



“Let him who is without sin cast the First Stone”

And Jesus also said, “Go and sin no more.” John 8

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The Good Gift

by Linda J

My parents were from Oklahoma and grew up in rural towns. Dad only had a 6th-grade education. Back then, it wasn't as important as it is now. Dad came from a hard-working family and grew up picking cotton. When mom graduated from high school, she went to work as an accountant for Culligan Water. Mom and dad met there, and mom called him her "Culligan Man". After they married, mom was a housewife and they started working on a family. Dad was called-up for the Korean War and served as Staff Sergeant. My oldest brother was born while dad was being trained. Dad got to come home briefly to meet his son before being deployed to Korea. After the war, dad went to the oil fields. Soon they had a family with two boys and two girls and now, mom was expecting me.



As mom entered her seventh month of pregnancy with me, my 5-year old brother was in a falling accident in my grandmother's yard. He died a few days later. My family was heartbroken; however, the heartbreak was made worse when an investigation for child abuse began as a result of his death. So, my mom was grieving her son, frightened from the investigation and was very pregnant with me. There was little comfort for her and she felt depressed, isolated and alone. She was highly stressed and this resulted in complications in her pregnancy. It was here, in the womb, where my struggle for my identity began.

She began to hemorrhage, delivered early and mom and I almost died in the process.

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I arrived weighing only 3 lbs, 13 ozs and was immediately taken and put in an incubator where I would stay for a month. Mom was unconscious and hospitalized for some days afterward. I had to stay behind in the hospital to grow but mom, even as she remained under a lot of stress and grief, visited me daily.

I was so tiny when I came home that my dad and grandmother both refused to hold me. I guess my size frightened them. My crib was a small whiskey crate they aquired from next door. I was fragile and my needs were huge. My feeding requirements meant they had to wake me every hour to feed me one tablespoon of formula. Mom said this would take anywhere from 15-20 minutes each time. I can't imagine how exhausted they must have been.

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This publication is produced by First Stone Ministries (FSM). Since its founding in 1976, FSM has been an independent nondenominational, Christ-centered, para-church organization. We are a full-time ministry with ordained ministers and discipleship staff and are governed by a Board of Directors to ensure financial and ethical accountability.

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Our primary purpose is to lead the sexually and relationally broken into a liberating relationship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Discipleship and restoration in every area of one's life is stressed; however, there is detailed emphasis on overcoming all forms of sexual brokenness including homosexuality, sexual abuse and addiction to pornography.

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My bond with my mom was not very good. I guess I failed to bond with her because of separation in the hospital and the trauma the family was going through. I became fiercely independent and called my mom only by her first name until I was 5-years old.

We continued to live in rural Oklahoma. My parents worked hard. Even though we were "oil field trash," we weren't poor by any means. My mom was an excellent seamstress and made a lot of our clothing, but the hand-me-down barrel, supplied by our older cousins, was our "go-to" every school year. Dad was a great provider. He had worked his way up in his job and was their top, Mud Engineer. In addition to his oil field job, he found time to hunt small game, fish for crappie and plant a garden yearly. In the fall, he helped my uncles butcher a hog. Mom canned many things from the garden, so we always had a freezer full of food and we never went without!

Yet as I grew, I began to believe that men had privileges that women didn't. I believed that my mom was basically a slave to my dad and to virtually any male in the house. The men were waited-on hand and foot. All my mom ever did was cook, clean, iron, and shop. She seldom rested, and I rarely saw her do anything that I would consider fun—other than playing cards or working a puzzle.

The three of us girls were usually responsible for washing the dishes and putting them away. I don't remember my brother helping with the dishes, though he may have. What I do remember thinking was, "Men have it made!" I sought to be like them! The stuff my dad, brother, and uncle did really held appeal for me so, I strove to take the place of my dead brother. Whether or not all these things were real or just perceived in my mind didn't matter. **These are the things that I believed in my heart to be true, and these feelings affected the**



view of my own femininity and set my direction.

