

# **ABBA'S DELIGHT**

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light....1 Peter 2: 9*

## **A Different Christmas Message**

It's the Christmas season, when we hear messages about Jesus leaving heaven to come to earth as a baby to begin His human life; part of Father's plan for mankind's ultimate redemption. I have often personalized the message, considering my own soul's inclusion in this great invitation. Somewhere along the way, I recognized that Father's intent for salvation was for all of mankind, not just mine--although I am included. Jesus came to take on the sins of the entire world, not just mine—although mine are included. But saving us/me from our/my sins is only part of His magnificent plan. Eternity in heaven is only part of His plan, only part of our goal. I have learned over the years as I have walked with the Lord that there is more to my existence than being my Father's adopted son, there is more to my citizenship in His kingdom than just the fire insurance that keeps me out of hell's eternal damnation. Each one of these would be wonderful enough on its own, but there is so much more that He has in His mind and heart for me.

I was created, and was received into His family, to bring glory to His name and to fulfill Father's plan and purposes in my life towards furthering His kingdom as His servant. As a son in the family business, I have specific assignments from my Father throughout my life that I must accomplish in His way, in His timing, and for His glory. Rick Warren was right when he started The Purpose Driven Life telling me it's not about me. So what does this have to do with Christmas?

In my mind I cannot separate the calling that is on my life from Father's plan of sending Jesus in human form to redeem mankind. There is way more to my redemption journey than just my initial, "Jesus, please come into my heart, forgive me of my sins, and change me." I have often said that God has not done in my life all He has done just so He could change me into a swell guy. So, for me, part of the Christmas celebration is that Jesus came into the world to establish the Body of Christ--redeemed sons and daughters who will go to work in the family business, exhibiting His rule and reign on the earth in our lives.

And that is where Abba's Delight comes in. God did not rescue me from homosexuality and sexual addiction for my sake. He did it for His sake and for the sake

of His kingdom. He did it so that those believers struggling to overcome their same-sex attractions who are following along behind me on their journey with the Lord can have the benefit of learning from what Father has invested in my heart and life over these many years. He did it so that Abba's Delight and other ministries like ours can model what it looks like for members of the Body of Christ learning to rely on other members of the Body of Christ for help and healing from life's wounds. Not for my sake, or even for their sake, but for the sake of the King's kingdom continuing to be established on the earth. So, to me Christmas is a celebration not only of the birth of the Messiah, but of the birth of the King who has come to establish His kingdom in the hearts and lives of His adopted family. All of us who get to be a part of His work, no matter what, where, when or with whom, are called, equipped and blessed. And Father is an equal opportunity employer—everyone in the family is eligible to participate in the family business. You don't have to be part of a formal ministry; you just have to "prepare Him room" in your heart to do His work, and He will make way.

As we near closer to the "day" of celebration, I challenge each one to seek the Lord for the coming year to find out if what you are doing is actually what **He** has called you to do for Him. If you are "in between" jobs, seek Him to find out what is your next assignment. Or maybe you have been on a vacation from labor for a time; is it time to re-engage in His business? In your celebration of His coming, ask if He's come this year for something different in your life. Who knows? You may be changed in ways you never could have imagined, and in the process, help change some other saints' lives, as your life proclaims the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

### *Upcoming Ministry Meetings*

There will be no more ministry meetings for the rest of the 2010 calendar year. After New Year's Day, the following meetings will take place:

Family & Friends Support Group: Tues January 4, 2011 and Tuesday January 18, 2011

Overcomers' Support Group: Thurs January 13, 2011 and Thurs January 27, 2011

### *Ongoing Prayer Requests*

Please pray for our web site creation, and for the finances to sustain it. We are not as close as we had hoped, and still desire to get it established.

Please pray for the addition of a couple of new members to our Board of Directors. There are currently seven, including myself. I would like to maintain eight to ten members of the Board. Please ask Father to lead me to those whom He has selected.

Please pray for the ministry's finances. We depend on monetary gifts and ministry fees to operate. Upcoming expenses will be a Leaders' Conference in January, the costs associated with the building and maintaining of the website, and the Exodus Freedom Conference in late spring. *Thank you to those who have been giving already. Father is blessing your generous hearts.*

Please pray that Father will bring new participants to Abba's Delight who are ready to be set free from the bondage they have lived in, and for new family members to find our support group to receive healing and support regarding their loved ones still in the lifestyle. We have received several inquiries regarding the ministry since our inclusion on the Exodus International website as a new Member Ministry. Your prayers are being heard and answered.

### *Financial Support of Abba's Delight*

We are nearing the final days of 2010 and many of you have been praying about where Father will have you sow those end-of-year financial seeds. If the Holy Spirit is not leading you to give, we ask you to pray for His blessing on Abba's Delight. If you do sense His promptings to include us in your giving, we thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your contribution is tax deductible, and will greatly benefit the work Father has called us to do. Some of you have sent in one-time gifts which are so much appreciated; others have been monthly contributors and we thank you for your continued generosity. All of you are a blessing in ways you do not know. Thank you for your faithfulness.

### *FaceBook*

Check out the Abba's Delight page on FaceBook! Become a friend.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
To You All!*

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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*