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Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by desperate4hi, on: 2006/11/27 20:40

Iâ'm a Christian, I love the Lord, I serve Him to the best of my ability and take all spiritual disciplines seriously, including fasting...but I am homosexually oriented, and even though I never pursued the gay lifestyle and recognize that it is sinful, I am attracted to the same sex. There was a time when I would "indulge" my appetites and justify my "looking" "looking" "looking" now I turn from it and it seems that the more resolute I am in not engaging that my eyes are so drawn. I refuse to "look", but feel convicted for the urge to...I know that Iâ'm to pluck out my right eye. I didn't ask to have these feelings, is there any hope for me??? I want desperately to be delivered and to have a heterosexual orientation with which God created me. The enemy robbed me of it when I was sexually abused as an adolescent. If there's anyone who's been delivered from this heinous sin, I would appreciate a pm from you letting me know that if God did it for you, He can do it for me.

Desperate for Him

Re: Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2006/11/27 21:17

Brother,

YES there is **hope!** Read Romans 8! believe it. Keep reading it and allow the truth of the word of God to set you free. It might take time but God can and will allow you to overcome this sin if you abide in Him.

Re: Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by myfirstLove (), on: 2006/11/27 21:57

hi desperateforhim,

thankyou, for your honesty. like greg say, there is HOPE still in Jesus! i encourage you also to read what greg shared with you, and also read an awesome testimony by stephen bennet. stephen is a christian artist who use to be gay. His testimony will encourage you, and help you see that there is hope in Him.

nothing is too big for God. thru men, it is impossible, but thru Jesus, nothing is too difficult for Him. God is able to deliver you!

Matthew 19:26

26 But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God **all** things are possible."

<https://www.sbministries.org/testimony.html>

God bless,
lisa

Re: Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by iansmith (), on: 2006/11/28 0:22

Brother,

Although I am not apart to the formentioned sin, I have had a great struggle with internet pornography, and sexual sin is quite possibly the most difficult sin to overcome in life. But it would make quite a testimony of the power of Jesus' blood to overcome such sin, wouldn't it?!

I do not stand to condemn you, but just like Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, 'Go and sin no more.' (John 8:10-11) When you are aware of your sin, you must make a conscious decision to turn away from it, and Jesus through his grace will give you the strength to overcome!

One resource that might interest you is a tract put out by Last Days Ministries which goes into great detail on the biblical perspective on homosexuality. It can be found here: <http://lastdaysministries.org/articles/imgay.html>

I pray that you find your answer in the Spirit and can testify to God's power to provide victory over any sin, even one so strong as homosexuality!

Re: Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2006/11/28 0:39

hi desperate4hi,

Glad to have you here!

I believe God will bless your honest heart.

He is more than able to set you free, and yes there is a hope and that hope is only the blood of Jesus! Not just to forgive but to give you victory over sin.

Do you know this wonderful hymn?

There is power in the blood

Would you be free from the burden of sin?

There's power in the blood, power in the blood;

Would you ever evil a victory win?

There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

There is power, power, wonder working power

In the blood of the Lamb;

There is power, power, wonder working power

In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?

There's power in the blood, power in the blood;

Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;

There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?

There's power in the blood, power in the blood;

Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.

There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain

Would you do service for Jesus your King?

There's power in the blood, power in the blood;

Would you live daily His praises to sing?

There's wonderful power in the blood.

You can get the song from here -

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid9175>) Power in the blood

Re: Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by ccchhhrrriiiss (), on: 2006/11/28 1:26

Hi desperate4hi...

As the others have said, yes, there is hope! His name is Jesus.

I know that sounds like a cliché, but there are many individuals that have been "freed" from the homosexual lifestyle. Dennis Jernigan, a well-known Christian songwriter, came from a homosexual lifestyle. He is now married and the father of a large family of children.

I had a friend as an undergraduate student that had a similar story to what you have shared. He was molested as a child by a man. He confided to me that he "enjoyed" the experience (even though he was only 10 years old or so). He told me that he now wondered whether or not he was a homosexual -- because he sometimes felt a sexual urge toward other men.

