in faith, in love, and in steadfastness. <sup>3</sup>Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup>and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup>to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled. <sup>6</sup>Likewise, urge the younger men to be self-controlled. <sup>7</sup>Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity.”

Titus 2:1-7

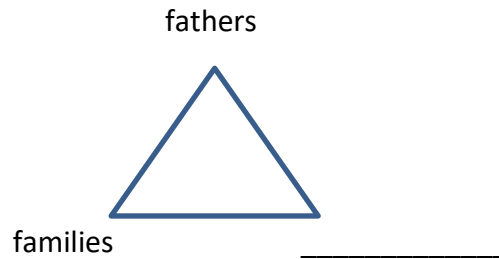
“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

Titus 2:11-14

Maybe the problem isn't that faith costs some of us too much, but that it costs all of us too little.”

Gregory Coles

3. We need \_\_\_\_\_ who know what it's like to be set free! (Titus 3).



“Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, <sup>2</sup>to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.”  
Titus 3:1-2

How can we be submissive to rulers who want us to approve of bad works while at the same time being courteous to people who are being rude?

“Show perfect courtesy toward all people.”

Never forget where you have come from.

“For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.”  
Titus 3:3-5a

“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us.”  
Titus 3:4-5a