Mom took us to church. She ensured that we attended Sunday school. My dad never attended church though he spoke of his pentecostal background a few times. I fell in love with Jesus at the young age of six and gave my heart to Him. However, the "cliques" and "class" differences in our Sunday school, along with the constant teasing and taunting by my classmates, drove me from the church at age

thirteen. I figured that, if that was all church was, I could be a better Christian without it.

Growing up, I felt that I was living in my older brother's shadow and believed that my father cherished him over me. I believed that, if I were a boy, my dad would have loved me more. I was also in a constant struggle with the sister nearest my age. There was a lot of hostility between us and, once again, I believed my dad favored her more than me. My school life wasn't much better. I had no real friends to speak of. Even when I had crushes on boys in high school, they teased or bullied me. It seemed that any time I would trust someone or share my heart, they would turn around and use it against me. I felt that everyone hated me, and I grew to particularly despise men.

Our hard-working country life, our self-sufficiency, along with my detached independence, carried me through my school years and beyond. I grew to only need people if they had what I needed. And yet, I was

emotionally starving, ripe for trouble.

Even in those difficult early years, I had many areas where I really enjoyed my life and knew how to have fun; however, I was full of anxiety and loneliness and had a hard time managing. When I was 7, I discovered masturbation for pleasure and eventually comfort. At the time, I didn't even know it was sexual, but I was hooked. It would eventually be a habitual part of my life for many, many years to come.

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Equality Act HR2282 Threatens Religious Liberty and Free Speech

(from the January 28, 2019 Press Release by Pastor Stephen Broden)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28, 2019 /[Christian Newswire](#)/ -- Several courageous religious leaders, pastors, pro-life/pro-family activist, and academics have founded the Gone Too Far Movement (GTFM) have united to challenge the attempt to hijack America's Civil Rights laws with the pending Equality Act H.R. 2282 in Congress. Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI) is the House sponsor of H.R. 2282. To date, he has 201 co-sponsors including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Black Caucus Chair Rep. Karen Bass (D-CA), and Black Caucus Dean John Lewis (D-GA).

Press Conference

The Gone Too Far press conference was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 12 noon Eastern Time at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20045. First line of speakers were, Pastor Stephen Broden, Dr. Randy Short, next was, Scott Lively, Peter LaBarbera, and finally, Pastor Dan Fisher standing in for Paul Blair, and Stephen Black. The conference was opened to the public and had a good turnout for a small press conference.

The Gone Too Far Movement (GTFM)

The GTFM recognizes that the Equality Act H.R. 2282 is a dangerous, irresponsible, outlandish, morally perverse, and socially deleterious legislation. The Equality Act poses a direct threat to religious freedom and the dignity of Blacks and women by blending the immutability of sex and race with radical-LGBTQ theories, and H.R. 2282 aims to amend 59 existing federal laws and regulations. GTFM believes that H.R. 2282 if passed, will create a dangerous legal precedent creating social chaos and legal loopholes permitting reverse discrimination, and it has the potential to establish legal protections for previously illegal sexual practices and conduct. The GTFM will issue a Proclamation of Faith opposed to the Equality Act and call for the Congressional Black Caucus to resign. The Gone Too Far Movement is bi-partisan, interracial, interfaith, and a nationwide collection of Americans who want to protect and preserve faith, family, freedom, traditional values, and to counter the movement to legalize pedophilia.

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Around 6th grade, my home life took a dark turn. An uncle I was close to took an unnatural interest in me and began to molest me. This was also the first time that my conscience really got to me. Somehow his sinful actions made me aware that my own habits were also sinfully wrong. This created a lot of confusion for me. **Those interactions with him eventually sent me down a path of sexual immorality that I knew was wrong, but I couldn't stop.**

The abuse continued until I was a junior in high school. It only stopped when I found the ability to say "no." The night I did, he did stop and never approached me again; however, I went to bed terrified that he would come in the night. I don't know what I thought he might do, but I know I got up early the next morning and told my mom that my uncle had "tried to touch me last night." I didn't have the courage to tell her of all the other times he had already touched me, yet I had said nothing.

