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**THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins."* Matt 1:20,21**

### **Reconciliation: Our Blessing And Our Charge**

Jesus' choice to come to earth in human form paved the way for us to be reconciled to our heavenly Father, mankind having been separated from Him through the disobedience of Adam. Jesus' death and resurrection was the required payment for all of the sins of all of mankind. Jesus bridged the gap between mankind and our heavenly Father that sin had created, when He sacrificed His earthly life, conquering sin and death. This supreme act of love is the ultimate gift to anyone who will receive its offer. In Romans 5:8-10, Paul tells us, "But God demonstrates His own love for us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

As our Father's sons and daughters, we must be about His business, as Jesus was about His business. We have been charged to become ambassadors and ministers of His reconciliation to the dying world. This charge was first and foremost on Paul's heart and mind when he wrote the Corinthian church in his second letter to them saying, "Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 5:17-21

God's love is His truth in action. If we are to be effective for His Kingdom in reconciling the unsaved back to God, we need to be equipped with both. God is love. Jesus is God, and

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Separated from one another, love and truth are useless as far as His charge to us is concerned. Love without truth is not love at all (at least not God's love), just foundationless sentiment; and truth without love is hollow. They must be expressed together in order to have genuine reconciliation to God.

I challenge us in this season of celebrating our Savior's birth to be the embodiment of Father's love and truth in all of our dealings and relationships that the path towards true reconciliation with Him may be clear through us.

### **[The Business of Billboards](#)**

For years, Abba's Delight has been challenged with getting our existence known in the community. We desire to be a ministry that is the "go-to" name for individuals and churches seeking help with all matters relating to homosexuality. Getting into churches has felt painfully slow, and so I've been seeking the Lord for creative ways to accomplish this goal. During our last Board of Directors meeting, we discussed the possibility purchasing space and time on a billboard in Louisville. In moving forward with this venture, a desired location has been targeted and prices have been quoted. For a four week period, it would run \$750 for the space with a one-time \$125 production cost for the content. I would like to run at least three 4-week periods, which would be about 90 days. Longer, if we can raise enough for the financing of an extended period. Along with the goal of name recognition, we want to let the community know that there are alternatives to gay life, and that someone who is not happy in their gay existence is not stuck; there are options. This endeavor would cost just shy of \$2400 for 90 days. If this project is one you can support financially, please help us with your tax-deductible contribution.

### **[Responses From You](#)**

From a special lady in NJ: Wonderful newsletter!

From a minister in IN: This paragraph is so powerful! Can I use it in a sermon?

What if our congregations became known for openness, honesty, authenticity, intimacy? What if our churches became known for welcoming those whose lives are messy? Not just past messiness; but present, on-going, "help me work through my issues" messiness? What if pastors, elders, deacons, and church leaders created an atmosphere in their congregations that it is OK to show up with our messy lives and emotionally deficient baggage, assuring congregants that Father, both directly and through His people, can bring hope and healing to our dysfunction?

From a brother in Christ: Thank you for truth in ministry. There is hope. Now if I can only learn to apply it.

From a pastor in Lexington, KY: Awesome website, Daniel! Blessings brother...

From a brother in Louisville: I appreciate the newsletter

### [Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Family & Friends: Tuesday, December 24, 2013—CANCELLED; Tuesday, January 7, 2014;  
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

Overcomers Group: Thursday, January 2, 2014; Thursday, January 16, 2014; Thursday,  
January 30, 2014

### [Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

Father has been answering our prayers for new participants in our Overcomers Group. Three new participants (with the possibility of a fourth) have been added so far during this last quarter of 2013. Please continue to pray for Father to bring in everyone He desires for Abba's Delight to reach. Please continue to pray also for our Family & Friends group to grow as well, that people who have loved ones who are gay-identified will press through the shame they carry to find help and healing.

Please pray for continued financial support for Abba's Delight. Donations from individuals, churches' missionary fund giving, businesses, and organizations are all welcomed and needed (both one-time and monthly commitments) to continue providing ministry to those in crisis. And your gifts are tax-deductible with Abba's Delight's 501(c)3 status. A huge **Thank You** to all who have contributed during 2013! Your gifts make a great impact on our ability do ministry as Father is leading us.

**Please plan to include Abba's Delight in your end-of-year charitable giving. These are tax-deductible contributions! They can be sent to the address at the top of your newsletter.**

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!*

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***