

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

## *Learning to Live Life with a Thankful Heart*

A few years ago, Father brought into my life a family, in which one of the teen-age sons was battling unwanted same sex attractions. He had been facing and dealing with this struggle on his own, not having confided in his parents, probably out of fear and shame. His Mom, by God's providence, stumbled onto her son's secret, and she and his Dad brought him to me for help. I mentored their son until he went away to college. However, since that time, his Mom has been a staunch supporter of the work Father has called me to do, and of Abba's Delight since it began in April of last year. She is involved in our Family and Friends support group and regularly prays for my family, the ministry, and me. Recently, the Lord impressed on her heart to write a note to my wife Fran, which I would like to share with you:

*Dear Fran, I wanted to jot a note of appreciation to you. As I reflect on those that sacrifice much for the benefit of others, you come to mind. I don't want your contribution to Abba's Delight to go unnoticed. You willingly sacrifice your time with Daniel to allow him to minister to us—the hurting friends and family members of Abba's Delight. I thank Daniel frequently for his sacrifice and dedication, but you too are deserving of thanks. I am very grateful that Daniel has a loving, supportive wife that enables him to fulfill his calling & ministry from God. Thank you for unselfishly sharing your time with Daniel.*

*He is ministering to us as we walk this uncertain journey, and his dedication, support, guidance and prayers make this bitter pill easier to swallow. Just know that I pray for your family when I praise God for His goodness & provision.*

*I know Daniel couldn't do what he does without you & your support. I thank you Fran from the bottom of my heart. I am blessed to call you a sister in Christ. Love, C.*

This Mom is learning and living Paul's admonition to give thanks in everything. Not for everything, in everything. That her son has identified himself as embracing the gay lifestyle is certainly not something for which she is grateful, but she is learning that she can be thankful for various discoveries she encounters along this journey on which she and her husband, like so many thousands of other hurting parents, spouses, siblings and friends, have found themselves. In this particular instance, she chose to express her

thanks to my Fran.....**and I couldn't agree with her more.** But in addition to this, she has come to learn that she, nor any of us for that matter, has any control over the choices of others, even when those choices cause pain, heartache and misery for themselves, as well as for those who love them.

Cultivating this heart of thankfulness puts our Mom right smack dab in the middle of God's will, and what better place to be in to grow and mature as His daughter!

### [Responses From You](#)

From an Abba's Delight ministry supporter at Southern Seminary in response to last month's article, "So, Who Have You Shot Lately?" Thanks for sharing. This is a good word to the church.

From a Brother in Louisville: Great article!

From another Louisville brother and supporter: Great letter, Daniel....Press on toward your high calling in Christ.

### [Good News from Exodus International](#)

If you remember, in our July Newsletter I mentioned that I had submitted an application to Exodus International to become an official affiliated member ministry. Within the last couple of weeks I have heard back from Exodus that my application has been accepted, so as of October 26, 2009, Abba's Delight is an official Applicant Ministry. This begins a one to two year process of what we pray will be final notification that Abba's Delight has met the requirements to become an Exodus member ministry. Please pray with us for Father's will to be done.

### [Year-End Contributions](#)

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to those of you who have responded to our request to prayerfully consider Abba's Delight as you are sending your final tax-deductible gifts for 2009. We covet your prayers and need your financial assistance to carry on faithfully the work of bringing Father's love, hope and healing to those who have been wounded and trapped by homosexuality's grip.

## ***HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING!!!!***

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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*