My dad was never the same towards me after that; my uncle also became very cool toward me and I never accompanied them on fishing trips again. Strangely, I justified my uncle's behavior as part of his excessive drinking and felt that it was forgivable; however, I felt that what relationship I had with my dad was now gone and believed that my dad chose his brother over me. **It felt like a betrayal—that he loved his brother more than me. It was years before I could forgive my dad for that. And, it was years before I could forgive my uncle for taking dad from me.**

I shed no tears as I left high school for college. I hoped it would bring me different opportunities for friendships and romance. I tried dating, but when I refused their advances, they left, and I quickly concluded that boys weren't really interested in relationships. This was a huge put-off to me and only reinforced what I had learned from my experience that men either wanted to keep you in your place or they were only after one thing. I did have one fairly serious relationship with a guy during this time and, if he had ever indicated that he really loved me, I probably would have gone "all the way" with him.

At the age of twenty, my world was turned upside down when my dad suddenly passed away. It made me realize that life was short and that Jesus was eternal. I broke off the relationship with the guy and turned toward God again. I returned to church and joined the Baptist Student Union (BSU) music group. At the BSU I became friends with a young woman. We became emotionally entangled. I defaulted into the only other way I



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knew how to connect with people—it led to my first homosexual experience. We quickly became so close that we could almost complete each other's sentences. To me, it seemed like it was what I had been missing all my life.

I graduated from college and moved to my first job. My friend wasn't far away but was still at college. I had a four-day work week with three days off. I would drive over and get her every weekend and it seemed like a magical time for us. Even after I moved to a different town, I would drive up to see her and rent a hotel room. Yet, I was still pursuing God too and still attending church. One day, on my way home from a weekend with her, I heard the Lord in my spirit, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God." I knew what He was talking about—I was crossing a line, but my heart was so attached!

For almost a year we tried desperately to maintain a friendship with each other, but we always fell back into a sexual relationship. A turning point came as I was studying the Bible one evening. I read, "Stop being deceived, bad company corrupts good morals, come to your senses and stop sinning, I say this to your shame – some of you don't fully know God." (1 Cor 15:33-34) This resonated in my spirit like a bell and I knew that I had to make a choice. So, I called her and broke off our relationship and devoted myself to God.

I began pouring myself into church, Bible study and learning more about God. My family and church had no idea that I been struggling with homosexuality, and I saw no reason to tell them. But, I knew that my heart was still captured by homosexual tendencies and compulsive masturbation.

My years in church gave me very little to hope for freedom. All I had ever heard preached about homosexuality was hopeless. There was no hope of redemption for someone like me. I was an "abomination"; I had been given up to a "reprobate mind"; I was unable to "inherit the Kingdom of God." I consoled myself for a time that a life of abstinence and constant repentance for my thoughts was the best result I could have; however, something in my spirit refused to believe that I was "hopeless," because I also believed that God was who He said He was in His word. I kept going back to the same verses that condemned me and kept looking for hope and redemption. And, suddenly there it was in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11! Verse 11 reads, "and such were some of you, but you were washed, you were sanctified, and you were justified in the name of the

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Lord Jesus Christ and by His Spirit.” That was the hope I had been looking for! I threw my heart fully toward the Lord and started serving Him in any way that I could. After all, *“whoever is forgiven much, loves much.”* (Luke 7:47) I started singing specials at the church and fell deeply in love with Him again through music and hearing the Word. Eventually, I became the worship leader in my small church.

I served God with love, gratitude, and devotion, but I continued to struggle with my emotional needs, fantasy, and masturbation. A traveling missionary group came through our church and I volunteered to drive for them across the country on their tour. I became fast friends with one of the gals on the team and we became over attached and fell into a relationship. We really wanted the friendship more, but we struggled to get it onto good ground. This continued for a while even as I answered a call to the mission field overseas and planned to go for a year. Going into missions became a 14-year time of service.

