

Replacing False PRIDE with the Healthy, God-Honoring Type

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June was long known for weddings and Father’s Day. Now, it’s a month-long LGBTQ pride celebration. It’s clear we have drifted very far from God’s plan.

Throughout the Bible, we’re warned about turning to false gods. Yet we are now awash in them, from crass materialism to sexual perversity and self worship. The essence of rebellion against God is the false belief that “ye shall be as gods,” as the devil promised Eve to fool her into sinning.

In a culture that embraces wrong in place of right, Jesus said there will be persecution, yet we must continue to speak the truth against lies.

“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world,” wrote the apostle John in 1 John 4:4.

The truth that sets us free

Truth leads us to worship God our Creator instead of ourselves. Truth has set many of us free from the sexual sins of false LGBTQ identity. Truth restores our healthy pride of being created in the image of God as either male or female. Truth assures us that Jesus defeated the grave and shed His blood on the cross for our salvation.

Bishop Joseph Strickland of the



Roman Catholic Diocese of Tyler in eastern Texas recently issued a warning to Christians in America on his podcast.

An outspoken defender of biblical values, he said this:

“Without faith we fall apart . . . With all of these agendas that keep getting pushed by Hollywood and by politicians that are just pushing this woke agenda, where does it lead people? It leads people into darkness, into sadness, into depression, too often to suicide. Leads them to think, well, drugs are the answer or some other . . . human thing is the answer. The answer is knowing who we

are and knowing we come from God.

“When we exclude God, we’re done. We’re sunk as individuals and as a human society . . . There’s a reason we’re part of this creation, but we’re called to transform it, and allow ourselves to be shaped by God instead of playing God and shaping the world according to our image.”

A real prodigal son: Alice Cooper

Rock ‘n’ roll star Alice Cooper grew up in the church but strayed from his Christian roots over his 50-year career as a performer. Despite his

success, he always felt empty inside.

"I grew up in a Christian household," Cooper told NBC News. "My dad was a pastor and he was an evangelist for 25 years. I used to go up and do missionary work with him with the Apaches in Arizona. My grandfather was a pastor for 75 years... My wife's father is a Baptist pastor, so I always refer to myself as the real prodigal son because I went out and the Lord allowed me to do everything and then just started reeling me back in.

"When you get out there you realize that you've had every car, you've had every house and all that, you realize that that's not the answer, that there's a big, big nothing out there at the end of that."

Cooper said that both God's justice and Jesus' sacrifice helped him come to Christ, according to Movieguide.org.

"I came to Christ because of my fear of God," he confessed. "I totally understood that hell was not getting high with Jim Morrison, hell was going to be the worst place ever. In fear I came back to the Lord but I went to another church and that pastor preached the love of Christ, which, now you put the two together, and it was exactly right."

Resisting unreasonable requests

Several parents have shared the discomfort of being asked to call their trans-embracing children by their preferred pronouns. We at PFOX have said for years that it is a *lie* to call a person by his or her (or "their") preferred pronouns. It does them no favors.

We understand the dilemma a parent faces when confronted with accusations like this: "You don't love me if you don't accept me as I really am!"

Activists pushing the trans agenda constantly use the media to spread the lie that if families don't submit to such demands, the child will commit suicide. However, research shows



that "transitioning" to an opposite sex identity not only doesn't reduce suicidal behavior but may well increase it.

It's important to remember that parents have the right to expect to be respected by their children. Does your child show his or her love for you by honoring your values? Our Creator instructed us to *"Honor your father and mother...that it may be well with you"* (Ephesians 6:2,3).

How do we restore healthy family pride? By getting back to the basics. Pray for each other, read the Bible and ask God to help as we apply His love and Truth to our lives and those of our loved ones.

Our challenge today is to obey God's promptings even when our natural selves say not to do so. We are always happier and at peace when we let go

and let God. As the great Christian philosopher Blaise Pascal said, each of us has a hole in our heart that can be filled only by a relationship with God.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

Where to get help

Parent support via a telephone conference call is offered on the 2nd & 4th Monday evenings. Flo also offers Zoom support to those who ask. Please contact info4@pfox.org (new email address) for more details.

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