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Who do you know that may need help from Truth Ministry? Give them this newsletter or tell them about our ministry.

Growth and Change – Ministry Update By McKrae Game

I hope this month's newsletter finds you well. **There are many things going on, starting with our first ever Church Equipping Conference on March 23rd.** Also, you may have seen that we've been experiencing many problems with our websites. We do apologize for any inconvenience that you may have experienced.

We have started the project of building two entirely new websites to correct this problem, contracting with Calvary Concepts for this large task. This is significant in scope and cost, of \$5,000, and will be completed within 6-8 weeks. If you feel led to help, and would like to know more about it, please don't hesitate to give us a call. **In addition to needing financial help, we need testimonials for our new websites. Please email me a paragraph or two of your experience with Truth Ministry, names are not necessary.**

We are thankful for you and pray for you. Lives are being touched every single day because of your partnership and prayers. Please consider partnering with us on a monthly basis or with a one-time donation, as the Lord utilizes this ministry to reach many.

If you are on Facebook, we hope you'll "Like" our Truth Ministry and Hope For Wholeness pages. We also have a Truth Ministry Group and Secret Groups that we welcome your participation in. The Truth Ministry Facebook Group is open to anyone, while the Secret Groups are for clients and leaders and require our approval of members. Also, if you have not visited and subscribed to my blog, I'd certainly encourage you to do this and believe you'll be blessed by this weekly outreach. The web address is www.mckraegame.com.

Please pray for us, share this newsletter with a friend or pastor, and if you are able, we hope you'll become a financial partner. If you need prayer, counsel, or encouragement, we are here for you and welcome your call or email.

**Learning to Love
Church Equipping Conference**

March 23, Saturday 9-3, Greenville, SC

Learn how to effectively witness and minister to those affected by homosexuality at this exciting event.

Speakers to include Tony Moore, Tom Vinegar, McKrae Game, Meleah Allard and More.



Learning to Love—Bring your pastor, bring a friend!

Don't miss this exciting & informative event!

Christian Assembly of God, 2416 Wade Hampton Blvd. Greenville, SC

- Do you want or need understand this issue better?
- Did you miss our last conference or want to learn more?
- Do you know how to minister to those affected by this issue?
- Would you like to better understand Truth Ministry and its work?
- Are you a hurting parent needing answers and direction?
- Are you a pastor or in some form of church leadership needing answers?
- Are you a friend of someone affected?

This conference IS FOR YOU!



Before I got saved, there was initially a strong struggle of right versus wrong, but this later diminished. I was left wondering if I was going in the right direction. Later, feelings of being used, and eventually the void in my heart, led me to leave homosexuality and come to Christ. However, after receiving Christ a new struggle rose with a vengeance! My flesh was accustomed to illicit stimuli and sexual relations, which I was now denying it. I fell many times in many different ways, but each time I KNEW that I had done wrong. The Holy Spirit kept drawing me away from that identity and behavior.

When we trust Christ for our salvation, God changes our hearts but our flesh continues to struggle. Paul said in Romans 7, "Who will save me from this body of death?"...."Why do I do the things I do not want to do?" I don't think anyone would question Paul's salvation in midst of his struggle. In fact, the struggle may be a sign of our salvation.

Over the years of ministry, I've been perplexed by this question of salvation versus acting out sinfully. Many people believe you can be gay (acting out sexually) and follow Christ as Lord. I believe that this is an incorrect interpretation of Scripture.

Because I openly talk about my struggle, someone recently compared me to an unrepentant homosexual. They had said that my story confirms their belief that people can be gay Christians - unrepentant and actively involved in sexual behavior. To believe this, one must turn from God's word and draw conclusions from their rationalization rather from what God says about our salvation and our behaviors.

A struggle points to a change! "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV) Grief 2

I would encourage you to also read verses 11 through 21. Verse 15, states, "And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."

The question of salvation is one of the heart. Has the heart changed? When I accepted Christ, my heart changed - instantly and forever. I am not the same person that I used to be. Christ's love for me filled me up completely and I want to love Him back.

However, my flesh really enjoyed acting out sexually and was addicted to illicit images and behaviors. I had to learn restraint. I had to learn what "dying to self" meant.

For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. (Matthew 16:25 NIV)

The person whose flesh wants the old ways of acting out but his spirit says, "NO! I want to live for God," then, this person is clearly saved. Salvation does not mean that the struggle goes away. For me, this was when the struggle began.

This does get confusing when this struggling person gives up, returns to their past, and now celebrates his or her homosexuality (or whatever sin) and says that they're happier now than ever before. Only God can (or should) judge this person.

Some will say that they lost their salvation or they walked away from their salvation. I don't believe that to be the case. I would personally

question if they were ever saved, however that is not my call or job. I would definitely say that they had unrealistic expectations of a life without struggle and that feeding the flesh has consequences. If our salvation is based on anything other than Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection, and a repentant relationship in Him, then they're right. Anything else won't work - ever.

The struggle between the flesh and the spirit is a real and difficult one for sure, and if we feed the flesh more than the spirit then the odds get stacked against us. Trying to balance the two, or going back and forth between the flesh and the spirit, is tiring. We must surrender our whole lives in an act of worship in order to find joy and peace. There is no other way, and this way does work - and always will.

Let's not doubt our salvation if we still struggle, but celebrate that The Lord loves us more than we can even imagine. He does not judge us for this struggle but wants to bring us hope and relief, if we come to Him.

If you are alone in your struggle, I used to be there too. This article could be God's way of reaching out to you. There are others in this struggle with you. Reach out to us and to those around you. Being isolated will be your downfall. Despite any odds or isolation-Christ IS ALWAYS THERE. Cry out to Him.



Get Registered Today!

- Regular Registration: \$50 (with Spouse: \$80 must call)
- Five or More Registrations: \$40 (must call in)
- Student rate: \$25
- DVD registrations, for those attending or those that cannot make it.
- Box lunch will be sold separately - \$10

Topics Covered:

- Understanding Male Homosexuality
- Understanding Lesbianism
- How Should the Church Respond?
- The Affected Family-How to Respond?
- What Would You Do?-Lunch Table Discussions
- Testimonies, Worship, and Q & A

To Register or get more information go to www.truthministry.org or call 864-583-7606.