I remained virtually struggle free for almost ten years. My main struggle was with occasional masturbation. It was during these ten years that I left the Bible school that I had gone to serve and then served two different organizations in the same country consecutively. I eventually became involved with the deaf community and founded a school for the deaf in the city where I was living.

We had our difficulties with finances and faculty, but after five years the school was getting established, growing and our accreditation process for all grade levels was in full-swing. However, unknown to me, after all those years, I had become burned out and emotionally desperate. Too much work, not enough rest, and too much isolation left me empty. That’s when a young woman came over to work with the school for several months. In the beginning, I wasn’t attracted to her at all. I was very focused on the school and the daily running of the operation. Unfortunately, she became attracted to me. When things began to happen, my good sense just left me for some reason, I became confused, attracted and horribly entangled. There wasn’t much that went on between us, but I know that from that point on that I was uncontrollably drawn to her physically and emotionally. I was trapped and I was heading for an emotional breakdown of epic proportions.

After this woman returned to the states, I became distraught at how close I had been to really falling headlong with her. I just wanted to go back to the U.S. to find some help. She knew I was desperate and tried to find me help too. I contacted my sending-church, but their response was not good. They demanded that I immediately close the school and return stateside. I knew in my heart that I couldn’t close the school and abandon the children and faculty in the middle of a school year. We had just finished applying for accreditation for all grade levels. I told the church that I would find a new administrator for the school within six months and then return.

I guess that wasn’t good enough for them because, shortly after this discussion, they sent a letter to my family’s home decommissioning me as a missionary. The letter’s contents inadvertently “outed” me to my family. The past I had tried so hard to shelter me and my family from what was now exposed for all to know.

The letter from my church devastated my heart. I was “disqualified” from ministry. The conditions for restoration were simple to them. Someone had to testify on my behalf that I no longer engaged in homosexual activity, that I was no longer being tempted homosexually, that I no longer had any homosexual thoughts, and that I was free from the effects of homosexuality.

I completely lost my trust in them and honestly, they pretty much abandoned me while I was on the field. Using the Internet, I reached out to several organizations for help with my struggle, but the only reply I received was from a woman at First Stone Ministries (FSM); her name was Laura Leigh Stanlake.

She expressed concerns about trying to help from such a distance and that such ministry should really be done face to face.

Face to face was not an option at that time and so I dismissed her too. I can’t begin to explain the amount of despair I felt at that point. I became so angry that I decided that, if they wanted to treat me like I had fallen all the way, then I would just go for it. So, I began looking at Internet porn.

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My email had been silent for months now and I began to get depressed, so I decided that I would commit suicide. I figured it would solve everyone’s problem—the church wouldn’t have to deal with me, my family wouldn’t be embarrassed by me and I wouldn’t have to struggle with homosexual thoughts or actions anymore... a triple win!

I began to plan an “accidental” death that I thought would not hurt my family; I would just “slip” off a cliff in mountains and die. Only God and I would know the difference. I set a date, “But God!...”

Unknown to me, 8000 miles away, God had been prompting Laura Leigh at FSM to piece together her computer in the middle of the floor of their offices where they were doing renovations. She typed out a simple email and sent it saying, “It has been a while since I have heard from you and I thought I would try and make contact again. How are you doing?”

The night before I was leaving to “do the deed”, I checked my email one last time. I saw FSM in my inbox and thought, “HUMPH! WHAT DO THEY WANT?!” I opened it and read it. I thought, “REALLY?!?! HOW AM I DOING?!?” If I remember right, my email back to her started in that sarcastic tone. I’m surprised that her computer didn’t melt down when it hit her inbox. I didn’t tell her that I was about to take my life, but I did tell her everything that had happened with my church, my family and with the porn. I told her that I would be gone for

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three days and that would be the amount of time I would give her to decide if she really wanted to try and help me from a distance. Well, her email literally kept me from stepping off a cliff. When I arrived back at the school, her next email offered me a safe place to come for help.

