

Becoming A Church That Matters

Practical Avenues of Ministry to Compassionately Reach Loved Ones

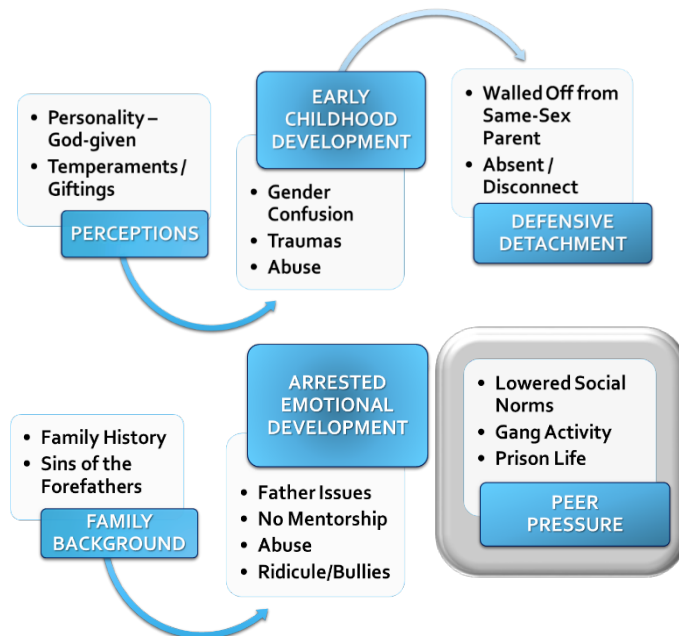
Ministering Hope to The Church

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MINISTERING HOPE – RECAP FROM LAST WEEK'S TEACHING OVERALL CAUSALITIES OF HOMOSEXUALITY



MINISTERING HOPE ~ THE BEGINNING HEALING PROCESS

- **Healing & Change can ONLY come when:**
 - You **REALLY WANT** to change”
 - It is a FIGHT “a fight of faith”
 - You **UNDERSTAND** the “whys” of “same sex attraction”
 - Your own history
 - Identify the conflicts and roots (receive ministry & counseling).
 - Understand and **Embrace A Process** of Change with a purpose



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TESTIMONIES BRING HOPE

- – Jim Farrington (freedom from homosexuality & gay Christian)



IN CONCLUSION – FROM RECAP TEACHING FROM LAST WEEK

Homosexuality is rooted in:

- Same Sex Parent Deficits
- Environmental Factors
 - Abuse • Family • Peers • Unhealthy Relating
- ARRESTED EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- Lack of Nurture not Nature (not genetic)
- Lack of Mentoring – Gender Mentoring
- Perceptions and Identity Conflicts

IN CONCLUSION: FREEDOM!

- FREEDOM IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF A STRUGGLE! It is the ability to rise above the struggle in God's grace to be an overcomer.
- FREEDOM IS: the ability, by grace to rise above any darkness, conflict, or anything that is life controlling!
- FREEDOM IS: A walk of holiness.

WE ALL MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL A.B.S.

- A. – Accountability**
- B. – Boundaries**
- S. – Spiritually Devoted Life ~ where we ALL PRACTICE Spiritual Warfare.**

MINISTERING HOPE ~ THE ROOTS – WHAT'S BEHIND THE "CAUSES?" – BINDING UP THE BROKEN HEART

"The spirit of the lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."
Luke 4:18-19

- **The Roots –What's Behind the "Causes?"**
 - Rejection / Self Pity
 - Rejection / Self Hatred
 - Anger
 - God – Family
 - Others – Self
 - Bitterness / Ungratefulness - Romans 1:21
 - Rebellion / Fear
 - Insecurity / Fear
 - Envy – "cannibalism"



MINISTERING HOPE ~ THE ROOTS CONTINUED

- **The Roots –What’s Behind the “Causes?”**

- Narcissism – the false self ~ the love of self
- Gender Insecurity – No Gender Affirmation
- Idolatry
- Emotional Idolatry - Dependency
- Moral Impurity – Sexual Addictions
- **Spiritual Oppression / Warfare**

Eph. 6:10-12, 1 Pet. 5:8, John 10:10

Verse 12: For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies, the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spiritual unseen world. (from the Living Bible – paraphrased)

MINISTERING HOPE – BECOMING A CHURCH THAT MATTERS

- **We must:**

- Know the Truth
- Know Practical Avenues of Ministry
- Operate Out of a Heart of Compassion

- **Know the Arguments You Will Face – The Deceptions and Lies**

- You must know and believe the Scriptures
- Understand the science according to Scripture
- Many are believing lies as truth... Aren't people born gay? – NO one is born gay
- Can you answer questions about genetics?

