

# A PERSONAL FAMILY UPDATE

Welcome to this month's Better Together Moment's Magazine. I've loved using my creative skills to put together the last few issues for you. Originally, this magazine was a summer fling, but I've expanded my team to assist with creating future issues filled with inspiration and encouragement that points you to Jesus!

It's hard to believe that summer is over! Fall is the time of the year that we associate with change. I live in an area of the country where we are putting away our shorts and starting to grab for sweaters. Of course, Hobby Lobby and other retailers are trying to get us to start thinking about Thanksgiving and Christmas. Anyone done Christmas shopping?

Behind the scenes of my ministry life, my family has gone through a lot of changes, some public, but most are private. Generally, my adult children treasure their privacy, and I honor that. Yet, there are times when I do ask for permission to share about their lives because of the impact on mine. So, what I am about to share isn't a secret, but it is sensitive.

## DID YOU ENJOY THIS MONTH'S ISSUE?

I'd love to hear from you! Email me at [barb@barbroose.com](mailto:barb@barbroose.com)

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You will keep in perfect peace  
 all whose eyes are on you  
 because they trust in you.  
 -Isaiah 26:3 NLT

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Just before I began working on my book proposal in early July, my oldest child let me know about her transition from female to male. My child came out as part of the LGBTQ community six years ago and is getting married next month. Over the past six years, I've worked hard to maintain a good relationship with my child. God called me to love, not lecture. My child was brought up in church, a Christian home and Christian school. As I've written in my Surrendered Bible Study, I had to let go and I trust God with my child's life. I never want to ruin my relationship with my child because of control-loving behaviors.

I know that many of you have or are going through a similar situation. It's tough, isn't it?

There are a number of wonderful solidly biblical resources out there if your child or family member has come out, transitioned to transgender, or you recognize that you need to learn more. I've included a few of those resources and you can check them out at your favorite retailer.

*Out of a Far Country* by Christopher Yuan

*Gay Girl, Good God* by Jackie Hill Perry

*Embracing the Journey* by Greg and Lynn McDonald

*Messy Grace* by Caleb Kaltenbach

"Theology in the Raw" podcast hosted by Preston Sprinkle

That was a lot of news. I'm sure you've got questions, thoughts, and concerns. For now, may I ask a favor?

I know that many of you want to know more about our situation. Would you give me a little time before emailing those questions? The last few months of have been pretty intense, and the next few weeks will be as well. If you are a parent or grandparent with a story to share, you are welcome to send me an email about your family's experience. share this with you.