I extracted myself from my "mission" overseas and moved to Oklahoma City. At first, most of my family shunned me and then, in some weird turn, they began to give me approval to pursue my homosexual feelings. I was so grateful that FSM was there to support me in my restoration. There was a lot of confusion in my life then and the only expectations FSM put on me, other than seeking Jesus, was that I would keep pressing forward towards the Cross of Christ and to freedom.

At the beginning of my journey, I was very little help. I was only able to cry with pain and tell my life story. I had so much grief, pain and shame built up. I had never dealt with the roots of my same-sex attraction (SSA). I didn't even realize what they were at the time. One of my first assignments was journaling and it helped me get perspective on what I was thinking, feeling and believing. It was there where I was able to release a lot of hurt, fear, and rage that had been hiding for so long. I came to realize that I was disconnected from myself, from my mom and practically everyone from the very beginning. I had been so isolated for so long that my hunger for connection had been an overwhelming force driving me. **I soon discovered that, in spite of my destructive tendencies, Jesus had been pursuing me all the time.**

As I began adjusting to my world in Oklahoma, I found a job to support myself. I also began building a life with healthy routines, like regular visits for discipleship, church community and support group. These were all part of my early restoration and gave me tools where I slowly learned to say "no" to my destructive patterns and began to take better care of my soul.

Yet, deep down, I was struggling to understand what "life" looked like. My life always seemed to be a tortuous rope climb, where each time I fell, I had to start all over again at the bottom. This contrasted with how FSM was teaching me that life, my life, is a journey of walking with Jesus. FSM showed me that life was like walking down a hall with Jesus. If I were to fall, when I stood back up, I wouldn't be back in the room that I had left, but I would still be down the hall with Him. So no matter how many times I might get knocked down or stumble, I am always further along the way than when I had begun.

One night when I was struggling with guilt and shame, God spoke to me and said, "Yes, Linda, you fell, but you never fell from my favor." Those words gave my heart permission to feel

God's grace and mercy for things that I had done, instead of embracing the guilt and shame for them. It also made me realize that I hadn't ever been "qualified" to serve Him in the first place and that I had always served at His pleasure and with His favor. I finally understood that it is Christ who is in control of my "restoration," not a church.

I also began to forgive others for what they had done to me. It was then that, instead of just enduring my pain, I began to take my pain to Jesus. I found that He gladly accepts all that I bring to Him and always gives me love and reassurance that I am His. This is where I learned the importance of dealing with difficulties rather than ignoring or going around them.

Walking with Jesus has helped me deal with attitudes of pride and judgment, which has helped me grow in my relationships.

As I have dealt with each issue with forgiveness and grace, much of my emotional and sexual addiction began to heal and fall away. I now push through to discover how to work through my emotionally dependent ways in order to have healthy, same-sex relationships.

I have outgrown the need to have just one person to meet all my relational needs. I now stay involved with godly women who know

about my past struggle. I stay accountable for my heart and temptations and with God's help, although I am still fiercely independent and have a strong sense of what is just or unjust, I have learned to remain consistent in relationship with God and with His people anyway! Best of all, healing in these areas led to a wonderful time of restoration with my mom for several years before her death. That old detachment was gone; true love and nurture were exchanged freely, and I am grateful.

First Stone's support was vital to my well-being and my restoration. God promised me when Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." FSM and Living Waters has helped me learn how to keep standing up into that truth and freedom He promised.

There have been many important truths and milestones that have been part of my healing. **Perhaps one of the most significant of all is the truth is that God gave me the good gift of being a woman. I have laid down the harsh, stereotypical view of femininity that I once had. I am at peace with the gift of femininity that He bestowed on me and that gift is in my possession and I'm not letting go.** I know I have the freedom to choose to be the woman He created me to be and He is giving me a lifetime to unwrap that gift with Him.



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Press Release for God's Voice Conference - Nov '18

God's Voice Conference to Equip Christians to Stand Against 'LGBTQ+ Christianity' Inside the Church

Contact: Don Otis, 719-275-7775 for interviews of the speakers.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, Nov. 6, 2018 -- In response to recent attempts to "revoice" God's Word on the critical issues of human sexuality and identity, First Stone Ministries is pleased to announce the GOD'S VOICE Conference, taking place Feb. 22 and 23, 2019, at [Fairview Baptist Church in Edmond, OK](#).

