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Hope For Wholeness Referral Ministry

He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. Rom 6:12,13*

[October 11, 2018: National Coming Out Day](#)

Earlier this month, the LGBTQ community celebrated National Coming Out Day. According to Wikipedia, "National Coming Out Day (NCOD) is an annual LGBT awareness day observed on October 11 and 12 in some parts of the world. Founded in the United States in 1988, the initial idea was grounded in the feminist and gay liberation spirit of the personal being political, and the emphasis on the most basic form of activism being coming out to family, friends and colleagues, and living life as an openly lesbian or gay person. The foundational belief is that homophobia thrives in an atmosphere of silence and ignorance, and that once people know that they have loved ones who are lesbian or gay, they are far less likely to maintain homophobic or oppressive views...NCOD was founded in 1988 by Robert Eichberg and Jean O'Leary. Eichberg, who died in 1995 of complications from AIDS, was a psychologist from New Mexico and founder of the personal growth workshop, The Experience. O'Leary was an openly lesbian political leader and long-time activist from New York, and was at the time the head of the National Gay Rights Advocates in Los Angeles. LGBT activists, including Eichberg and O'Leary, did not want to respond defensively to anti-LGBT action because they believed it would be predictable. This caused them to found NCOD in order to maintain positivity and celebrate coming out. The date of October 11 was chosen because it is the anniversary of the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights."

In 2017, I wrote the following FaceBook post on October 11th, and want to share it in our Abba's Delight newsletter this month, with just a few updates:

While others are celebrating the coming out into their gay life, I am celebrating almost 26 years since I left my secret life in homosexuality.

It had me in hopeless bondage to sexual expressions not approved or blessed by God, along with unhealthy emotional attachments to behaviors which contributed to emotional immaturity in my life. Already a born-again disciple of Jesus, I struggled for nearly 30 years with the inner conflict between knowing God's created design for sexual expression and my same-sex attractions that over those 26 years have significantly lessened, but have never left completely. I am no longer driven as I was in the past to hook up with men. Also, I struggled with the inner conflict of knowing the Biblical standard yet feeling helpless to consistently meet it.

I, along with thousands of others who have left the gay life and LGBTQ expressions, have found God's Word to be true when the apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Corinth, a church filled with followers of Christ who were also facing their own sexual issues as believers, "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God." But the next verse holds God's great promise to us! "Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God." 6:9-11

I celebrate this freedom to live in holiness before the Lord, as God has said, "Be holy, for I am holy." This freedom was provided by Jesus' death and resurrection, forgiving all my sins from which I repent constantly. I continue to wage the war of the flesh against the spirit, and I am strengthened daily by the power of the Holy Spirit within me. There will always be some form of temptation this side of eternity, whether sexual or otherwise, yet I have the choice each and every time to choose life and peace or sin and death.

In 2004, a full-page ad appeared in the LA Times that said, "I questioned homosexuality, and when I found a way out, I took it." I echo that declaration today, and I am eternally grateful God showed me the way out.

Responses From You

From a sister in Christ: Hi Daniel, I really liked the way that the person at the end, put their comments of their identity in Christ. Thanks for putting that in there. She put it so well. I do agree with her. Anyone that has an identity other than in Christ, is like someone who is playing a game of tug of war. Only one will gain ultimate traction. And it usually is the side attached to the sin. Thankfully God, can pull the other way, but we do have to side with Him. He is our anchor man. I can understand why some may need to clarify their past, and that is ok. But not a label or identity, as that is binding. You cannot find identity, in a sin, and in a Saviour, at the same time. Blessings!

From one of the Abba's Delight ministry Board members: Daniel this is so good. The heart is rebellious and not what God wants for us! Aren't we glad that He loves us too much to allow us to wander aimlessly? That He guides us gently to His truth? Good job seeking His best for your life and sharing this journey with us.

From a fellow ministry leader: This is a powerful one, Daniel.

From another fellow ministry leader: I am working on this as well, Daniel. Good word.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, Nov 1, 2018; Thursday, Nov 15, 2018; Thursday, Nov 29, 2018

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, Nov 6, 2018 CANCELED (Go vote!); Tuesday, Nov 20, 2018

Upcoming Prayer Initiatives

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, November 2, 2018 6:00pm at Christ's Church for our Community, 1226 Krupp Park Drive, Louisville KY 40213

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 7:00-8:30am at the Ramada Inn on Zorn Avenue at I-71. \$6.00 Continental Breakfast. Speaker is Brian Goul of the Christian Business Men's Connection (CBMC) leadership team.

End of Year Giving

It's only a little more than two months before 2018 comes to a close. As you begin thinking about end of year contributions, please consider making a donation to Abba's Delight. No gift is too small, and all are tax-deductible. Our mailing address is at the top of the first page of the newsletter. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- New participants for our Overcomers group
- New members for our Family & Friends group
- Ministry finances
- Open doors to churches so pastors and staff can be effectively equipped
- Opportunities to exhibit Abba's Delight ministry at outside conferences
- Those being served by Abba's Delight ministry currently that they would continue to grow closer to the Lord and fulfill each of their destinies in Him
- The Hope for Wholeness network (of which Abba's Delight is a referral ministry) in selecting a new Executive Director
- 1 New Female Director for the Abba's Delight Board

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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