



"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 Acceptance of Homosexuality Led to Accepting Transgenderism and Will Likely Lead to Accepting Pedophilia

Denise Shick

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LifeSiteNews (www.lifesitenews.com)

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel is commonly credited with defining the philosophical structure called dialectic. While I make no claim to be a serious student of Hegel or of philosophy in general, I think I understand the basics of dialectic reasoning enough to refer to its effect on our culture.

In simple terms, the system suggests that cultures evolve through a pattern like this: Thesis (a new



idea) --> antithesis (opposition to new idea) --> synthesis (compromise). (No doubt some will call this an oversimplification of the process. But I believe it accurately depicts cultural evolution.)

In our nation's history we can see examples of this dialectic process bringing about positive change. The abolition of slavery quickly comes to mind.

But not all new ideas are worth pursuing. Probably the best example of a failed dialectic process is Communism. Karl Marx and Frederic Engels' thesis was first met with fierce opposition. Eventually, however, antithesis gave way to a synthesis and Communism was born and then spread throughout much of the world. [And wherever it went it brought misery.](#)¹

Dialectic in Sexual Practices

We have seen and are seeing that process of cultural evolution in our nation's sexual practices.

First the dialectical process transformed our nation's views on marriage and divorce. While the statistics on marriage and divorce are not as easily defined as some think, there is no doubt that, throughout the 20th century, particularly the latter half, [marriage rates declined and divorce rates](#)

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Gone2Far Press Conference

Jim Farrington

Upon arriving in Washington, DC, I was fascinated by the buildings and impressed at how everything (traffic and pedestrians) seemed to flow smoothly. It is always very busy there, even at night. I knew that amidst the mix of old, beautiful architecture and modern glass and steel construction buildings, there was a sinister presence which loomed over this city. However, upon meeting the pastors who were going to be speaking at the press conference, I was impressed at how God was moving through godly leadership to expose an evil agenda that would threaten religious freedom in America. Being in the presence of such godly leadership was inspiring. Listening to the engagement and wise discussions about the battle ahead and the evil agenda, I knew that God was raising up men and women of courage to say that this agenda has "Gone Too Far!" The leadership's passion for the love of God, the love of His truth and to be doers by standing courageously was inspiring. We must all take a stand against this evil tide of Immorality which threatens to come upon all of us like a tsunami. God blessed me as I was watching history being made. I was so grateful to have a front row seat to watch it.

There were a couple of wild, God-moments. One moment was when we ran into some ministry friends from Tulsa at James Lankford's office. We left there and had lunch, and then we got acquainted with some wonderful, courageous Christians from around the world who were in DC to attend the Presidential Prayer Breakfast/Conference. One dear brother was from Russia. His father was imprisoned for preaching the gospel! It was a fascinating story. We met his sisters as well. It all felt like we were meeting high-end, state emissaries. It was such an amazing experience for me and for Stephen! The Lord showed me that the challenges I face personally are part of my ongoing growth and training.

At the press conference, I was blessed with each testimony and each declaration of truth. Honestly, I'm confident that what I experienced was something like what others may have experienced over 230 years ago when our Constitution was first drafted and signed. Truly, this trip was something significant! I believe God is moving and is not down with what is happening in our country. I pray repentance takes place and flourishes into a national revival.

Link to YouTube video: https://youtu.be/iSGoxL_P50o

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Jim Farrington, James Lankford and Stephen Black



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increased.² Yet numerous studies³ have shown that children fare best in a family led by one father and one mother.

Next, the dialectical process transformed the nation's views on homosexual practices. Prior to the publishing in the late 1940s of Alfred Kinsey's [biased and highly flawed studies](#)⁴ on Americans' sexual beliefs and practices, most Americans viewed homosexual practices as aberrant and abhorrent. But in the decades directly following Kinsey's *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* and *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*, acceptance of homosexual practices gradually increased. And now those who are willing to speak of the dangers of homosexual practices find ourselves in an ostracized minority.

The latest sexual taboo to be challenged is transgenderism. I know this one well, because my father chose to be a "woman." When my dad pursued his strange lifestyle, he was among a tiny minority, and most considered him to be an anomaly. Now, transgenderism is gaining the widespread acceptance homosexuality reached over the last few decades.

But it is no longer enough for men to wear dresses and adorn themselves with makeup, or for women to wear men's clothes and pursue practices historically exclusive to men. Nor is it sufficient to have bodies hormonally and surgically altered.

