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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so you treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Matt. 7:12*

*Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. Rom.13:8*

*For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another. Gal.5:14,15*

### **Well, Bully for You!**

October 2012 is Bully Prevention Awareness Month in the United States. Until recently, I didn't know there *was* such an observance. I think it's a good idea! It's probably safe to say that we've all been bullied in our lives at least one time or another. For some of us, we grew up with being bullied as a way of life. I think it's safe to say, too, that we've all been the bully at one time or another in our lives. Neither is desirable, especially in Father's kingdom.

There has been quite a lot of attention in the media of late about bullying. Most notably due to those who have been troubled by bullies, and have taken their own lives, or attempted to, escaping the torment they have endured. The spotlight on this problem is also a good idea. But the world's way of handling the issue leaves God out of the solution, and that's never a good idea. God's solutions always involve life, love and hope. The world's end, apart from God, is death and destruction—even with the best of intentions. Providing resources and education for families, schools, employers and others to be able to recognize and deal with bullying is needed, but if these provisions are not born out of Father's heart, but instead offered simply to meet a growing need, then those efforts will be empty and the solutions only temporary fixes. They offer no lasting effect and are of no eternal value.

Webster's Dictionary has some interesting things to say about the word "bully." In its origins, it was connected to words such as "sweetheart" and "lover." Colloquially, it took on the meaning of "good, well done!" Thus, my title for this piece! Later, the meaning kind of morphed into being connected to a bull/ox—seemingly akin to the proverbial "bull in a china shop." The present day meaning offers this: a person who hurts, frightens, or browbeats those who are smaller or weaker...intimidating others.

As the Body of Christ, the Church should be leading the way by example to the world. We should be the ones providing the education and resources to those who feel lost or trapped and victimized. Our church buildings should be safe places, our homes refuges, and our hearts rushing to help wounded ones.

Not only should our corporate actions lead by example, but our individual lives should as well. Paul tells the Philippians, “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, **but with humility of mind count the value of others as more important than himself.**” 2:3

In my day job, I work in an industry that is noted for its bullies. For 35 years, I’ve been in the credit/collections industry. When I am asked what I do for a living, I often joke that “I have a job that people love to hate.” I will be the first to admit that I have crossed the line more times than I would like to acknowledge between representing my clients with integrity and kindness, and using bullying tactics to coerce someone into paying their obligations. Try as I may to justify those actions (because my clients are due what they are due, and I am hired to obtain those monies for them), my methods must be above reproach in my Father’s eyes. Bullying someone into doing what you want them to do is never Father’s way. In our interactions with others, we must lead by example so that we are placing the value of others as more important than ourselves. The world will see and take notice.

What is your church congregation doing about addressing bullies and their tactics? What is being done to help those who are subjected to bullying? If there is nothing in place that you know of, can you be a catalyst to help things along the way? If we are to be faithful to Father’s calling on us to care for one another, we cannot overlook or ignore this challenge.

### *Upcoming Ministry Meetings*

Overcomers Support Group: Thursday, November 1, 2012; Thursday, November 15, 2012; Thursday, November 29, 2012

Family & Friends Support Group: Tuesday, November 6, 2010 **CANCELLED.** PLEASE GET OUT TO VOTE AND PRAY THAT DAY; Tuesday, November 20, 2012

### *Responses From You*

To our September 2012 newsletter

From a brother in the Lexington, KY area: Thanks for sharing these newsletters and stories which encourage everyone to be more faithful and understanding. Hope you and the gang are doing well.

From a brother in SC: The article you wrote in this newsletter is especially good, and exceptionally well written. Thanks.

From a brother in TX: Just wanted to tell you what a great article that was in your newsletter. It is something I try to emphasize every opportunity I get. Thanks for writing that.

From an Abba's Delight Board Member: Good article, Daniel. Keep it up.

### **End of Year Contributions**

Please give some prayerful consideration to supporting Abba's Delight financially, as we near the end of 2012. Your tax-deductible contributions to our ministry benefit the work Father has called us to do in helping set free those who are bound by unwanted same sex attractions, and those whose lives have been negatively impacted by homosexuality. Thank you again, to those of you who do contribute faithfully. Contributions may be sent to the ministry P O Box listed at the top of the Newsletter. Thank you for your willingness to hear from the Lord in this way. Be blessed.

### **Ongoing Prayer Requests**

Our Overcomers Group has grown over the last few months, even though we have lost a couple of members as well. When losses are due to someone headed back into his destructive past, it's particularly upsetting to see one giving up the fight. These men need our fervent intercession. Meanwhile, our growth is answered prayer. Please continue to pray that those who Father would bring us will hear His voice to contact the ministry.

As well, our Family & Friends Group has experienced growth, which is more answered prayer. There is still room for continued expansion, so please continue to pray. A specific challenge in this group is consistent participation among the members. Rarely, do we see everyone at a meeting at the same time. Please pray for consistence in their participation.

Another report of answered prayer is in our desire to add to our Board of Directors. I would like to have 10 members, and we have filled one of those spots. Currently, we have 7. **If you would like to serve on our Board, or know of someone who has a heart for seeing God's people set free, please contact me.**

Our website is still in flux. Between my day job, ministry meetings and family, I can't seem to find the time to write the pieces I need to have placed on the site. Please pray for time, wisdom and speed to write those pieces. Thank you.

Finally, as most of you know, the Lord spoke over a year ago to begin moving towards taking Abba's Delight to full time status. We continue to thank God for the support that is coming in, but still pray for Him to move on others to contribute to the cause. We still need about \$2625 per month to reach the goal. Please continue to pray. There are so many who could be set free from their bondage to homosexuality in our churches and they are not aware there is a place to go to get help. Having my week days free to meet with church pastors and staff would go a long way to get the word out. As Jesus was, we are called to see the captives set free, and we desire to be a part of their release process, as we have been in the lives of our current group participants. Thank you.

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

*Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24, 25*