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Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry



Referral Ministry of ROCK-Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *"...I have given the men You gave Me out of the world Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth..." Jn 17:14-17*

[My Hope is in the Lord](#)

For some time now, we have seen our culture shift away from God. Its mindset, actions, and goals have become more and more worldly and self-focused, and less and less God-centered. It is pretty widely accepted within the Body of Christ that we are in the last days, and the Scriptures tell us in numerous places and ways that we should not be surprised as this shift away from God's will that we are witnessing continues to accelerate and intensify. Jesus prayed to the Father that He would sanctify His people with the truth, and He declared that His word is truth. Earlier, Jesus had said He is the truth (the way and the life). And at the beginning of John's gospel, Jesus is described as the Word made flesh. So, while the culture has turned its back on the Lord to go its own enlightened way, as Jesus' disciples our posture must remain that we live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

That's not an easy thing to do, especially when we're charged to deny ourselves and take up our crosses to follow Jesus. Even so, separating ourselves from the culture's direction literally goes against the grain. It would be so much easier to simply "go along to get along." Thus we have to make choices that can continue to be difficult ones to make.

I am sadly impacted again today by the Supreme Court's decision to legalize gay marriage in all 50 states. I was disappointed recently by Bruce Jenner's decision to identify as transgendered. I cringe every time I hear or read of a LGBT individual being assaulted or worse. I find it reprehensible that those who wish to deny their fleshly temptations and live their sexuality submitted to God's will for them do not find the same acceptance, embrace, and tolerance from those who have fought so hard to secure those rights that the Supreme Court has now granted them. We Christ-followers are aliens living in a world that currently refuses to bow the knee and make the confession that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. That will change one day, but we're not there yet.

Paul writes to the Corinthian church, "But we have our treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken;

struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh." 2 Cor 4:7-11 Therefore, the events we see in our culture should in no way deter us from fulfilling our calling as sons and daughters of the kingdom to bring God's rule and reign in our lives to a perishing world that is without Him. Distraction is at every turn, but we must remain faithful to His call.

I could choose to live in the sadness and the disappointment of the current days' events, but instead I choose to live with Christ in me, my hope of glory.

Response s From You

From a brother in Lexington, KY: Daniel, Great point about identity! Too often we identify with ways of thinking and acting that aren't in line with what God the creator intended.

From a brother in Tulsa, OK: Daniel, Thanks for this very thoughtful (and I think wise) edition of A B B A's newsletter. I enjoy reading your articles and seeing what's going on.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, July 2, 2015; Thursday, July 16, 2015; Thursday, July 30, 2015

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, July 7, 2015; Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Upcoming Ministry Events

July 9-12, 2015 Aldersgate Renewal 2015 www.aldersgaterenewal.org Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, KY. Daniel will be exhibiting Abba's Delight Ministry and will be presenting two workshops: one for men on sexual purity called "Listen Up, Guys: How's That Working For You?" and one for women called "Let's Talk Ladies: Wisdom for Understanding the Men in Our Lives."

Saturday, September 19, 2015 Symposium on Biblical Sexuality in the Black Church. Forest Baptist Church, 4500 Petersburg, Rd., Louisville, KY. Details to follow...

October 5-7, 2015 Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) Annual Conference 2015 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY Abba's Delight is a Bronze Sponsor of this event. This Conference is open to the public.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors

to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Groups, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being Biblically prepared with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

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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