Now we learn that the latest dialectic turn is a push for "transgender women" (that is, men whose bodies were surgically altered) to be [given wombs from recently deceased women](#)⁵ so that these men attempting to be women can give birth.

What could be further from the natural creation?

Evolving Downward

Cultural revolutions generally move along in stages (the dialectic). Each of the boundaries crossed in the "sexual revolution" made the next step more tenable.

In this fallen world, the dialectic process tends to more commonly evolve downward rather than upward. We're more likely to gravitate toward decadent practices than to noble changes such as the abolition of slavery. For example, many predict that [the next sexual taboo to be normalized will be pedophilia](#).⁶ And we can only imagine the depths such regressions will reach from there.

Those of us who understand the differences between cultural progress and the normalization of dangerous aberrations need to educate our neighbors before it's too late. We must understand this phenomenon sufficiently to explain it to others. Then we must be willing to weather criticisms, invectives, and even punishment as we warn, educate, and defend against the normalization of dangerous deviancies.

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Confusion—A Faith Based Perspective, and When Daddy Leaves to be a Girl.

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Legislation Update - Oklahoma HB-2456



Spearheaded by Representative Jason Dunnington

We received word from members of the Oklahoma House of Representative that the House Speaker decided that the Oklahoma Legislature would not be focused on “social issues” as there are other issues of greater need for the state legislature to focus on for 2019. Therefore, HB-2456 had no pathway to be heard this year. However, beloveds in Christ, it is imperative to remain diligent as the LGBTQ+ political agenda has already been rallied by gay activists like Sam

Brinton (www.sambrintonhoax.com) to meet with others, like Rep. Jason Dunnington to plan for a therapy ban in Oklahoma for the 2020 legislative session. This LGBTQ+ agenda to ban therapy has been successful in passing radical laws in some of the states. For more information on their desires to push for all 50 states to pass bans, see: <http://www.lgbtmap.org> and make sure to look under the so-called Equality Maps tab. Please pray for First Stone Ministries and the Church. Once these radical pro-LGBTQ political activists have this accomplished, their next target will be the Church to silence any Christian speech in resistance to the LGBTQ sinful lifestyle.



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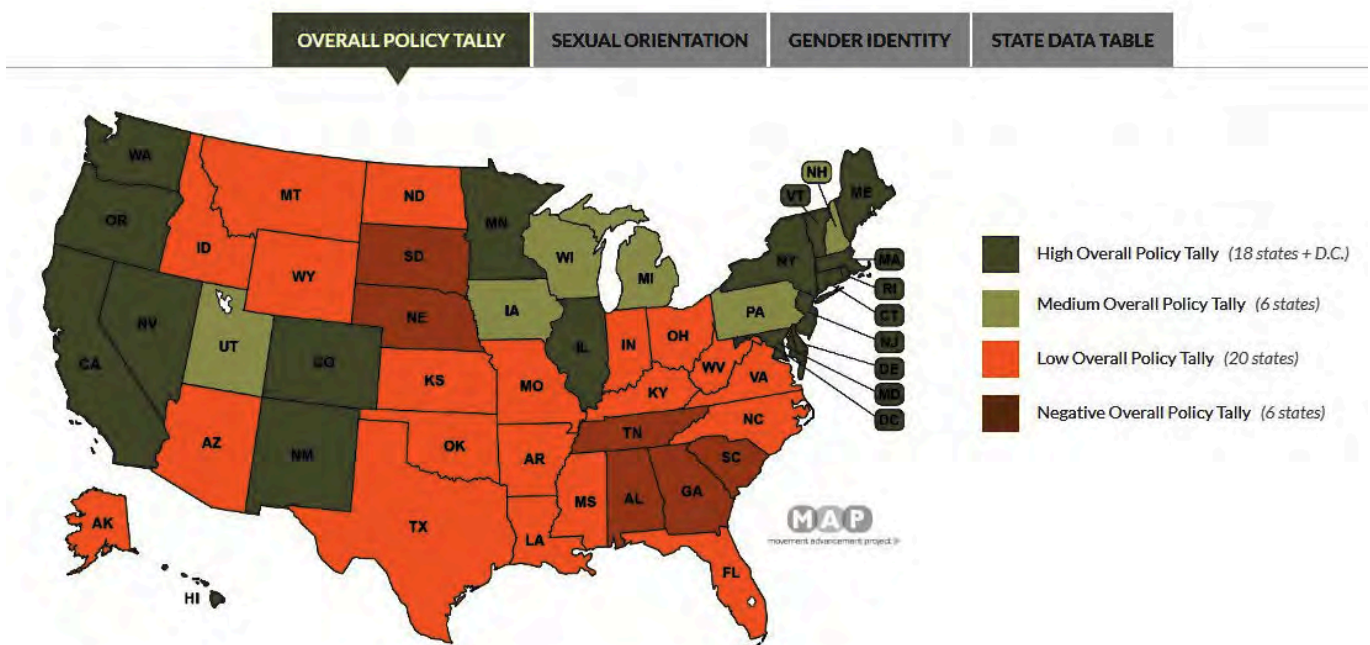
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It's early in the mornin' but I'm off to Oklahoma to help the advocates on the ground end **#conversiontherapy** once and for all. Every child protected. Every state fought for. **#50Bills50States**