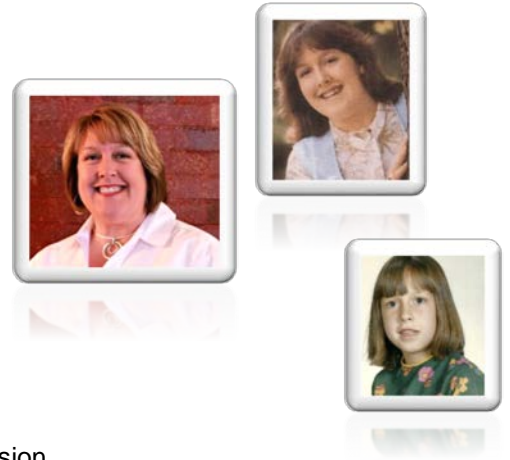
- **Three Sets of People**

- **The Seeking** (Want Change)
 - Christ in YOU ~ you are equipped.
 - They must be “born again.”
 - Patience in ministering to the history / roots.
 - Long suffering / forgiveness / encouragement.
- **The Deceived** (Ambivalent or Mocking)
 - Are you living a godly – uncompromised life? – Sincere humility?
 - Pray – no condemnation (they are already condemned 2 Cor. 4:4).
 - Wait on the Holy Spirit to open the door – discernment.
 - Don't Make it about the HOMOSEXUALITY. It's about the Gospel.
- **The “Gay Christian”** ~ Religious
 - Christ in YOU ~ you are equipped.
 - They must be confronted with truth kindly and wisely.
 - You must KNOW the Theological Lies to ask the right questions.
 - Know The Scriptures
 - Ask Questions about the Scriptures and the Truth
 - Long suffering / Patient / BE KIND... do not escalate
 - Are you living a godly uncompromised life?
 - Be prepared with wise answers, as you will be manipulated
 - Pray – no condemnation – already deceived and condemned
 - Wait on the Holy Spirit's Leadership and pray for open door – you need discernment.



PRACTICAL AVENUES OF MINISTRY – Laura Leigh Stanlake – Testimony and Teaching

- **Laura sharing: How the Church Ministered to me...**
- **Are you a safe person?**
 - Are you a secret keeper?
 - Are you compromising?
 - Are you living a life of transparency?
 - What does your sin look like?
- **Demonstrate Real Christ-likeness**
 - Expose hypocrisy in your own life
 - Heart motives in judging your own sin – living out confession
 - Strength in Weakness ~ Grace Revealed (2 Cor. 12:7-10).
- **Befriending a Struggler**
 - Pray, Pray and Pray!
 - Find ways to overcome evil by doing good
 - Resist telling God what to do
 - Listen for the Lord's voice
 - Homosexuality may **not** be first on God's agenda for salvation
- **Honest Communication – Proverbs 24:26**
 - Don't demand agreement
 - Communicate gratefulness in honest relating
 - Have compassion and longsuffering, even when they are argumentative



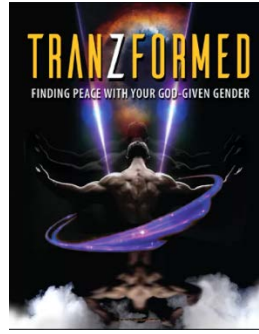
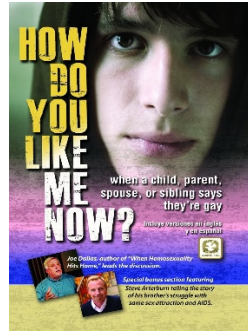
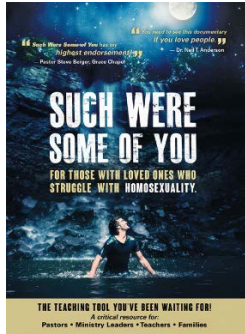
PRACTICAL WAYS TO MINISTER – A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE

- **Church Authority**
 - *Church Discipline*
 - *Matt. 18:15-20, Gal. 6:1-3*
 - *“For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.”*
 - *James 2:13*
 - ***Err on the side of mercy!***
- **Ministering to the Homosexual or Sexually Broken (Are you called?)**
- **On Going Ministry**
 - Know How To Minister / Pastoral Care
 - Mentorship / Accountability
 - Gender Affirmation – the GOOD of the masculine and the GOOD of the Feminine DEMONSTRATED in love and longsuffering.
 - Secretiveness empowers sin (There must be exposure in all our lives)
 - Inner Healing ~ Pull up the ROOTS! ~ PRAYER
 - Grief
 - The Cross of Christ
 - Self-Acceptance – Who YOU are IN FACT.
 - Psa. 139.
 - Intimacy with Christ ~ Intimacy with Believers
 - Encourage Healthy Relationships with Same Sex



CONCLUDING WITH MINISTERING HOPE TO THE CHURCH

Resources

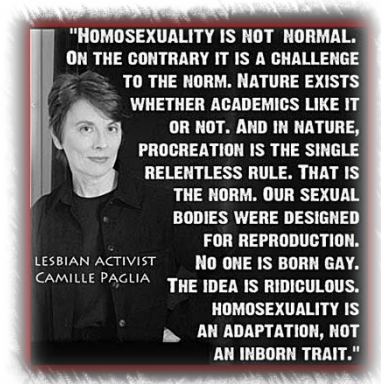


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NO ONE IS BORN GAY!

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS:

- "This Is The Way God Made Me? – A Scientific Examination of Homosexuality and the 'gay gene'" (see www.firststone.org)
- The New Atlantis Journal – Special Report – Sexuality and Gender (Fall 2016)



WHAT'S IT GOING TO TAKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

- COURAGE
- Speaking the Truth Boldly – Because it is LOVE!
- Empowering the Church
 - No More Compromise Under a Banner of False Humility
 - No More False Mercy & Compassion
 - To Reject Victim Mentality in Promoting LGBTQ Chaos as Sexual Minorities
- THE POWER OF PRAYER!
 - Pray! Pray! And Pray More!
 - Praying for a Real Heaven Breathed Revival
- Be a Doer in The Church – Find ways to help minister, also support ministries!
- GIVE!

Q & A



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