Subtitled: "A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church," the GOD'S VOICE Conference will be the Scriptural counter to a new "LGBTQ+ Christian" effort called Revoice, which has affirmed "gay, lesbian, same-sex-attracted, and other gender and sexual minority Christians," "mixed-orientation marriages" and the concept of "redeeming queer culture."

Organizer and conference speaker Stephen Black, executive director of First Stone Ministries, says, "it's imperative that biblically faithful Christians, churches and denominations awaken to the threat of this new 'LGBTQ+' narrative, which radical activists and psychologists are pushing on our congregations." In a continued response, Black says, "the church must once again listen only to the eternal, unchanging voice of God, whose Word alone conveys the truth about biblical sexuality and human identity."

"We are living in a day when Bible-believing churches are being hit with a tsunami of an 'LGBTQ+ Christian' narrative," Black said. "Many are being lied to by this messaging that LGBTQ+ people have a fixed orientation and that grace covers their same-sex attractions, leaving people stuck in sin and broken identities. This movement has a form of religion, but denies the power of the Holy Spirit, who transforms souls through the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ!"

Co-organizer and conference speaker Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans for Truth about Homosexuality, says "it is time for the church to take a firm and unwavering stand against the encroaching, unbiblical message of 'sexual minorities' and 'sexual orientation.'"

LaBarbera continues by saying, "Standing on God's infallible Word, our team of experts will dissect the web of lies that hold subversive 'queer Christianity' together. We will show how Revoice and the expanding, cunning 'LGBTQ+ Christian' network are rooted not in the Bible, but in the same homosexualist ideology that has turned truth and God's created order on their heads in our culture. We cannot stand by and allow this same LGBTQ+ ideology to be advanced in the name of Jesus Christ!"

Other GOD'S VOICE Conference speakers include Dr. David Pickup, a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, practices a private psychotherapy in Dallas, Texas; the Rev. Thomas Littleton, Southern Baptist pastor and evangelist; the Rev. Al Baker, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. We also have a special addition, as the conference worship leader, Dennis Jernigan, a modern-day psalmist who has written thousands of worship songs and hymns, and Janet Mefferd, host of the nationally syndicated, daily Christian radio talk shows "Janet Mefferd Today" and "Janet Mefferd Live."

Black added that above all, the GOD'S VOICE Conference is designed to share the love of God and the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone who attends. "This conference will be filled with the Word of God and His testimonies of transformation to bless the believer and unbeliever alike," Black said.

The GOD'S VOICE Conference is set for Friday evening, Feb. 22, and Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019, at Fairview Baptist Church, 1230 N. Sooner Rd, Edmond, OK 73034.

Registration: \$75

To register and obtain more information, visit www.godsvoice.us. Also, be sure to connect with GOD'S VOICE Conference on Facebook, (www.facebook.com/GodsVoiceConference) Twitter (@GodsVoiceConf) and on Instagram at www.instagram.com/GodsVoiceConference.

First Stone Ministries is a 501(c)3, non-profit and non-denominational organization that ministers, educates and helps lead people to freedom from homosexuality and sexual brokenness through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord.

For more information, interviews or media please contact Don Otis at: 719.275.7775 or you can use the contact form at First Stone Ministries www.firststone.org/contact-us.



Is Oklahoma Ready to Ban Counseling and Therapy for Sexually Confused Youth?

by Stephen Black

Oklahoma HB2456 by Rep. Jason Dunnington, who is being used by the LGBTQ community to further their obvious goal of recruitment of binding children into LGBTQ+ chaos. People who have common sense can see this goal. The goal has always been recruitment and the normalization of homosexuality. Laws banning therapy and counseling for youth are clear, they demand that sexually confused children to enter the ranks of the LGBTQ+ community and not find any resolve of traumas or true freedom. The bills are truly the "MUST STAY GAY!" bills being forced on our youth across our nation. Unfortunately there are few bold pastors or courageous leaders willing to call attention to this erosion. This is tragic in our day. Don't be naive folks, this really is about recruitment and lust.

