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Narrative Reflections by Sexual Minorities in Religious Communities
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In both the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transsexual (LGBT) community and the religious community there seems to be a self-made dichotomy. There are also many people outside of these two communities who believe that a sexual minority cannot also be a religious person. I have learned, through a process of interviews in sexual minorities in both Macomb and Chicago, Illinois, that this is untrue. Though this may be untrue, many sexual minorities have struggled with accepting themselves because of what they have heard and experienced, growing up in a religious community. Through the people I have spoken too, I have also learned that many people have learned to accept themselves through their religious communities, and not in spite of them. The people I had interviewed had many struggles with their faith, and their previous and own religious communities, but they do not let that hinder them from their faith.