

# ***ABBA'S DELIGHT***

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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,...Eph. 4:1 ...for we walk by faith, not by sight...2Cor.5:7 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1*

## ***A Giant Leap of Faith***

Nearly 40 years ago, I entered the world of full-time employment. Just prior to that move, I had attended the University of Kentucky as a theater major for one dismal year. (Who needed a college education? Jesus was coming back any minute!) Young, and often stupid, I looked forward to learning how to become self-supporting, self-sufficient, and independent. Over those years, I have had some wonderful jobs and some horrible ones, some great bosses and some horrible ones of those, too. Father has shown me many, many things and taught me an abundance of lessons in those assignments, one of the most important being my journey of learning to trust Him as my provider. And now, I am getting ready to embark on a new assignment from the Lord that will exercise and stretch my (and Fran's) faith as it's never been before, especially in that area of trust.

A couple of months ago, Father began speaking to me about transitioning Abba's Delight ministry into full-time status. Since I began the ministry in April 2008, I've had a desire in my heart to make this move, and believed it would come eventually. We believe now it is time. This direction has been confirmed by the Holy Spirit, Fran, our pastor, and the Abba's Delight Board of Directors. Up until now, I have been holding support group meetings and one-on-one mentoring sessions in the evenings after working my full-time day job. But the Lord has given me so much vision for what more needs to, and could, be done than what my "spare time" after work has allowed.

I have vision to be able to meet with pastors during week days, which I'm finding is the only time most will give, as opposed to evenings and weekends. In fact, there's one pastor in South Louisville who I met last October at a ministers appreciation luncheon. He asked me to make an appointment through his secretary to see him at his office to talk about Abba's Delight, and because of my current time constraints and his we-can-only-meet-in-my-study-during-the-day schedule, we've still not been able to meet. I have wanted to get involved in some of the local ministerial associations and prayer groups to be able to network with pastors and other ministry leaders. Also, being available during the day will free me up to meet with some of my ministry participants, rather than in the evenings, which would free up some of their time as well, especially the

ones with families. And I will also have more time for reading and studying about matters related to unwanted same-sex attractions and leaving behind the gay-lifestyle, as well as have free time to attend seminars and workshops that will aid me in leadership. I will have time to develop teachings from experiences and scriptures I've been carrying around in me for quite some time. The possibilities are great; I've just not had the extra time to see them become realities.

Obviously, in order for us to accomplish our goal to minister full-time, I will be leaving my day job, and will begin seeking support for donations to the ministry from which to draw a salary. In the natural, it would seem that in these ultra-tough and uncertain economic times, seeking financial support would certainly be ill-advised. But for me, that's part of what makes this endeavor seem so perfect in the Lord. I am choosing to believe that what He ordains, He finances. And He does that largely through His people.

Some of you receiving this newsletter for the first time are part of my church family. Many of you in our congregation have already been aware of some of the things Father has been doing in and through the ministry of Abba's Delight. Many of you are members of our family, and friends of mine and Fran's who, over the years, have walked with and supported us through love and prayer for us, and the ministry. Many of you are overcomers yourselves and either have been connected to the ministry in the past or still are. Many have participated in our Family and Friends Support Group as we have helped you deal with the impact of homosexuality on your family through a loved one's involvement. Some of you are friends and/or extended spiritual family who simply believe in what God is doing through our ministry. Many of you have asked to be included on our mailing list as we have exhibited the ministry at conferences or seminars, so that you can be made aware of events and become educated regarding the matters pertaining to Abba's Delight ministry, and others like it. Some of you are pastors and ministry leaders who have extended help to struggling members of your congregations, and realize first-hand the benefit of a ministry like Abba's Delight. I am also aware of at least one situation where one of our newsletter recipients provides a copy to a pastor who doesn't receive it, and our ministry receives prayer for what God has called us to do from that pastor. It is all of you to whom I am appealing now for continued prayer and financial support.

I would ask that each of you seek the Lord about making regular monthly contributions to Abba's Delight ministry, and become a partner in helping us accomplish Father's heart in seeing many, many more lives set free to become the men and women He created them to be, taking back life the enemy has stolen. \$25 per month from each one would accomplish our goal. (That's just a few less Starbuck's trips per month.) Certainly, I realize not everyone is in a position to make that kind of on-going commitment. That is why I ask you to seek the Lord to determine how He may lead you. He may speak to you to send an occasional gift, or He may speak to you business owners

about making a monthly corporate contribution for the tax incentive to the ministry, which is a 501(c)3 Kentucky not-for-profit organization. I would ask that those of you who are pastors please make your congregations aware of our ministry in the event that anyone may want to include Abba's Delight in their regular charitable giving. I ask you all to spread the word, be creative, and seek the Lord as to how you might partner with us. And we thank you for your consideration—I, my wife and family, and the Board of Directors of Abba's Delight.

If you would like to advise of your commitment before sending it, please call me at 502-939-9269, or just return an email to me when you hit Reply. Or you may send in your contribution with a note of commitment to the P O Box listed at the top of the newsletter.

These are truly exciting times and I look forward to sharing in our newsletters in the months ahead how Father is opening up doors, changing lives and setting people free.

#### **Upcoming Ministry Meetings**

Family & Friends Support Group: Tuesday, August 16, 2011; Tuesday, August 30, 2011; Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Overcomers Support Group: Thursday, August 25, 2011; Thursday, September 8, 2011; Thursday, September 22, 2011

#### **"Reconciliation" Movie Public Screening**

We have two FREE public screenings coming up in September, to which the writer/director of the movie will be flying in from California to attend. Chad Ahrendt will be here for the screenings and to answer questions after each viewing. Go to [www.reconciliationmovie.com](http://www.reconciliationmovie.com) for information about the film. Locally, you can purchase your own copy at WalMart and the LifeWay Christian bookstore.

Monday, September 19, 2011 7:00pm at New Life Church, 3402 Goose Creek Rd., Louisville, KY 40241. A love offering will be taken at this event.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 7:00pm at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary campus in Heritage Hall, 2840 Seminary Rd, Louisville, KY 40206

#### **Free Conference in Louisville**

#### **HOMOSEXUALITY & THE CHURCH**

Sponsor: **The Way Out**, the Gender Issues division of Lifeway Christian Resources

Where: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Heritage Hall

When: 1:00pm-9:30pm Tuesday, September 19, 2011

9:00am-3:30pm Wednesday, September 21, 2011

Cost: FREE, with Registration (Lunch on Wednesday is provided if registration is received by Monday, Sept 5)

Speakers: Bob Stith, National Strategist for Gender Issues for the Southern Baptist Convention

Mike Goeke, an associate pastor at Stonegate Fellowship in Midland, TX, Director of Cross Power Ministries, and past Executive Vice-President of Exodus International and currently serves on its Board of Directors

Patrick Payton, Senior Pastor Stonegate Fellowship, SBTS graduate

Christopher Yuan, Bible professor at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, IL and international speaker on issues related to sexuality and those living with AIDS/HIV

### **Responses From You**

*The following are comments on the piece on Sexual Purity from June 2011*

From a brother in the Lord here in Louisville: Great insight on the "M" word, my brother.

From a man I met at the Love Won Out Conference in Cincinnati this past April: Excellent article on sexual purity! You are dead on regarding your points. Well done!!

From another Christian brother here in Louisville: Your newsletter reminded me of a study I participated in several years ago, based on the book Every Man's Battle. You are right on! I believe your newsletter this month is timely and anointed. It's great to see God's anointing working through you. Press on, brother!

From an Exodus ministry leader in Ohio: Nice job, Daniel. Keep up the good work.

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

*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*