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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? Rom 2:4*

[Let the Holy Spirit Do the Holy Spirit's Work](#)

Recently I received a call from a pastor here in Louisville who was recommended to Abba's Delight by the wife of a co-struggler I'd met in my own recovery process back in the mid-nineties. She had spoken with this pastor about a situation he has in his congregation with some teen-age girls, so she suggested he give me a call to discuss how Abba's Delight might help them.

When he and I spoke, it became clear that while we both had the same end goal of these young women living a life of purity before the Lord, our procedures to get that are quite different.

It seems these young women had come out to their parents, all of whom are members of this pastor's congregation, all within a relatively short span of time. He was coming to me to set them straight, both figuratively and literally. He was fired up with visions of forcibly sitting the girls down for a series of meetings to make them see the error of their ways, just knowing that firmly (and loudly, if his way with me was any indication of how things should go) speaking the truth with the authority behind the Word of God would be all it would take to cause them to turn back to Jesus. He was practically demanding that I bring deliverance ministry to them to cast out a spirit of homosexuality. It was clearly his intention to get to the end result with as little process as possible, snatching those girls out to the devil's hands once and for all.

I just read over my last paragraph, and realized it may sound a bit dramatic, but this is exactly how the conversation was going. By the way, personally I do believe that Christians can be influenced by demonic oppression, and that includes homosexuality. My experience with deliverance ministry and homosexuality is that the deliverance deals with the compulsive behaviors in which homosexuals often engage, but it does not address the emotional components of the person's life that have drawn him/her towards those behaviors. This is why numerous people who are same-sex attracted and have undergone deliverance ministry have reported that for a time after the ministry they stopped their compulsive behaviors, but they

eventually went back to them, because the underlying emotional issues that accompany those behaviors were never resolved. For those with same-sex attractions, the behaviors as well as the emotional issues need to be addressed if healing is to be realized.

Getting back to the pastor, though, I suggested to him that we could have a series of meetings to the youth group at which these young women would be present, during which I would present what the Bible says about homosexuality. And I said from there, it would be up to them to decide whether or not they wish to follow Jesus, leave their behaviors behind, and seek further help from the ministry to begin the healing process. This idea did not set well with him as he wanted to have Abba's Delight conduct a support group for these teen girls, with required/parentally forced attendance. I explained to him that Abba's Delight has a policy of not working with teens who are being presented for ministry by parents who are forcing their sons/daughters into ministry; that we only work with teens who are willingly participating and see their attractions as unwanted. He was not happy with our position on this point, feeling that parents have the right and responsibility to force their teens into obedient participation. I admitted that parents do have the responsibility to present the truth of God's Word and make their beliefs and wishes known, but to force their teen children into participating in something that they are not voluntarily participating in is counterproductive to any kind of healing process, not to mention the long-term damage this kind of force could do to the parent/child relationship. There have been so many family situations blow up because parents have taken such a hard, inflexible position with their teens.

There are godly ways to love our gay-identified sons/daughters without condoning their sin and without doing irreparable harm to those relationships. That is where we look for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide; where we ask for the wisdom and strength to follow; where we seek to express Father's love in ways they can receive it.

I ended the conversation with this pastor suggesting he go to the Abba's Delight website, so he can see what we believe theologically, what our platform is on Biblical sexuality, and how our ministry operates. Then, if he wishes to continue, we can discuss a plan of action. As of yet, I've not heard back from him. I would still like to work with him and his situation, but we would have to come to an understanding about how these young women would be approached. There is a way that brings death, and there is a way that brings life. We need to choose the latter.

If you have a loved one who is same-sex attracted or gay-identified, Abba's Delight has a Family & Friends support group that can help you deal with the impact of your loved one's homosexuality on your life. Give us a call to discuss your participation. If you have a friend whose life has been impacted by a loved one's homosexuality, send them our way. Our phone number is 502-939-9269.

[Responses From You](#)

Let us hear from you. How has this month's article impacted you? Do you agree with what you've read? Do you disagree? Do you think I'm a heretic? Did you receive any fresh revelation? Let us know what you think!

[A Great Big Thank You](#)

A huge Thank You and blessings upon you to all who contributed to the Scholarship Fund which aided participants to attend the Hope for Wholeness Conference the beginning of June! Because of your generous hearts, we received in **\$1765.00**, and were able to participate in sending several folks to this year's conference who could not have gone without your help. One fellow who benefited directly from Abba's Delight had his conference registration taken care of; he paid the rest of his way to the conference by selling one of his family's vehicles with his wife's blessings. If that were not enough, this man came from Australia believing the Lord had a blessing for him while he was there; and of course, God met him in a big way! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. May Father multiply back to you in kind!

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Overcomers Group: Thursday, June 30, 2016; Thursday, July 14, 2016; Thursday, July 28, 2016

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, July 5, 2016; Tuesday, July 19, 2016

[Upcoming Conferences](#)

Aldersgate Renewal Ministries (ARM) Conference; July 21-24, 2016; Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, KY. I will be exhibiting Abba's Delight ministry and teaching two Equipping Sessions

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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