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Offering Hope and Help to Individuals and Families Affected by Homosexuality

"EXCHANGE MINISTRIES CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!"



At our recent Christmas Party, we thanked God for blessing Exchange Ministries the past 30 years. Thank you to those who pray for, participate in, and financially support Exchange. We thank First Baptist Orlando for providing meeting space, advertising, and financial support. We also thank Calvary Assembly of God and other local churches that give monthly. This ministry is changing lives because of you! Thank you!

"I'm very grateful that Exchange exists! I love the open, safe, honest and real environment. I have enjoyed the fellowship and being able to talk with people that are going through similar things. I enjoy learning and soaking up wisdom from the older people in the group, and I don't feel odd to ask questions or be honest about things I struggle with."

"My relationship with my family is definitely healing. Being able to be open about what I struggle with has taken away a wall that was wedged between us. My heart feels softer, which has freed me to give love and accept love from my family."
– from women's group

"I have truly been humbled and convicted by those battling with same sex attraction as they openly share their struggles. The parents group has been so insightful and I am so appreciative! Also, in the short time I've been attending, I have formed some wonderful friendships!"

"This ministry has opened my husband & my eyes to the deep hurts and struggles my son has been carrying around for so long. It has aided us in ways to be there for him. It's made us less judgmental and more compassionate in other areas of struggling – not just same sex attraction."

"The greatest blessing has been watching my son and husband's relationship heal. WHAT A BLESSING!!!" – from parents' group

"Overall, I commend Exchange for all its efforts. No one else in the church community comes close. Thank you for what you do! You'll never know how supportive the program is to people like me who need outside assurance that "I'm OK."

– from men's group



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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Keep Asking to Receive

Christmas is a time of giving, but it is also a time of asking. We ask our loved ones and children, "What do you want for Christmas?" I ask you, reader of this newsletter, "What do you want?" A blind beggar sat beside the road begging and crying out, "Have mercy on me, Jesus!" and Jesus asked him outright, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Lord, I want to see." Jesus gave him sight, and the man followed him, rejoicing.



Often, we ask God for something and we don't receive it immediately, or it doesn't come to us in the way we had expected. We can understandably get confused and disappointed, and we sometimes give up asking. But if we really want something, we keep asking God for it. Matthew 7:7-8 is correctly translated as follows: "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking and the door will be opened for you."

In my own experience and with those to whom I minister, it is very easy to let hurt and disappointment keep us from believing that God is at work, but he is. When we keep on asking, seeking, and knocking with people, we can be disappointed, but we can keep asking, seeking, and knocking with God because he listens and cares, and he wants to answer our prayers. Our God is faithful in an unfaithful world. He is faithful when we are not. He wants to prove his love for us if we will believe in him.

Ask God what you want him to do for you this Christmas, and wait in expectation for his gift for you. He doesn't come down a chimney with a big red bag of toys; he does something better – he comes into our hearts with his love, and he is willing and able to grant us the desires of our hearts (Psalm 37:4).

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