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Referral Ministry of Transformation Ministries Alliance

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

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Phil 2:12-14

What If I Am Never Free From My LGBTQ Issues? from the archives May 2021

I would imagine that everyone who deals with unwanted LGBTQ concerns, at one time or another, has asked, begged, bargained, cried, shouted, to the Lord to be free of those feelings and desires. Relatively speaking, a very small number of strugglers have been touched by God in such a miraculous way that they have gone from gay to straight or some variation in between, and have no lingering temptations or desires for the same gender at all; or for the transgendered, have no lingering temptations or desires to go back to the gender identity they once adopted.

But that is not usually the case for the overwhelming majority of saints who have left the LGBTQ identities they once embraced to follow Jesus' call on their lives. The freedom that comes for these believers is often from the compulsion to connect physically or emotionally with others, but the unwanted feelings, thoughts, and temptations remain as challenges as they grow in maturity in Christ. For some, dealing with these lingering issues is only an occasional matter; for the majority, it can be every day, even several times a day, that the lingering intrusions must be addressed and overcome.

My journey away from homosexuality began in 1993. I am one of those for whom the challenge remains ongoing. Yet, even in my struggles, God has been faithful to grow me, mature me, teach me, and use me in helping to establish His kingdom on earth. And most importantly, He has never left me, keeping His promise not to forsake me, because of His great love for me.

All of us who have lingering effects from our once-LGBTQ existence must determine for ourselves decisively, once and for all, if we will continue to serve and obey our Father even if our LGBTQ issues never disappear from our lives. Daily surrendering our challenges is our portion, and it is in our surrendering that we withstand.

Responses From You

From a dear sister in the Lord: Daniel, Your sharing exactly what's been going on in my life(the drought and the wilderness) was so encouraging and helpful to me in overcoming the guilt and condemnation. I too have been on a path to restoration with a structured Bible reading, listening and watching Christian TV programs and spending more time in His presence. Because of many medical issues I have not been in Church much but that hunger and desire is returning, also. Again, I cannot thank you enough how much your openness is helping me get back to my First Love and the joy of the Lord. Thank you again my Dear Brother!

From a NY pastor: Daniel, Just a note of thanks for the sharing this month. I don't know why that story never caught my attention but February 27th is My and My Wife's Anniversary. Turns out we got married on a very good day. Miss you, friend, and am blessed to have you among a long ago friend and brother in our Lord. Blessings.

From a long-time friend: Excellent communication, sent it to S. Love.

From a former ministry participant: Beautiful newsletter! It stirred my heart to seek God and grow in gratitude. Thank you, my friend!

Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, March 28, 2023; Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Overcomers Group: Thursday, Mar 30, 2023; Thursday, April 13, 2023; Thursday, April 27, 2023

Upcoming Conferences

Transformation Ministries Alliance first annual conference "Epic Transformation", June 22-24, 2023 at The Ark Encounter in Williamsburg, KY. To register, go to <u>www.TMAcorp.org</u>.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

New Participants for Overcomers Group and new online lay-counselees • New members for our Family & Friends Group (especially wives) • Ministry Finances • Open doors to churches, so pastor and staff can be effectively equipped • Those currently being served by Abba's Delight ministry, both Overcomers and Family & Friends • Continued freedom to operate ministry in Kentucky • Possible return trip to Australia in 2023.

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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