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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:** *"...If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore know the world hates you..." In 15:18,19*

### [Testifying Before a Kentucky State Legislature Committee](#)

This past Tuesday, August 25, 2020, I testified before the Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations Committee of the Kentucky State Legislature during its Interim Session. The bill proposed is called the Mental Health Protection Act. It was often referred to as the "Conversion Therapy Ban" bill, but could most accurately be called the Censor Counseling Bill. No official action will be taken until January 2021 when the General Session convenes again, as its sponsors have promised to present the bill again.

Truth-telling and accuracy were in short supply in the testimonies of the four proponents of the bill; victimizing, gross exaggerations if not out-and-out lies, and false accusations were abundant; claims were made and statistics presented with no factual support—just a lot of sensationalizing. Plus, various LGBT organizations and our local newspaper have all put their colorful slant on the situation. But this is what we've come to.

In my mind, this display is further proof of what was presented in our February 2020 article, "The Campaign to Overthrow Straight America." [http://abbasdelight.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ABBAs\\_Newsletter-Feb-2020.pdf](http://abbasdelight.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/ABBAs_Newsletter-Feb-2020.pdf) This article tells of the decades-long mission to silence all opposing voices, especially the Church, of LGBT activists' agenda.

Here is my testimony in its entirety.

"Mr. Chairman, and Distinguished Members of the Panel,

Thank you for your time today, and for allowing me to address this committee. My name is Daniel Mingo. I was raised in Lexington and for the last 30 years I've lived in Louisville.

I am here today to offer my perspective and experience regarding the advisability of passing the proposed Mental Health Protection Act, which would make it illegal for mental health workers

and licensed professional counselors to assist clients in reducing or overcoming their unwanted same-sex attractions or gender dysphoria.

To give some personal history, for nearly 30 years I lived a secret life in homosexuality. I was a born-again Christian man, a husband and father. Over the years, I had told a handful of pastors, hoping for some answers, but none seemed equipped to help me. I felt alone, scared for the future, and most of all trapped in the constant inner conflict of having committed my life to follow God yet dealing with feelings contrary to my faith convictions. I was unable to walk away on my own strength from that life of anonymous sexual encounters with men. In 1993, realizing I was feeding a sexual addiction, I went into a recovery program to overcome those compulsive behaviors. The first step in a twelve-step program is to admit that I was powerless over my behaviors and my life was unmanageable. That was 27 years ago.

I was sexually molested at 13 by an adult man. Stop and think about that for a moment. Interacting with males became sexualized for me by way of rape. I never wanted to be gay or adopt a gay lifestyle, but I was left with emerging same-sex attractions after being violated.

For the last 17 years, I have ministered to, and lay-counseled, same-sex attracted and gender dysphoric Christian individuals in Kentucky, who have LGBT feelings that, for **them**, are unwanted.

My concern about this proposed legislation is that it will hurt people that I care about. As presented, it offers protection to minors and vulnerable adults from coercive practices and aversion therapies by licensed counselors, but these techniques have not been practiced by professionals for decades already, as is evidenced by the total absence of lawsuits and revocations of licenses.

There are four issues I have with this proposed legislation.

First, if passed, this legislation will **cancel counseling** to those only with unwanted same-sex attractions and gender dysphoria. These same individuals could receive help if they want to be gay, but not if they want to live a heterosexual life, following their religious convictions. That is discrimination. All people should have the choice to pursue counseling options that align with their personal life goals, and not be under government control.

Second, if this bill is passed, it would violate the guaranteed 1st Amendment free speech rights of secular counselors, pastoral counselors, and any other professionals named, whose beliefs are not in agreement with the bill's one-sided makeup. And if those beliefs which are not in agreement are religious in nature, and that being the very first one listed in the amendment, freedom of religion and the practice thereof, then those 1st Amendment rights would be violated as well.

Third, because this bill is proposed to protect children, if passed it would take away the basic rights of parents to freely choose the care they deem best for their sons and daughters. Would you want that right taken from you, whether an emotional, mental or physical condition, such that you could no longer choose what you believe is best for your children whom you love? Surely, there is a better option than removing these parental rights.

Finally, when parents bring sons or daughters desiring help to me for ministry, and we agree that professional psychological counseling is warranted, how do I tell them, if this bill is passed, that I cannot recommend licensed, professional care from a like-minded Christian practitioner, because Kentucky made that possibility illegal?

Thank you for your time and attention.”

I urge you to read the article I’ve linked above, “The Campaign to Overthrow Straight America.” It will open your eyes more clearly to the battle we’re fighting, and hopefully bring you to your knees to do spiritual warfare on behalf of our state and country, and on behalf of those who are speaking the truth in the face of serious persecution. God help us going forward!

### [Responses From You](#)

From a fellow minister: Daniel, Thank you for the communique. Travel for me is beginning to pick up. I’m heading to South Dakota today, Ohio and Pennsylvania next week, then northern Wisconsin. The pandemic made it impossible for most of our churches to do a week long residential camp. Of the 239 planned only 17 are happening. How about you? Have you been able to get booked in churches in the fall? I printed off the two scriptures from your newsletter to have in the car as I travel. Very encouraging.

From a dear friend in CA: Hello brother! Good message, very well said. What's the status of your ministry? Are you finding reliable partners, ministers and supporters? How much has it been affected by the Covid situation? Are you all locked down? Able to gather for worship or not? It's pretty bad out here on the west coast, but the worst thing is the fear that people are laboring under. LFA is in the thick of it in New York. They seem to have about the worst scenario overall, with covid + the "peaceful protests"...You and your family are in my prayers. Please send me a quick update when you can. Blessings to you all.\

### [Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Overcomers Group: Thursday, Sept 3, 2020; Thursday, Sept 17, 2020

Family & Friends Group: **Canceled until our state governor loosens the gathering restrictions.**

### [Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

- o New Participants for our Overcomers Group
- o New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives)
- o Ministry Finances
- o Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped

- o Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends
- o One new female and one new male for Abba's Delight's Board of Directors
- o Continued freedom to operate ministry in KY
- o Smooth establishment of new network of ministries, churches and Christian counselors

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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***