I always noticed that he was quite "feminine" in his walk, talk and attitude. But I have known several men that were a little more feminine than normal, and they were far from gay. Still, other believers often quietly questioned (you know, using "spiritual gossip") whether or not he was a homosexual. His confirmation to me was saddening, but not surprising.

I explained to my friend that the problem with lust is not that people are attracted romantically or emotionally with people of the same sex (or usually, the opposite sex). That is unnatural and against the laws that God created dictating nature. Typically, "lust" is for the physical stimulation derived from the sexual act (natural or unnatural). His desire, I explained, was not for a relationship -- because as a child, he could not even truly understand the concept. I also explained that there are many individuals that have had homosexual experiences as children and then decided that they are homosexual when they reached adulthood. I told my friend that this sort of notion was not true. Lust is simply a sinful desire to please your own sinful nature. A homosexual man chooses to fulfill (either physically or mentally) the lusts that he craves. The desire is for sexual stimulation, and the problem is that it is not looking in the right place or time that God has set for them.

I prayed with my friend for several weeks. I was even mocked by other Christians who said that I should not "cast my pearls amongst swine" or "fellowship with darkness" -- even though they did not know the certainty of his situation. But I felt the love of God for this young man. He was ostracized by the very people he needed the most. I explained to him that homosexual lust was, of course, unnatural and not a part of the plan of God. I prayed that he would be strengthened to flee from temptation -- but also from the lust in and of itself. The root, I explained, is lust -- not just immoral, homosexual lust. My friend would visit me at my girlfriend's house, and we would spend much time praying with him. We prayed that his heart would be set fully toward the Lord -- and that his physical body would become the holy vessel that God desired.

And you know what? The Lord brought him the victory! My friend overcame his lust. He told me that he persevered until he KNEW that he had conquered the problem. Oddly enough, my friend became more "masculine" in his manners too. He eventually began dating a girl from a Christian group on campus. He was married this year.

Let me encourage you, friend! God is a very present help in time of trouble! When you feel like your problem is beyond your ability to conquer -- fall on your face before the Lord! Dig into His Word! Ask God to deliver you from the root -- and not the branch. He is certainly able!

:-)

Re: Is there hope for gay Christians? - posted by rookie (), on: 2006/11/28 2:16

Quote:
-----but I am homosexually oriented, and even though I never pursued the gay lifestyle and recognize that it is sinful, I am attracted to the same sex.

1Cor. 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you

ou to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Our natural man is corrupt. All are tempted because of this fallen nature. Sin is common to all men. Temptation is common to all men. In the above Scripture, we hear a promise...

"...but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able..."

and then...

"... but with the temptation will also make the way of escape..."

You are not alone in the battle against temptation, for we all are tempted. And we have a promise from God in that battle...

When the woman was caught in the act of adultery, Jesus said in John 8

10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?"

John 8:11 She said, "No one, Lord."

And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

Jesus does not condemn the woman for her sin, but what is more important is this, He says, "go and sin no more."

Does Jesus ask too much of us?

Listen to the promise that then follows this command...

John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Do you hear the promise? "He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

This is the only way out of temptation...we must walk with Him...and He will deliver you as well as all who suffer from the battling the temptations common to all believers.

Abide in Him...

God Bless
In Christ
Jeff

My dear brother "Desperate for Him"., on: 2006/11/28 3:51

I've got to answer your post, and I didn't want to do it in a PM, because I want to share it with this community, (and yes it is a community, very real and tangible)

Can I call you Timothy? I understand your need for discretion, after all this is a non exclusive, very public chat forum, but I want to give you a name, so I can converse with you, and "see" your face, or "feel" your soul, and attaching a name aids me.

My heart bleeds for the little boy that was you and was subjected to such as you were...heart bleeds and weeps. Just as God's heart bleeds and weeps.

Thank God no adult ever got near me to do such, Thank God. I have no idea what struggles you go thru in the recesses of your heart, but He does.