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EQUALITY MAPS



The Threat to Freedom & Religious Liberties is Evident - HR 5



H.R. 5 – The Nancy Pelosi & House Democrats Desired Legacy for America

The language in HR 5 threatens to hijack civil rights by equating all LGBTQ+ behaviors with race and biological God-given gender. Not only will this mean same-sex showers and bathrooms are a civil right for transgendered persons, but it will criminalize any Christian quotation of scripture that opposes any kind LGBTQ+ behaviors.

The threat to free and religious liberty is evident in the following phrase within the body of the bill:

“The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 shall not provide a claim concerning, or a defense to a claim under, a covered title, or provide a basis for challenging the application or enforcement of a covered title.”

This bill will undermine the Civil Rights Movement which black Americans have fought for decades.

Churches will be sued and lose their tax-exemption status if they do not accommodate LGBTQ+ behaviors as normative.

Children would be forced to be educated about destructive LGBTQ+ behaviors in public schools as a part of a mandatory history curriculum.

Parents who oppose this curriculum would be charged with illegal discrimination.

Private colleges, Christian and otherwise, would lose funding, grants, and scholarships if they do not accommodate out and loudly proud LGBTQ+ students and faculty.

Public accommodations and small businesses would be forced to allow men into women's bathrooms and women into men's bathrooms.

Business owners would be forced to violate their freedom of conscience and religious convictions.

Hospitals and clinics will be forced to offer experimental and harmful transgender treatments and hormone therapies.

Foster child and adoption agencies with convictions natural God-given male and female parenting values will be forced to close.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has made HR 5 one of her top priorities for her political destiny.

Please review this message from Jonathan Alexandre of Liberty Counsel which further explains the threat in the video: <https://youtu.be/w3o41jYmD58>

Stephen Black is working with the Gone Too Far Movement (www.gone2far.org) in launching a “call-in” campaign on the following Republicans and Democrats on the Judiciary Committee.

Please see list below of Congress members to contact and express your disapproval of HR5. It is critical that all Bible-believing Christians act right now! Please call each Congress members office below and ask them to vote NO on HR5.

Thank you for standing with us on this most important issue.

Pastor Stephen E. Broden
Co-Chair Gone Too Far Movement
www.gone2far.org

Stop HR 5 “The Equality Act” – Call the Following Republican & Democrat Representatives:

- Doug Collins, Georgia, Ranking Member Republicans (202) 225 9893
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Spring Leadership Retreat

Laura Leigh Stanlake

Our volunteer leadership and staff met together for a weekend retreat down in Caney, OK at Betts Ministries. Betts Ministries has hosted us several times now for our annual retreat and a few other events that we were involved in. They are excellent hosts and the property and accommodations are comfortable and spacious. Doreen Betts and her assistant, Dawn, always create a beautiful atmosphere of hospitality. That's why we go back. We can focus our attention on the group we are with rather than any extensive meal-planning and set-up.

We arrived on Friday afternoon on March 1 and got settled. The main group of men stayed in the ministry's House of Praise while the women stayed at The Treehouse. Both facilities are wonderful, clean and comfortable. We took our first meal together at House of Praise before launching into the schedule for the weekend. We chose "Courage" as our topic and revisited it several times throughout our time together.

Brenda, who leads our Living Waters worship team, led from the piano and was beautifully accompanied by Jamie on the recorder. It was beautiful. Stephen passionately called us to courageous lives which are cultivated in a life of prayer (David at Ein Gedi), time in the word (Hebrews 4), in not growing weary in well-doing (Hebrews 12:3), in growing in the fear of the Lord to be an overcomer (Rev 2-3; 2 Tim 1:7), and in cultivating an eternal perspective which solidifies our identity (2 Cor 5:17-21; Col 3:1-3).