You can read about this bill, HB2456 here: <http://bit.ly/ok-hb2456>

It is heartbreaking to read that OK House Rep. Dunnington, with a degree in Christian theology doesn't believe the Gospel nor the power of grace of God to change & transform lives out of LGBTQ chaos! Instead, he is propagating a purposed law to stop counseling for sexually confused youth by presenting this "MUST STAY GAY" bill HB2456. I am so grateful for 35 years of freedom from homosexuality. I have also served hundreds of other people who have also found freedom. I am so grateful for the [First Stone Ministries Effectiveness Survey](#) was taken for the the Freedom Realized project to go into my book. The results conclusively revealed that 73% participants over a 25 year period receiving ministry at First Stone Ministries found lasting freedom!

It is a pitiful day when Oklahoma Lawmakers who call themselves Christians align with such diabolical goals of the ruse propaganda of the so-called fear-mongering term "Conversion Therapy." This is a direct association with aversion therapy with pain therapy which is not offered anywhere! What is offered is counseling and talk therapy, as is offered in any counseling or therapy. We need to stand to help our sexually confused and addicted youth to find necessary counseling.. What [First Stone Ministries](#) offers is: pastoral care, discipleship and support groups presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We also offer public speaking, seminars and conferences.

Please help us by calling your representative and say, "No!" to HB2456.



* People shown above are not actual clients. They are only a representation of people wanting help.

A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church

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FEBRUARY 22 & 23

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

GOD'S VOICE will bring biblical clarity to the recent confusion surrounding the issues of "re-voiced" sexuality and "LGBTQ+ Christians." **GOD'S VOICE** will present a biblical response to the queering* of the church of Jesus Christ, in an effort to teach, strengthen and encourage believers and Christian leaders across all denominations to stand on the inerrant, unchanging and life-transforming power of the Word of God. What the church needs now is **GOD'S VOICE!**

"But this command I gave them: 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be my people. And walk in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you.'" - Jeremiah 7:23

www.godsvoice.us (Visit our website to register and for additional conference details)

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Saturday Afternoon 1:30 – 5:45 p.m.
Saturday Evening 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Janet Mefferd
Dallas, TX



Rev. Al Baker
Birmingham, AL



Rev. Tom Littleton
Birmingham, AL



**Worship Leader
Dennis Jernigan**
Muskogee, OK



Peter LaBarbera
Chicago, IL



Stephen Black
Oklahoma City, OK



David Pickup
Dallas, TX

* **Why This Term?** “Queering” is not a term that anyone on the GOD’S VOICE Committee or team enjoys hearing, seeing or repeating. The words “queer” and “queering” used to mean something derogatory, but not anymore. Today, “queer” is how the LGBTQ+ community is now delightfully communicating about themselves. “Queer” and the idea of “queering the church” is from the “LGBTQ+ Christian” movement. The term “queer” or “queering” is the idea of adding something unique to whatever is connected or next to the word. The LGBTQ+ community believes “queer” is identifying all things in LGBTQ+ as unique and good. The decision to use the conference subtitle: “A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church” is a result of those who are busy promoting “revoicing” the church to embrace all things “queer” as good, and even holy. The “LGBTQ+ Christians” go as far as communicating that there will be “queer treasure found in heaven.” The GOD’S VOICE Committee and the team supporting the conference are people who are grieved at what is transpiring in the church. We could not disagree more about the empowering the LGBTQ+ way of life, calling “queer” good, knowing that this way of life and the corrupt identification only leads to further deception, chaos and for some, even death. We are praying for God’s mercy to change hearts to move away from such broken identities and terms.

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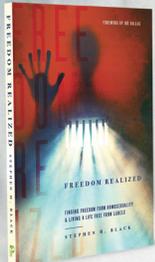


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