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Monthly Devotion

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Ministry Credentials

over the centuries the apostle Paul has become justly famous as the greatest letter writer in the history of Christianity. The Corinthian believers to whom he had ministered both in person and through letters wanted to know where were his letters of recommendation from other churches. Other Jewish Christian missionaries, whom Paul referred to (tongue-incheek) as the "super-apostles," had come to them bearing such letters. And they were impressive letters.

Now undoubtedly Paul could have rustled up such letters from other churches if he had thought that this was the right course of action. It wasn't. Paul pointed out to the Corinthians that they themselves were all the letters of recommendation that he needed. They had become "letters from Christ, ministered to (or delivered) by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets made of stone but on tablets that are hearts made of flesh" (2 Corinthians 3:1-3). The Spirit's writing on their hearts was better even than

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Hope Happening



Hope 2014: Restored Hope's Annual Conference

portland, Oregon—June 27 & 28, we are thrilled to announce our keynote speakers—Dr. Larry Crabb, Dr. Joseph Nicolosi, and Drs. Earl and Sandy Wilson. Larry Crabb will take a serious and timely look at biblical gender identity. Joe Nicolosi will be sharing with us insights and successes with same-sex attracted men. Sandy and Earl Wilson have powerful insights to share related to sexual addiction and intimate betrayal.

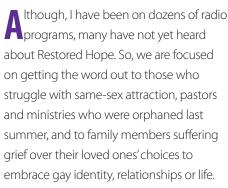
Other highlights: the premier of "Such Were Some of You" documentary, workshops, prayer & worship.

Mid-March, the flyer will be ready. April 1st, registration will open online. We hope you can join us!

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Along those lines, we are looking at the possibilities of online ads, TV appearances, hiring a media rep and a needed assistant. As it is now, Restored Hope has one official employee: me. We would be grateful if you would consider transformational giving towards the mission of Restored Hope Network.

We know that individuals can turn away from homosexuality, to the Lord Jesus Christ, and experience a transformed life. We delight to share this hope and stand alongside of those who choose life and blessing.

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live." Deuteronomy 30:19







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God's writing of the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. For this new writing involved the gift of the Spirit that changes from within.

All this was made possible by Paul faithfully proclaiming to them an undiluted, 'industrial-strength' gospel about "Christ crucified" (2 Cor 2:14-17; 13:4; 1 Cor 1:23; 2:2). He didn't compromise that message in order to make himself look impressive in the world's eves. At the same time he offered his very life to them. God's power shone through weak souls who learned in life's daily struggles to consider Christ more important than any of the world's temptations. Not a lot of flash but it gets the job done. God is asking us today: What letters is Christ writing through us in the lives of others? And whom are we trying to impress?

"You are our letter written in our hearts...

written not with ink
but with the Spirit of the
Living God,
not on tablets of stone
but on tablets of
Human Hearts."

2 CORINTHIANS 3:2-3

Ministry of the Month

First Stone

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.

Our calling is to minister healing and restoration in all areas of brokenness. We specialize in leading those caught in a homosexual lifestyle and other areas of sexual brokenness to freedom in Jesus Christ. We are dedicated to the healing of the homosexual, and otherwise sexually broken, and wounded. Freedom from homosexuality is not a method, but a person, Jesus Christ; therefore we are dedicated solely to the purpose of bringing the life of Christ to people who desire to live their lives more like Jesus Christ and His examples given in the scriptures. We minister freedom through a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord. www.firststone.org



Restored Hope Network "And such were some of you..."

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Upcoming Events

February

■ Feb. 15, Ft. Meyers, FL Revelance 2014.

Restored Hope member counselor, Dr. Keith Vennum

To register: revelationministry1211.org

■ Feb 22, O'Fallon, Illinois

Jim Venice of Pure Heart Ministries

will teach at "Iron Sharpens Iron"

For details: rpmfm.org

March

■ Dania Beach, FL

CrossCurrent begins for Restoring Hope Ministries

For details: (954) 927-5230

March 10, 17, 24, 31, Fresno, Calif.

Passion for Purity: a Seminar for Men Russell Willingham presents.

For details: (559) 227-1066

April

April 26, Spokane, WA

Anne Paulk presents at CPR Outreach's Annual Conference

For details: cprspokane@yahoo.com or call 509.842.2716

For complete listings:

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