

ABBA'S DELIGHT

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 1Peter 2:9*

Consecrated, Set Apart

Last week end I attended an annual one day retreat that my recovery group sponsors. There were between 20-30 men there. Besides all being born-again believers, our common link is that we are all recovering addicts. It's in our name, ARC: Addicts Redeemed by Christ. We had a few times of musical worship, the fellowship of eating a couple of meals together, and some different kinds of exercises. Not the push-ups or sit-ups kind, rather spiritual and reflective exercises.

One of these exercises involved walking to three different gazeboes on the property. Stopping at each gazebo, we would reflect on each Person of the Trinity. The Father gazebo represented to us the different aspects of God's relationship to us: Father, Provider, Protector, etc. At the Jesus gazebo, we were presented with a picture card of the nail-scarred Savior holding up a collapsing man with a wooden mallet in his hand. This picture represents forgiveness with the posed question, "Do you know the joy of forgiveness?" The third gazebo is reflective of the Holy Spirit. There, one of the leaders was stationed to anoint our heads with oil and to pray over us. This was especially meaningful to me as the brother at this gazebo is one I've known for over 20 years, and with whom I talk regularly throughout the week about our recovery and things of the Lord. Beyond that, our assignment at this gazebo for the time after we were anointed and prayed over, was to reflect on why we were being anointed.

As I walked away from the other men towards this little beach area by the lake and sat down at one of the picnic tables, I sensed the Lord speaking to my heart that I was anointed for service. It would be natural to connect that anointing to the ministry work of Abba's Delight, and that would certainly be applicable. But even beyond and higher than that is the anointing for service to the King and His kingdom. Obviously, what Father has called me to do with Abba's Delight is part of that calling/anointing, but it takes in so much more than that. In Christ, I am a son of the Father, a co-heir to the throne with Jesus, a husband, a father, a brother in Christ, a disciple, a businessman, a mentor, and on and on. I am anointed to do all that Father has called me to do in His kingdom. I am being equipped for every good work through Father's on-the-job training and discipleship

course. All this, not so I'll be a swell guy when Father is finished with me, but so that I will be an effective tool for His use as He builds His kingdom in the hearts of men and women here on the earth. I am/we are blessed to be a part of that. I want to be one who takes this assignment from Father seriously. This isn't for my sake, but for the His sake, and for His kingdom. My pastor, Ted Sandquist, wrote a song years ago based on Psalm 84. A couple of the lines are, "And I would rather be a doorkeeper in Your fold, than to take my fate upon myself. For You are my sun and my shield, You are my Lover from the start, and the highway to Your kingdom runs through my heart."

When we are in the service of our King, it shouldn't matter to us what we are called to do, only that we serve with all our hearts to please Him who has called us from the kingdom of darkness into His marvelous light.

I want to be obedient to serve, no matter what the assignment. No matter if I feel qualified or not, if I am fearful or even feel foolish, I want my life and choices to be pleasing to Him who has found me worthy of serving Him.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Support Group: Tuesday, March 29th***; Tuesday, April 12th; Tuesday, April 26th

Overcomers' Support Group: Thursday, April 7th; Thursday, April 21st

***At this meeting, we will be showing the film "Reconciliation." See below for more information about this movie, and if you would like to come, just let me know ahead of time.

Upcoming Ministry Events

Love Won Out Conferences

Saturday, April 30, 2011

8:00am-5:00pm

Hope Church

4934 Western Row Road

Mason, OH 45040 (Cincinnati Area)

Another LWO conference is scheduled this year for the Houston, TX area. For more information on it and to register for the Cincinnati conference, go to www.lovewoneout.com

Exodus International states, "Love Won Out is a dynamic one-day conference provided by Exodus International. Internationally known Christian experts address everything from why some people struggle with same-sex attractions to the significant role the Gospel and the Church can have in responding to a world impacted by homosexuality. General Sessions, Breakout sessions (including Q & A session) and inspiring testimonies are included."

36th Exodus International Annual Freedom Conference

June 8-11, 2011

Ridgecrest Retreat Center

Ashville, NC

Contact info: 888-264-0877

conference@exodusinternational.org

Early Bird Registration discounts available through March 31

"Reconciliation" Movie Public Showing

Abba's Delight is working to present a public showing of the film here in Louisville sometime this spring. We will keep you posted as specifics become available. Please pray for this endeavor and for the spiritual warfare that would surround it.

Responses From You

Please let us hear from you. If something in our Newsletter has touched you in a way that you wish to share, please write and tell us. Please let us know that you are praying for us, or if the Lord has given you a word for the ministry, please share it with us. Our email address is danielmingo.abbasdelight@insightbb.com

Prayers Being Answered

In the last few months, there have been several men who have contacted the ministry seeking help to overcome unwanted same sex attractions. A few have entered our program of recovery and restoration. Others are pending, and some are still counting the cost. Please pray for these men. Please also pray that Father will add to our Family & Friends support group. There are many loved ones of those involved in the gay lifestyle who need encouragement and support in their lives, those who can be helped by the ministry Abba's Delight offers.

Financial Support of Abba's Delight

Thank you to those who have continued to support Abba's Delight with your tax-deductible financial contributions. We could not do all we do without your giving heart. We could not reach those lives impacted by homosexuality without your generosity. ***Change is possible.*** Thousands of lives are being transformed through Exodus member ministries like Abba's Delight. As we continue to minister as Father has led us, please remember us in your giving. 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