We closed the night with fun, games and wonderful fellowship.

On Saturday morning, March 2 we gathered for breakfast before gathering for worship. We used the Lord's Prayer as the model for our time and wove in and out of sung worship and spoken worship before entering into prayers and petitions. We followed that time by meditating together on Isaiah 35 led by Jim. We followed an ancient model called Lectio Divina. It's a sweet, community practice on engaging scripture together, meditating together, praying together and contemplating together. Laura Leigh shared that it requires courage to obey God in what He has called each of us to do. It requires that we fear God rather than the opinions of others; it requires faithfulness in the secrets of our hearts; and, it takes knowing your identity in the Creator. It takes courage to stand alone. She referenced Daniel who had favor because of who he was before the Lord and yet he was captured and accused because they caught him doing what he always did—praying. She also talked about Gideon and his first act of destroying the Baal and Asheroth alters and that the whole city took notice.



After lunch, we had a wonderful block of time free all the way until dinner. Everyone was refreshed by that freedom in the schedule to sleep, walk, visit, play or create. We all met together again at dinner and enjoyed more of Betts Ministries' wonderful hospitality.

As we gathered that evening for worship, something wonderful happened in our midst. The Lord made Himself known to us and the worship and prayer grew and became more unified as we continued. We had put some prayer requests out for things going on in the ministry and that got us started, but we spent the entire time in prayer and worship. It was wonderful. All the other plans for that time were put aside. Much later we joined again for a relaxing time games and visiting.

Sunday morning is always a special time at this retreat. We set aside time for worship and communion. At the beginning of the weekend, we draw names and then pray for and create blessings for the person whose name we drew. So, this is how we traditionally do communion—we speak/read a blessing to a person, pray for them and then serve them communion. They, in turn, bless the person they drew, pray for them and then serve that person communion. We do this until everyone has received both a blessing and communion. It really is a special time together. We also did a scripture read-around on the topic of the Character of God and His attributes. It was wonderful just bathing our hearts and minds in scriptural truths of God and His holy ways. We dismissed at noon, gathered our things and met in Atoka, OK for lunch together before heading home. Everyone's travel to and from the retreat was without trouble and we are still filled with gratitude for all the God did in our time together.



Stephen Speaks at Betts Home Group

After the Spring Leadership Retreat, Stephen was invited to stay through Sunday evening to minister at The Treehouse Fellowship at Betts. He brought along Jim Farrington and also our dedicated volunteer, Aaron Girod. He ministered on integrity to reveal the reason why there is an erosion in the church to embrace LGBTQ+ promotion. It was a wonderful evening of ministry. At the conclusion of the message, the elders of the fellowship surrounded Stephen, Jim and Aaron and prayed for them. It was a mighty move of God's Holy Spirit and the men left the weekend incredibly refreshed.

Watch video: http://bit.ly/FSM_Betts2019



Stephen Speaks at OCPAC

Please watch an important presentation by Stephen Black, "LGBTQ+ Erosion of the Church & A Short History Lesson. Stephen was asked by Bob Linn, President of Oklahoma Conservative Political Action Committee (OCPAC) to bring this clarification about what was shared at the God's Voice Conference. The presentation brings to light the REVOICE controversy with Presbyterian Church leaders, Southern Baptist Church leaders and the Gospel Coalition who are compromising on Christianity regarding LGBTQ+ matters.

Watch video: https://youtu.be/9OOf_tfHdQ



Stephen to Speak at Marriage & Family Life Conference

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The Impact of God's Voice Conference

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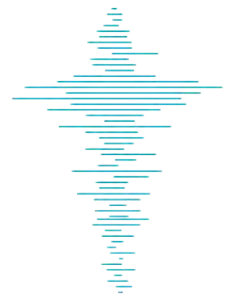
The days and hours leading up to the God's Voice Conference (GVC) were very busy with preparation and prayer for our staff and many volunteers. I could see by the people involved and the conversations taking place that there was something significant that the Father was doing here in all of us. The participants felt it as well and it was witnessed by those of us who served the conference. The speakers were very aware of the importance of this conference, having spent months preparing. This was not your ordinary, run-of-the-mill Christian conference or get-together to talk about Jesus, sing a song, and go home. This was a significant time of education and preparing people for the cultural battle going on around us. The call was for the church of Jesus Christ to wake up.

