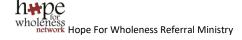


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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: O give us help against the adversary, for deliverance by man is in vain. Through God we shall do valiantly, and it is He who will tread down our adversaries. Ps 60:11,12

Kentucky Legislators Propose Counseling Censorship Bill

If you know me or have been to the Abba's Delight website, you most likely know that I live in the state of Kentucky in the U.S.A. Earlier this month, a bill was introduced in Kentucky that was labeled "AN ACT relating to mental health protection" and was declaring an emergency.

In truth, if made a law, it would create censorship for professional counselors so that they would be unable to help someone walk away from an UNwanted Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgendered (LGBT) life or attractions. It would prohibit the therapist from helping someone who wants to reconcile their feelings or attractions with their God-created gender. If law, it would be an infringement on the professional counselor's first amendment rights to free speech, as well as the counselor's freedom of religion if the counselor's views are different than what the law would provide. The only options left would be for the counselor to affirm the UNwanted attractions in the client, or forfeit the opportunity to offer counseling to those specific clients.

As currently written, this bill focuses on protecting minors and "vulnerable adults," which, if made law, would also infringe on the rights of parents to determine for their own children the best care for them as it relates to LGBT issues, even if those attractions or feelings are UNwanted by the child. So, again, it would take away the parents' freedom of religion, if their views differ from the law.

In effect, this bill is an attempt to censor/silence any mental health professional or parent who does not fully and actively endorse the LGBT life, regardless of those individuals' personal beliefs.

The protection being sought is from what is commonly referred to in recent times as "conversion therapy," which has become a catch-all phrase for any effort to help someone either leave the LGBT life or reconcile the individual involving issues with their UNwanted same-

sex attractions or UNwanted gender dysphoria, even if those issues have arisen as a result of sexual abuse.

There are laws already in place that govern the practices of licensed mental health professionals, so it would seem this bill is redundant, even apart from the freedom infringements it would carry.

As written, this bill does not directly affect ministries like Abba's Delight, pastors, or church staff; however, it would directly impact the recommendations we may make for professional counselors to those who approach our ministry for assistance who do fit into one of the protected classes mentioned in the bill.

It is crucial to note as well, the liberties infringement this bill would carry if made into law is only a stepping stone. There is certainly more to come. It is not the end goal.

Finally, there are thousands upon thousands of people worldwide who have left, and are leaving, the LGBT life. Some have had counseling assistance, some not. We are seeing revival in the gay community, and they are leaving to follow Jesus. Organizations have been established that present to the culture that former LGBT individuals can not only leave their lifestyles behind, but can thrive in freedom they never imagined possible. Two such organizations are the CHANGED Movement changedmovement.com and Freedom March freedomtomarch.com. Please check out these organizations' websites, and see what God is doing.

Responses From You

From a brother in Lexington, KY: Daniel, thanks for the reminder of one of the main questions we must ask ourselves if we profess Christ: Is He truly on the throne in our hearts? There can be no kingdom if there is not a true king. Hope all is well.

From a sister in Louisville: Thanks.

From a brother in IN: Good newsletter. Again, this confirms what I am studying right now. It wasn't a coincidence there wasn't room in the inn. He came to live in our hearts!! Merry Christmas!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, February 6, 2020; Thursday, February 20, 2020

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, February 11, 2020; Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Upcoming Prayer Initiatives

Louisville Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, Feb 5, 2020; 7:00-8:30am at the Ramada Inn on Zorn Ave at I-71, Salon D. \$6.00 continental breakfast. Speaker is Katie Harrod with CRU fka Campus Crusade for Christ

1 Voice Prayer Movement: Friday, Feb 7, 2020; 6:00pm at Harrods Creek Baptist Church, 6313 River Road, Prospect, KY 40059

Ongoing Prayer Requests

- New participants for our Overcomers Group
- New Members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives)
- 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 currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and F/F
- 1 new female director for Abba's Delight's Board
- Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY

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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