



The Healing Stream

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Power For the Journey

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. "

(II Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

CALL TO PRAYER

BY BOB HONEYSETT

Recently, in an interview at the Conservative Political Action Conference, speaker and activist L.Brent Bozell made a statement that we need to be aware of, and praying about. He said, in his opinion *"an effort will be made within three years" to bring criminal charges against a priest or a pastor for talking about traditional marriage.*"

*"I think it's very dangerous," he continued. "I'm not going to be at all surprised to see an effort made within three years, an effort made somewhere against a priest or a pastor for talking about traditional marriage and for calling homosexuality a sin. I will not be at all surprised if there are criminal charges brought against one of them."*¹

It is as a result of this grim statement that we ask you to pray. Granted, this is the opinion of a conservative activist and not a prophetic word to the church. Regardless, my prayer is that you are listening and discerning these signs of the times as much as we are.

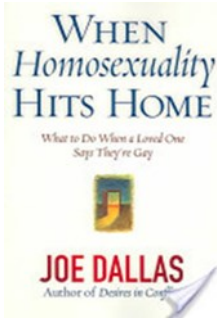
My personal feeling is that this door that we have been given to speak into our culture about this issue will soon close. More and more we move toward the day when there will be only one morally acceptable position allowed on the subject. You will either be FOR it and embrace it, or you will be punished for being AGAINST it. Have any doubts? Just ask the bakers, florists, and venue owners that have been sued or driven out of business because they took a stand for what they believed was right. Can an attack on the church be far behind?

Since we hold to the belief that prayer changes things, we would like to encourage a call to prayer over this very important issue. Pray that the Lord will give pastors and leaders the wisdom they will need to face the days ahead. Pray also that each of us will be equipped to share the Gospel with those who are seeking a way out of their brokenness regardless of Federal and State government mandates.

Our focus and goal is to equip as many people as possible while it is still possible to deal with the issue of homosexuality and same-sex marriage from a Christ-centered perspective. We are doing this through our class; "When Homosexuality Hits Home". Through the weekly sessions, we are teaching parents, family, friends and loved ones how to minister to the issue of homosexuality within their own homes. Pray for us as we raise up this mighty army to do battle in the Name of Jesus.

We are confident that God the Father will have the last word in this issue. Many cultures have come and gone that tried to stamp out the words of Jesus and the church itself. Yet, His Word is still power and the church marches on. Our prayer is that we all would fearlessly speak the truth to this lost generation, with kindness and compassion, while we still have the ability to do so.

¹Signorile, M. " Conservative Activist L.Brent Bozell Predicts That Priests Will Be Arrested for Opposing Gay Marriage." Huffington Post, 3 March 2015 Web



Class Update

Our first class of the new year was held on Tuesday evenings from January 6th through February 24th.

Here is some of the feedback we received from our participants:

“The class helped me to realize that I don’t need to get particularly anxious about witnessing to someone struggling with homosexuality.”

“I learned that homosexuality is no greater than any other sin.”

“I learned that there are many stages [in the journey], similar to grieving for a loved one who died, but through prayer and perseverance, you can overcome the depression and anxiety.”

“I learned that I cannot change anyone, only the love of the Lord through me can do that.”

“I liked the session where you explained what it was like to Walk a Mile in their Shoes.”

A second session of the class begins at *Clearwater First Assembly of God* beginning Tuesday, April 7th at 7pm. If you are in the area, please feel free to join us. Call us at 817-902-7462 to reserve your place in the class.

If you can't join us, the book **When Homosexuality Hits Home** by Joe Dallas is available in Christian bookstores and through most online retailers.

2015 Schedule of Events

As of March 2015

All events will be held at:

Clearwater First Assembly of God
1739 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33756

Class -

When Homosexuality Hits Home

Tuesday evenings

April 7th through May 24th, 2015

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Fall Ministry Conference -

Breaking the Silence

Homosexuality and the Response of the Church

Saturday, September 12, 2015

9:00am to 3:00pm

Class -



Tuesday evenings

September 22nd through November 10th, 2015

7:00pm to 9:00pm

CrossCurrent provides a safe, confidential environment for men and women to share honestly in a small group setting. The group involves worship, various teachings including God's unfailing love, the true and false self in regards to one's sexuality and relationships, confession of sin, and loving others. We also incorporate healing prayer in both the large and small group segment of each meeting.

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