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The Sweet Scent of Easter Lingers

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As we continue to rejoice over the supreme miracle of Easter, I think about the disciples.

After Jesus was resurrected and before He ascended to Heaven, they were told to stay in the upper room and pray.

They waited and prayed for 50 days. They might have been hoping for His return, leaning on the glorious experience of being sent out two by two to spread the Gospel. Then, seeing Him alive, wondering what great things would happen.

In one of the last conversations that I had with longtime PFOX Executive Director Regina Griggs before she passed away, she told me she continued to trust and believe that God would someday free her son from the gay lifestyle.

Whatever you're going through, you're not alone in praying for your child to embrace his or her God-given sex instead of a false identity. What you do and say matters.

Several years ago, a person wrote this powerful poem for PFOX:

***YOUR LIFE** is Jesus to someone,
Though tattered and torn it may be.
Though often times weak and unstable,
You're all of God someone will see.*

***YOUR TONGUE** is Jesus to someone.
That idle, insensitive word
Reflects to at least one searching heart
An idle, insensitive Lord.*



***YOUR GOALS** are Jesus to someone.
What you put first, they believe,
Are the goals of God for the Christian.
Your life is all they receive.*

***YOUR FAITHFULNESS** . . .
that's Jesus to someone.
Their judgment of how God is true,
Rests unquestionably in the faithfulness
They see day by day in you.*

***YOUR LOVE** is Jesus to someone.
That someone who is seeking to know
That Jesus will follow and guide and
Befriend wherever in life they might go.*

***SO BEWARE** lest others blaspheme
God by what you say or do,
For the only Jesus that someone knows
Is the Jesus they see in you.
—Author Unknown*

In HIS Image

God created parents to be the spiritual leaders of the family. His gift to humanity was marriage of one man and one woman, and salvation through Jesus Christ. We are born in His image to demonstrate His likeness and to be fruitful and multiply. Nothing else on this planet is made in HIS image.

We need to show kindness and compassion, and to live out our purpose and identity.

Feelings come and go. A four-year-old neighbor once told me he wanted to be a dog because “a dog gets to roll around in the dirt!”

“So, where did the dog stay when the family was gone?”

“In a cage!”

I then asked him, “Would that be a fun place to stay?”

He decided that being a boy was actually a pretty good thing. Now he’s a young father.

Seeking Change

When your child tells you, “I can’t change,” he or she is absolutely correct. None of us can change without God’s help. When we embrace the love of Jesus, that gives us the desire to ask Him to change us.

Often a parent wants to bargain with God, but this is wrong and unproductive. It implies that God needs coaxing to do more for our loved one. Nothing could be further from the truth. God is always at work on behalf of your loved one. He does not force His way on anyone. He wants each person to surrender to Him.

The pain associated with waiting for your loved one to be “fixed” can be great. You desire relief, often putting your life on hold until relief comes. Sometimes, parents delay their lives until their loved one is restored. Christ promised to be with us during the storm—not just before or after.

Yield your child or your grandchild over to God’s transforming work for their lives. In doing so we also open *ourselves* up to God’s working more in our own lives. A hard part of waiting on God is trusting in His timing. Only God can truly change a heart.

The identity of your child is a spiritual battle. The devil has had



thousands of years to practice the destruction of family and spreading lies about our identity. All of us were born into a family for an ultimate purpose—to love the Lord God with our heart, soul and mind.

*“I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
(Philippians 1:3-6 NIV)*

The important thing is to keep trusting Jesus and to keep praying. The outcome of our loved ones’ lives, including salvation, is ultimately between them and the Lord.

Testimonies

Many people have been delivered from unwanted LGBT desires.

PFOX has **video testimonies** of some who have been set free through God’s love, along with those of family members. At www.pfox.org, click on **Resources** and **select a category** such as **Same Sex Attraction**.

Where to Get Help

At PFOX, we know this can be a long journey. You’re not alone. Our website (pfox.org) has lots of helpful materials.

We offer a **Parent Support Phone Conference call** on the **2nd & 4th Mondays** of each month and **Zoom calls** on the **third Wednesday** of each month. E-mail info4pfox@gmail.com for more information.

Happy Easter!

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