Every teaching was powerful and delivered with great conviction and with lots of evidence given to back up the great concern over the "queering of the church." Dan Fisher, Rev Al Baker, Janet Mefferd, Stephen Black, Tom Littleton, David Pickup, Peter LaBarbera, Dennis Jernigan, Andrew Franklin, Laura Perry and her mother, Francine Perry, and Laura Leigh Stanlake, **ALL** did an amazing job of equipping and encouraging everyone in the Lord! GVC addressed the language given to us by REVOICE18. REVOICE says that we're going to have "Queer treasure in Heaven", and that Christians should study Queer Theory and Theology? Hmm? Really? Jesus said in Matt 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" and then in Matt 12:35 Jesus said, "The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and, the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil." So is Jesus blessing this "Queer Treasure?" Something is diabolically wrong.

Personally, I am quite confused by the push-back against the God's Voice Conference that the GVC Committee and First Stone Ministries received for using the terminology: "A Biblical Response to the Queering of The Church." It reminds me of deception and blindness. This is the very terminology REVOICE used in promoting their freshman conference. The God's Voice Committee was merely using REVOICE-type language, as it was REVOICE that brought to the Church the idea of legitimizing "sexual minorities." It is very clear that GVC has always desired to help the church to see, to hear and to address the issue of

all things LGBTQ+ and to expose the REVOICE lingo that was polluting the Church. It's a Trojan horse that will ultimately result in scores of people compromising, with the potential of church people rejecting the Truth of God's word for a new social gospel—a different message, one that blesses and affirms all forms of "sexual minorities" yet claiming to be a historical form of Christianity. I see it as bringing depravity and perversion under the appearance of grace, mercy, and love. While REVOICE does not promote perverse sexual behaviors and requires a life of celibacy for the same-sex attracted, they turn right around and promote the language of "sexual minorities" and fellowship with practicing homosexuals. This is the brand of social justice issues in the Church. Twenty years ago, it would have been seen as loving to "speak the truth IN LOVE." It sure was when, as I was working at a department store in 1983, I boasted to a woman about my homosexuality. Her response was to share the gospel with me boldly and to call me to repentance immediately. It wasn't unkind and it wasn't offensive to hear bold truth proclaimed to me. Rather, it was kind, caring, peaceable, and very convicting. It was the very thing I needed. This woman is now a precious friend in Christ. But, today, look how far the evangelical church has fallen! It is considered unkind to proclaim the TRUTH which is love.

God's Voice committed to bringing the truth and clarity to the muddy waters brought by the REVOICE agenda in "Queering the church!" I believe the GVC did an exemplary job in bringing biblically sound truth which is relevant to strengthen the Church to stand against the onslaught of heresy. Dennis Jernigan did a sweet job leading us to worship the King of kings, our King, Jesus, and it was incredible! I was blessed to see the love for Jesus on display in Dennis and the worshipers. When you see a friend's house on fire, you don't stand there wishing them the best and merely hoping and praying that somehow they make it out safely. If you're really a loving friend, you're screaming at the top of your lungs, perhaps banging on the windows as well, and doing whatever you can to alert them! This is what God's



GOD'S VOICE
A Biblical Response to the Queering of the Church

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Voice is doing, and I believe it's fitting to say: "He who has ears to hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying." Soon we may NOT be able to tell anyone that there is a fire coming, and those who refuse to address this are a part of the erosion and are also those who approve of it.

Quotes from The God's Voice Conference Survey

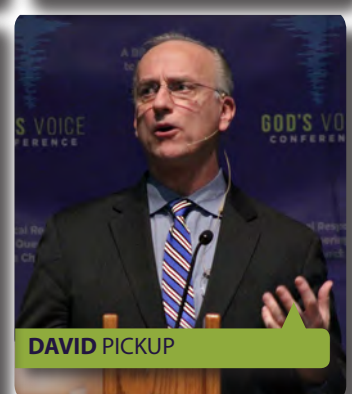
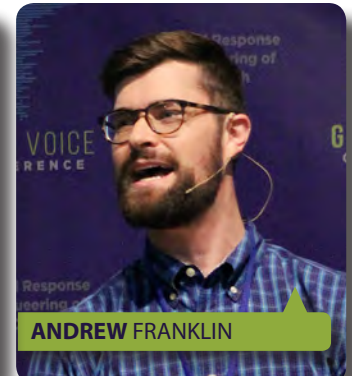
"This conference was amazing & even more informative, helpful & inspirational than I expected. It also equipped us all for the spiritual battles all around us all too. Thx for a phenomenal conference! It was well worth the long drive! Great speakers & attendees too!"

