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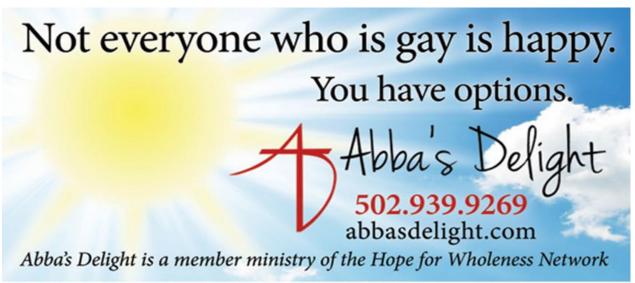
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He rescued me because He delighted in me. Ps 18:19b

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Eph 6:10-12

### Not Everyone Who is LGBTQ is Happy

It was November 2013 in an Abba's Delight Board of Directors meeting that I was discussing with the directors how difficult it was trying to get into churches to talk about God's redemptive power in the homosexual's life. I had been doing ministry over ten years and had only been invited to speak in one church by that time. Letter writing, phoning, and dropping in to churches had been completely fruitless. The directors and I brainstormed about what action might get the attention of churches and pastors. We came up with the idea to purchase space on a billboard. By the beginning of 2014 we'd received enough donations to proceed. I rented the space for 90 days and the billboard went up.



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When word got out that the billboard was up, I heard from many, many people: supporters praying for and encouraging me; LGBTQ activists (one of whom said I was peddling snake oil and should be shut down, citing I was responsible for teen suicides); television media; print media both local and national, etc. The story became international news. If you googled Abba's Delight Billboard, you'd go through over a dozen screens before you'd get to the end of the different stories about it. But not the first church or pastor ever reached out.

Now into 2024 things have loosened up a bit. With gay marriage being legalized several years ago, the newest trend to identify as transgender, and the push into public schools to sexualize children at such young ages, churches more and more are beginning to see that they cannot remain silent any longer. And with these trends, the issues have become more and more politicized.

The message of the billboard is just as true today as it was back then. Many are not happy and are realizing they've been deceived. The reality of their life did not live up to the hype that drew them into the gay community. Over the past few years, we have witnessed growing numbers leaving the LGBTQ community to follow Jesus and embrace a life of holiness within the Body of Christ. It's been given the name Rainbow Revival. As the billboard stated, God is showing them their other options.

Many more churches than before, remaining faithful to a biblical sexual ethic, have learned to become welcoming of LGBTQ individuals while not affirming them in their chosen identities; and have become willing to learn from post-LGBTQ ministries how best to love those individuals.

We in the Body of Christ must continue to be strong in the Lord, biblically literate, and theologically sound in God's standard of sexual expression. Those of us with a LGBTQ or SSA past, must become bold in seizing every opportunity before us to declare and testify to the great things God has done by delivering us from our past lifestyles of sin. Parents and family members of LGBTQ loved ones must become bold in praying for their prodigals and storming the gates on behalf of those loved ones.

Our voice being heard is vital as ever in these last days when we face such fierce opposition to the message of hope and freedom in Christ that we bring to a dying world. The battle is real because our enemy is real. You remember! He's the one prowling around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. We must be prepared. We must be on the alert. We must be strong in the Lord!

# Responses from You

From a counselor: Merry Christmas Daniel and family! May the Lord bless you richly this joyful season!

From a former ministry participant: Merry Christmas to you, Fran, and your sons! Thanks for continuing to be a light in this dark, sin-sick world. I value our friendship and thanks for your words of encouragement, hope, and witness for the Lord! God bless you guys this Christmas Season! Your brother in Christ,

# **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Overcomers Group: Thurs, February 1, 2024; Thurs, February 15, 2024; Thurs, February 29,2024 Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, February 27, 2024

## **End of Year Giving**

Thank you to everyone who donated to Abba's Delight ministry at the end of 2023. Giving for this period was up from the previous year, and we are so grateful for your prayer and financial support. May the Lord multiply blessings back to you for your generous heart.

#### **Ministry Events**

Transformation Ministries Alliance Annual Conference: Leaders Conference (by invitation) May 29-30, 2024 General Conference May 30-June 1, 2024 The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY Go to www.tmacorp.org for complete information

### **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 KY. Continued speaking engagements.

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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