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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes 5:8,9

Pulling from the archives this month, our featured article first appeared in June 2015 just after the Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

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 Godcentered. 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.

Responses From You

From a pastor in Crestwood, KY: Daniel, Great newsletter, the church and culture face huge challenges regarding things like "conversion therapy" and trying to figure out what we'll do going forward for the sake of the next generation.

From a brother in Louisville, KY: I so appreciate you being a light in the darkness on these difficult subjects.

From a ministry leader in PA: Thanks for your newsletters!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thurs 6/29/17, CANCELED for ARM Conference; Thurs 7/13/17, CANCELED

for Hope for Wholeness Conference; Thurs 7/27/17

Family & Friends Group: Tues, July 4, 2017, CANCELED for Holiday; Tues, July 18, 2017

Upcoming Monthly Prayer Initiatives

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 7:00-8:30am Ramada Inn on Zorn Avenue at I-71 \$6.00 Continental Breakfast. Speaker is Joyce Oglesby.

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, July 7, 2017 6:00pm Trinity World Outreach Center, 10307 Seatonville Rd, Louisville 40291

Upcoming Speaking Engagements

Aldersgate Renewal Ministries Conference, Lexington, KY Convention Center, June 29-July 2, 2017. Daniel Mingo of Abba's Delight will present a workshop called The Power of God's Word. Abba's Delight will also have a table to exhibit the ministry.

Hope for Wholeness annual conference, Hearts Unite July 11-16, 2017 Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC. Daniel Mingo of Abba's Delight will present a workshop on The Power of God's Word.

Scholarship Fund for the Hope for Wholeness Conference

There is still time to contribute to this year's scholarship fund for the conference. Thank you so much to those who have contributed so far to the conference scholarship fund. There are still more folks we can help. If you have the financial means to go, but will be otherwise engaged from July 11-16th, please prayerfully consider subsidizing someone else's opportunity. The average cost for conference fee, accommodations (sharing a room) and meal plan is \$600 per person for the six day event. Please make your tax-deductible checks to payable to Abba's Delight, noted for the HFW Scholarship Fund, and mail them to the address at the top left corner of the first page of this newsletter. Please mail your donation today.

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. We are beginning to see some answered prayer around being invited into churches. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, 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 prepared Biblically 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 and transgender life in our culture. Thank you.

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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