"I thought you did a good job on balancing the love for the sinner with the truth for the church. I recognize that this initial conference was to "test the waters" and see how much interest, i.e., boldness, there is among brethren for this topic. As mentioned, I am praying for this to be a catalyst for ongoing standing up."

"The worship, testimonials, and teachings were a great combination and proportion to convey the passionate message for Jesus followers to wake, search ourselves and our churches, then take a stand against same-sex attraction, so that many more can be set free!!" (*FSM stands against normalizing same-sex attraction as a legitimate lust and calls for the renewing of the mind and soul in all inordinate attractions*).

"Great information. Now I just need time to process the information and see what things I need to share with whom and how do I put in practice what I heard. I really appreciated that everything was focused on showing the love of Jesus. I wasn't sure what to expect. I struggle with SSA (same sex attraction) but want to be an advocate for bringing other men out of the shadows and into the light and grace of Jesus. I don't associate with the 'gay Christian' term. I felt loved and affirmed. Thank you."

Professional videos of GVC are available at www.godsvoice.us/resources

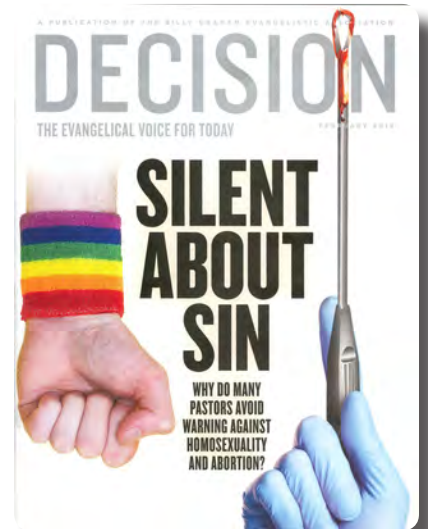


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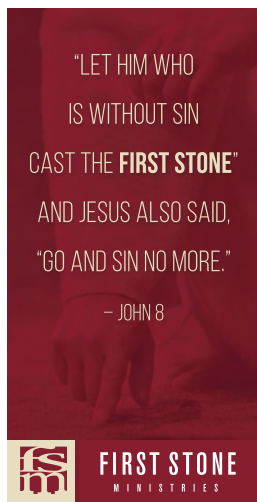
Stephen Black shares his testimony in Decision Magazine, a publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Stephen said, "It is a great honor to be able to share with the world the transforming power of the grace of God in Jesus Christ Our Lord. The Gospel of Jesus Christ continues to change lives, despite what others may say. The so-called 'LGBTQ+ Christian' movement will never silence true freedom found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



To read Stephen's testimony, "Delivered From Homosexuality: One Man's Journey From Deception to Truth" in Decision Magazine online, go to: <https://billygraham.org/decision-magazine/february-2019/delivered-from-homosexuality-one-mans-journey-from-deception-to-truth/>



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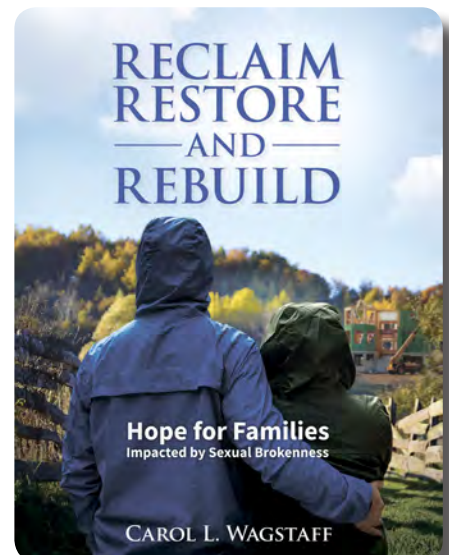
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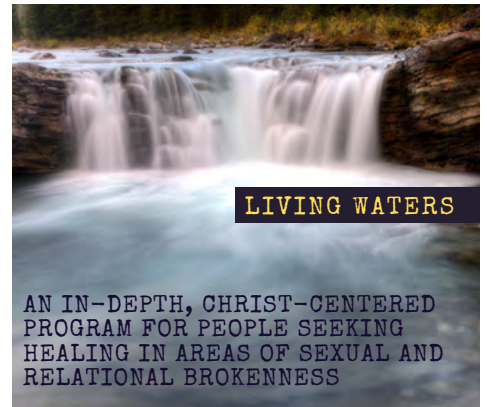
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