

## Shock in the Beginning!

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***“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,...thou art with me..” Psalm 23 (NAS)***

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When you first hear the words from your beloved son or daughter, “I have something to tell you.” You are anxious and know that what you’re about to hear is something special you’ve not heard before. Then you hear words that no parent should ever hear! “I’ve felt all my life that I’m the wrong gender and so I’m transitioning to bring my outside body to match the inside!” In an instant your mind goes into shock and you know that your life has been changed forever! The dictionary defines shock as an unexpected, intense, and distressing experience that has a sudden and powerful effect on emotions or physical reactions, sometimes without words. Suddenly you feel all alone and trapped!

As your mind reels and begins to return to reality of the moment, dozens of questions begin flooding out of your mouth! Your child is ready with answers to each question trying to convince you that all is well and this is the right decision. Trumping the answers for deciding to make this lifestyle change was: “God wants me to take Jesus Christ to people living this lifestyle. After all, if I’m one of them, they will surely listen. Even Jesus came to earth taking on the form of a human to save humanity.” Suddenly your words are saying, “But Jesus was the only Savior, there are no others!” Anger permeates your mind and words! Even when you remind your child about Genesis 1:27 in the Bible how God created people and in Romans 1:21-32 where people were lusting in their heart and they became perverse, still his answers were quick as though they had been learned.

Through the afternoon and night the discussion continued as this mother knew her child’s life and soul hung in the balance! Shouts of anger, tears of loss, unbelief, and grief, flowed freely from both people. Time after time you heard, “But Mother you don’t understand.” You soon realize that nothing you say or do makes any difference; your child’s mind is set in stone!

Without a doubt, this feels like the “valley of the shadow of death.” You realize this is a spiritual problem and will take many hours of intercession from you and your prayer warriors. With water flowing from your eyes, Proverbs 3:5-6, echo in your mind: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”* (NAS)

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