



*Ministering Hope, Healing and Wholeness
to the Relationally & Sexually Wounded
Through the Power of the Cross!*

A Refuge of Hope, Understanding, Grace & Truth

Here is our Vision & Mission Statement. I thought it would be a good idea to let you see and read it so that you can be in agreement with what we feel God is calling us to do.

VISION STATEMENT

To be a refuge of hope and a resource of understanding for those affected by homosexuality and other areas of sexual & relational brokenness, for the Church, and for the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

To offer the truth, grace, and hope of God, as found in His inerrant Word, to those affected by homosexuality and other areas of sexual & relational brokenness; to equip the Church to effectively minister to those who have been affected by homosexuality and other areas of sexual & relational brokenness; and to proclaim the truth and grace of God, particularly as it relates to homosexuality and other areas of sexual & relational brokenness, to the world.

I believe we are a refuge of hope and a resource of understanding. We continue to hear from those who attend how grateful they are for a place they can come and feel safe and be understood for the first time in their lives. They are encouraged to find the truth that Jesus loves them and that He will continue to extend His grace in the midst of their struggles and failures as they learn to walk in obedience. Here they have the opportunity to share in a safe, confidential environment where they will be met with Gods love, grace and truth. It is a place where they will not only receive the love and grace of God, but also the truth that they must be willing to deny themselves and walk in obedience to His word.

Not only do we minister and pray with hundreds of individuals here at Exchange, we also have the opportunity to assist many of them in attending the annual Exodus Conference. Last year we assisted 23 people to

attend the conference. This year we are able to assist 15 individuals to attend the 34th Exodus Freedom Conference in Wheaton, IL. Many of these individuals would not be able to attend and participate in this great time of healing, encouragement and transformation without your prayers and financial support. The Exodus conference is a great resource for those impacted by homosexuality. The worship, teaching and ministry is a great time of healing, equipping and preparing attendees to work through the issues surrounding this struggle in their own lives. At this conference they will have the opportunity to meet hundreds of other individuals who are on the same journey, learning to apply truth and walk in obedience to God as He transforms their lives. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and receive ministry from some gifted teachers who have been walking out this struggle in their own lives for decades now. We all need others who will walk beside us in our journey and it's always encouraging to hear how God has sustained others in walking through similar trials, tribulations and struggles in their own lives and have persevered.

James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Financial News

Operating Budget	Ministry Needs!
January 01, 2009 thru December 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intercessors • Prayer Partners • Financial Partners • Opportunity to meet your Pastor
\$92,482.50	<p><i>Proverbs 8:17</i> <i>I love those who love me,</i> <i>and those who seek me find me.</i></p>
Monthly Need \$7,707	
Current Shortfall -\$19,653.26	
Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.	

What If

Like the first drop on a roller coaster, my heart leapt into my throat to hear the words from my son's mouth, "Mom, I'm gay." Almost imperceptibly, fear's first "what ifs" entered my mind. "What if other people find out?"; "What if he gets beat up by his father?"; "What if he gets an STD...or AIDS?"; "What if he disappears and I never see him again?"; "What if he doesn't make it to Heaven?"

What started as a whisper of seemingly reasonable and legitimate concerns turned into all-out inward screaming, top-of-the-lungs *TORMENT*. Day and night, I became consumed with the imagination of all that could go wrong. After all, hadn't sin opened the door for Satan to bring about destruction? In my mind, it was all over but the crying. By the end of a week, I was a wreck: physically worn down with the weight of care and not able to lift myself from bed. For an entire Saturday with the covers over my head I sobbed, wondering, God where are you? When I cried out to Him, pouring out all the "what ifs" He gently poured out His OWN "what ifs" onto me:

My child,

What if you cast all your cares on Me because I care for you?

What if you'll really and truly entrust your precious son to me?

What if you choose to take every thought captive to

the obedience of Christ?

What if you'll think about whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy?

I'm learning that my fear was the direct result of choosing to consider the enemy's lies over the truth in God's Word. I don't have to be afraid because my son is gay. I don't have to worry what's going to happen, because God said he is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. The Almighty Lord of Heaven and earth is working out a beautiful story of grace and redemption. Now, two years from that frightful first day, God's perspective has become more clear. I am eager to express unconditional love to my son and his partner, to pray and speak blessings over them: that they would know the truth and the truth would set them free, that the Lord would grant them all the deep desires of their hearts. These days I find myself journaling the events as they unfold, so one day we can all look back and marvel at God's amazing grace, every step of the way.

What if you join me?

"A Mom"



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Member Ministry

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No Meetings in July

Please pray for the ministry, leaders, and participants as we attend the Exodus conference and seek the Lord for continued direction and purpose for the ministry of Exchange.

Our weekly meetings will begin meeting in our new location August 3rd. We will be meeting in the Counseling Center of First Baptist Orlando. Located at the Southwest corner of the First Baptist Campus.

Meetings will resume in August as follows:

Parents & Loved Ones
August 3rd @ 7:00 PM

Men's
Beginning August 10th @ 7:15 PM

Women's & Spouses
Beginning August 17th @ 7:15 PM

August 17th we will hear testimonies from those who attended the Exodus Conference. Come and see how God moved in the lives of those who attended.

Please check our website for additional information.

Please pray with me for our facilitators, who give themselves unselfishly to this work. We greatly appreciate their dedicated service and without them this ministry would not be possible!

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| Scott Moffet | Scott Shattuck |
| Tracy Moffet | Matthew Walker |