(I'm praying to God to fill me to give me the right words to some balm to you or any wisdom that He might want to transmit from Him to you)

In the next room, is my 11 year old son, and tomorrow I have to put him on a plane to go back to his mother, as we are divorced and I work in Chicago and he lives in L.A. He flies back and forth from L.A. to Chicago, holidays and such, and we are so close, this boy and I, not only am I his daddy, but we enjoy each others company and dare I say, friendship so much.

He's my kind of guy, can I share with you what we did today? Some dear friends in Wisconsin nabbed a 200 lb 10 point buck, a deer, and they don't like venison, and they know I do, as does my son, so we drove 4 hours last night (Sunday) and then this morning this small boy, me and my buddy, went to process the deer, to cut it up so as we could transport it, in coolers on ice back to Chicago.

Now mind you, He, my son Giuliano WANTED to go to do this, it wasn't me FORCING him into some macho mind numbing experience. The deer was hanging from a tree and we began to process the kill, and Giuliano helped. He even picked out certain cuts that he wanted to take back to his mother, stepfather and stepbrother, the choicest cuts he picked out, which of course I segregated for him, and at a point, I turned to him and asked him why he enjoyed this so much, and he said, "because its ancient, its an ancient tradition"....an 11 year old said this, and it just blew my mind, inwardly my heart swelled with the pride of a father at this innate wisdom.

"Its an ancient tradition"....and we shared that together, as we both shared our water baptism together, four years prior and I realize AND realized, that this union, this bond me and my son share together is forever. I have confidence, when I am old and bent and gray, that I will have my son near me, loving me, and someday we will both be together in Heaven and Timothy, blessed brother, trust me when I tell you this, there is no human love that can rival that which a parent has for their child.

Now tomorrow at 6:30 pm when they are wheeling his plane from the terminal and I watch it recede, I will break, I will weep, not openly, I try and hide my face against the window, but I will break, and be broken because my baby, my son, my friend will be leaving me. And in that moment I will lean on Christ, asking Him to protect that dear boy, when he is away from me, and then Jesus will fill me with the comfort, the assurance that He WILL ALWAYS protect that boy, soon to be a man. Then I will stop weeping, because I HAVE to lean on Jesus, He is all I have.

I will gather myself, walk thru the terminal, get in my car and begin the lonely ride home, because He has not YET given me a mate. I pray for a mate, as my son's mother divorced me, and I await with faith for that woman, and maybe God willing I will have another son or daughter, but the mother of that child to be, will be my dear friend, my confidant, my helpmate, as I will be to her.

I too struggle with lust, tremendous struggle, and one day, a while back I was talking with God and asked Him, "why is lust a sin?", and as clear as day he opened my ears and said to me, "neil, do you know when you are hungry?"

"yes Lord"

"do you know the feeling the get?"

"What do you mean Lord?"

"When you look at a ribeye steak, or a fine deepdish pizza, and you want to eat that food SO BAD....that feeling, do you know that feeling?"

"Yes Lord"

"When you look at one of my children with the lust, that hunger, this is the same feeling, the feeding of the flesh, what you do is equate, break down one of my children to a piece of meat, THAT is the sin, for my children are not here to feed your hunger. They are not meat".

In Romans 7, Paul engages in one of the most intense and personal confessions in the whole Bible..."oh what a wretched man I am".

He remained single thruout his earthly existence, is that our lot in life?

I don't know, I pray for a mate, because I pray for a family, and I pray for you, that somewhere out there is a good woman for you, and that you be given the gift I have been given, her love, and the love of a child, and children.

There is a huge gulf of difference between lust and desire. Desire is good, because desire encompasses all of the heart mind soul and body, truly a gift from God. A man desires his wife in so many ways. a friend to whisper to in the calm of the night, a helpmate to grow with, a love partner to have fun with, to laugh, to kiss their children together. Oh God is so good.

I understand your struggles. and I pray for you, that you be blessed with a family of your own. I pray that the past be erased from your memory and that you know that Jesus loves you so completely and in wholeness.

and please pray for me tomorrow at that airport window, and I pray that Godwilling you will know of the love of a child that calls you "daddy".

sweetly, neil