



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

We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ

We are currently studying Neal Anderson's book "The Bondage Breaker". What a powerful book for those who are striving to walk in total freedom in every area of their lives. We are being reminded as to why we are fighting the battle and against whom. *Eph 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*NIV

Sometimes as Christians, we tend to forget that Satan is still out to get us. *1 Peter 5:8 "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."* NIV We must always be on our guard and watching for the little things the enemy will put in our path to cause us to stumble. We need to not only memorize but to put that memorization into practice. *2 Cor*

10:5 "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." NIV. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we have been given authority over the enemy and all his plans. However, we must be willing to stand firm and impart the authority that we have been given as keepers of His word.

It is always disheartening to minister and pray with individuals who are not willing to do the hard work it takes to be victorious in Christ. I just continue to pray that those who are broken, wounded and weak would press into the strength found only in Him. There are many that are walking in freedom by simply applying His word. We need to be in healthy, affirming, validating, and accountable relationships to continue to walk in purity and freedom. The word and promises of God are for all who choose to accept and apply

them. We need to understand that He will lead and guide us, but we must do our part. We must not only be hearers of the word but doers of His word. We have a responsibility to acknowledge that the enemy is doing all he can to convince us that we are failures and will never change. God's word tells that "he who is in us is greater than he who is in the world."

We have come to a place where *2 Tim 4:3-4* is very real "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."NIV

Please stand with me and pray that the truth of God's word would go forth to each and every child of God.

Financial News

Operating Budget
January 01, 2007 thru December 2007
\$98,100.00

Please help us meet our monthly budget of \$8175.00 .

We are in need of additional office staff. This will only be made possible by the provision of God through the lives of each of you.
Please pray how you might partner with us to meet this financial need.

Ministry Needs!

- Additional Prayer Warriors
- Additional Financial Partners
- New Speaking Opportunities

2 Corinthians 9:12 So two good things happen as a result of your gifts, those in need are helped, and they overflow with thanks to God. T L B

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS

Come join us on the first Monday of each month for a time of worships, prayer, teaching and fellowship for those who have loved ones struggling with areas of their sexual identity. We meet in Calvary Assembly's Education Building in room 104 /108 at 7:00 PM.

Our facilitator Sherry Rowe, is looking forward to meeting and ministering with you.

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

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| Bob & Linda Bryce | Dale Deaton |
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On July 29, 2006 my life took a radical turn. I started and finished the Alan Medinger book, "Growth Into Manhood", that Saturday. The book, given to me by my wife, had been sitting in my home office for at least a year. Unopened and unread, the book seemed to move about my office, mostly in the way. As a last minute thought, I put it into the book bag we were putting together for a long weekend trip to the beach. My marriage was in serious trouble and this trip to the beach seemed to be a last ditch effort to see if it was worth saving.

I was spiraling out of control. My same-sex attraction to other men was getting stronger. My sexual fantasy life and my addiction to gay pornography were increasing. I was seriously entertaining thoughts of divorce so I could go and find "Mr. Right".

As I sat on the beach and began reading the "Growth Into Manhood" book, I saw pieces and parts of myself on almost every page. After we went

back to our hotel room, I kept reading. It was the first time in my life to understand that I was not born gay. I began to see and understand that the circumstances and choices I made in my early years caused me to sexualize my valid male emotional needs. A distant father who was rarely around contributed to my loss of self-esteem and self-worth as a young man. Yes, I was a mess and if I continued to pursue my same-sex desires the book was telling me that I would only sink deeper.

That night, I had a cathartic event telling my wife my feelings about the book and how it mirrored what I'd been feeling. We agreed to seek help and look for a solution to my problems. That led me to the Exchange Ministries website and, in turn, joining the weekly group sessions.

As I'm writing this, it's exactly 4 months to the day since my life changed. I've done lots of soul searching and thinking about numerous events in my past trying to analyze what has brought me to the point I find myself just 4 months later. I'm getting better every day. God has revealed His mercy and grace to me as I travel on this journey. I'm eagerly anticipating where I'll be in this process when July 29, 2007 rolls around to celebrate my one-year anniversary of my rebirth as a man.

Bill

**Homosexuality and the Church
February 16 - 17, 2007**

First Presbyterian Church of Orlando

For those who want to learn more about homosexuality, those who struggle with unwanted same-sex attraction, or have a loved one involved in homosexuality. For more information and to register go to www.Oneby1.org

Florida Exodus Regional Conference

Friday, March 23 - 25, 2007

Blue Springs Baptist Convention Center, Mariana, FL .

Keynote Speaker: **JOE DALLAS**
Cost \$175.00 (all inclusive)
Conference begins with check-in at 3:00 p.m. on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday.

For registration information, contact Myra Noyes at 904-778-2150 or myranoyes@bellsouth.net

Exodus Freedom conference

Concordia University, Irvine CA
June 26—July 1, 2007 is now available for registration at www.exodus.to. Take advantage of the early bird discount and register today.



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