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### **Our Response**

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Never forget that Satan is “the prince of the power of the air” and that he is the one ultimately behind all this madness. Our battle is not just against flesh and blood, but against the forces of darkness.

#### **Transgenderism and \_\_\_\_\_**

Most people want to be nice, but being nice to someone is not always what is best for them. Transgenderism is a denial of reality, and it is never compassionate to side with someone against reality.

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There may not be one clearly right answer to every situation that someone faces, but we want to make sure we stand for truth in a world that is caving quickly, and we must realize that in doing so we might be required to pay a heavy price for our faithfulness to God’s Word.

#### **Transgenderism and \_\_\_\_\_**

Patience and kindness yet an uncompromising stand on the truth is necessary for those who have children or relatives who come out as transgender. In situations like this, there will need to be a lot of prayer, a lot of wisdom, and a lot of grace. Such situations give the opportunity to show love and compassion, but also to share truth and conviction. What this looks like from situation to situation will be complex, but the general principle of love and truth must somehow shine through.

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