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Referral Ministry of ROCK-Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these. 2 Timothy 3:1-5*

[2103 Aids Walk—A Big Disappointment](#)

As I have most years in recent history, I and a few others connected to Abba's Delight ministry participated in the annual Aids Walk on Sunday, October 13th. This year was the 20th anniversary of the start of the annual event. One of our ministry participants was instrumental in organizing the event in its early years before the Lord apprehended him. I have joined him over the years as we have remembered the life of his partner who died of AIDS in 1995. Sadly, though, this year's commemoration was sullied by the decidedly blatant exhibition of celebrating the gay life, with seemingly total disregard for those who contracted the deadly virus through means other than homosexual activity, such as blood transfusions or infected needles.

During the hours we were there, the festivities included a very large display of portions of the AIDS quilt, which was quite spectacular; but also public displays of affection that seemed to be endless. There was a love song sung from the stage to the Emcee by whom I supposed was her partner celebrating their love, followed by a kiss between them. There was a prayer offered by the new pastor of the local Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), which is one of a group of congregations throughout the country known for being gay-affirming and for taking liberties with Biblical texts. The prayer was offered to an ambiguous god, meaning I wasn't really clear to whom she was praying. During the walk, there were several people with signs, citing different things about which attitudes promote the spread of AIDS. One of them said, "Sexism promotes AIDS." I'm still trying to figure out that one. But mostly the event was like a big party, characterized well by our participant companion when he said, "I felt cheated. It's just turned into, and you can see it plainly, a place to hook-up and bring out your dog."

Three years ago I wrote about the Walk and how Father was convicting my heart about my Pharisaical attitudes toward the individuals. This was different. There was a grieving going on among the few of us who have done the Walk before, seeing how much the event has been denigrated to this party atmosphere over the years since we first joined in the Walk--most dramatically for our ministry participant. What started out as such a heartfelt opportunity to remember loved ones who have died tragically of a once-dreaded disease and to raise money in hopes of finding a cure, seems now like an opportunity for not much of anything worthwhile. The gay community has often bristled when it has been talked about as still being the major contributor to the spread of AIDS, but it has done precious little over the years to change that statistic.

Incidentally, I never did hear how much was raised by this year's walk for continued research towards finding a cure, nor did I see any local TV coverage as I have in years before, though the cameras were present. At this point, our participation in future events is in question, sad to say.

Even though this experience was so much different than what we would have hoped for, we still are charged to bring a redemptive and loving message to the world towards salvation. May Father help each of us to find His way to reach out in every situation and with every divine appointment He provides!

[Drum Roll, Please...Announcing Abba's Delight's...](#)

Website!!! It only took 5 ½ years to get it done. But today, we are launching www.abbasdelight.com thanks to Denise Witt and her company Big Idea Media Group. Denise has been super helpful, has wonderful ideas, and has found the most amazing pictures to put on the site to enhance its "pleasing to the eyes" feature. And the photographs are so well-matched to the text on each page. Please check out the website and share with us your impressions. Take time to read the different pages. Did I mention it's www.abbasdelight.com?

Hopefully, beginning in November, I will be sending out these monthly newsletters from the website with a newer format and with a changed email address which will be daniel@abbasdelight.com. Please add the new email address to your address book so that our newsletters don't go to your spam file.

If you want to check out Denise's work it's at www.bigideamediagroup.com

[Responses From You](#)

From a brother in CA: Thank you for including the statement for the ministry with which you are affiliating. I have a good friend out here who has known the leaders of Exodus and has been deeply disappointed by its demise. This helps to put some perspective on things.

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, October 29, 2013; Tuesday, November 12, 2013;
Tuesday, November 26, 2013

Overcomers Group: Thursday, November 7, 2013; Thursday, November 21, 2013

[Upcoming Ministry Conference](#)

Hope For Wholeness Conference: "Rising From the Ashes" Nov. 1-2, 2013; First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC. For Registration and information, go to www.hopeforwholeness.org

I will be sharing my testimony at this event.

[Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

Please pray that Father will continue to bring to Abba's Delight those who are ready to surrender themselves to His Lordship in their overcoming journey, and for family/friends impacted by homosexuality so that they can receive support and growth in their own journey with the Lord.

Please pray that the Lord will open up doors of invitation to speak to church staff and congregations so that the message of freedom can reach the Body of Christ. Our churches have yet to realize how vital the Lord's message through Abba's Delight is.

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.

It is not too early to begin planning for your end-of-year charitable giving. Please consider including Abba's Delight in those tax-deductible contributions!

Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

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