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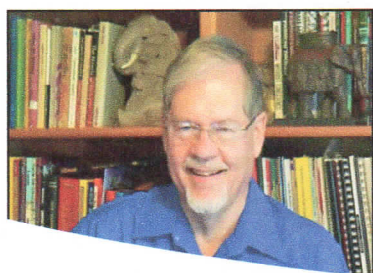


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“...To him who overcomes, I will give...a white stone with a new name written on it...” – Revelation 2:17.



Our Mission:
To minister to sex offenders and their families;
To educate the public regarding sex offender issues;
To assist in Sex Offender Reentry Development nationally;
To support balanced sex offender laws to better serve public safety.



Ministry in Motion

By John Leonardson

How Goes the Battle?

No doubt we're in a battle over many issues in today's world. The final outcome is assured – Jesus has won the war and His people are part of the victory! However, we currently fight for the hearts of minds of people concerning our country's sex offender (SO) problems.

Let's frame the issue in a little broader context. If you examine societies that make it legal to take away the rights of various classes of people, you'll find a society that moves to total breakdown. Since most states refuse to meaningfully classify SO's, it has resulted in wholesale confusion and prejudice. The media reinforces the myths surrounding SO's so many people carry around warped ideas. (Continued on Page 2)



Ms. Cynthia Says...

By Cynthia Cordeiro
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Igniting Hope and Possessing Joy

I would extend an invitation to you.... During the next several articles in this series we are going to be igniting our hope and possessing joy by learning some of the ways hope and joy are really yours. It's a promise, and in some instances a command. So I offer this time for you as a time set apart to view what hope is to you. What does "in hope being filled with ALL joy" feel like? So get ready for a great time in these next few weeks. God is already smiling....

FROWN FAST

This was a challenge in the book "Igniting Faith and Possessing Joy" by Steve Backlund and I took it. It is not denying that problems exist or that difficult situations exist in your life. It is an opportunity to take thoughts captive, and watch your words; to see how purposing to change your perspective WILL change you. It invites God to let Heaven down into the "earth" of your life and release the Power of in you to change the atmosphere where you live and work! (continued on Page 2)



Editor's Corner

Hi everyone,
In this issue, Mr. Leonardson attempts to sort out facts from popular fiction. Many of you know that a politician says what's popular to get votes. But who determines what the popular thing to say is?

Let Ms. Cynthia help you chase your blues away. In the first of three parts, Cyn will show you the joy joy joy joy down in her heart. (Where!?)

Once again PJ delivers the real deal straight from the Father's heart. What can he, or anyone do to turn the corner on life's little calamities?

We would like to give special recognition to Ralph Staton, the ministry's most recent graduate. Congratulations Ralph! Be looking for more of Ralph's story in the quarterly newsletter, due out soon.

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When we make it next to impossible for SO's to find a place to live or earn a decent living, we absorb the cost of this. Some become homeless and taxpayers must pay again. We civilly commit some SO's to hospitals or prisons and this cost is becoming higher every year. The list of registered SO's has become so huge that it has become meaningless. Instead we need to list the high-risk SO's so people can have information that may actually help.

When you say sex offender, people immediately think of their kids. About 80% of victims knew their offender and about 70% of the victims were under 17. This means that people are only 14% at risk of having a problem with a stranger. Recidivism rates are under 10% for registered SO's, so factoring that in means the risk is about 1.4% that an RSO could make your child a victim. Of course, this still leaves a risk, but wouldn't it be better to put most of our resources toward where the majority of problems lie?

The main tactic would not be to look up SO's on a map to see where they live but to watch your family dynamics and particularly watch situations where your children have access to adults (leaders, relatives, teachers, etc.) when you're not there. Keep a close eye on any strange behavior in your children and if they report something happened, please investigate. Don't lean toward disbelief. Vigilance in the family will do much more to prevent these crimes than a neighborhood watch, or newspaper notification ever could.

So the bottom line is our current laws and restrictions are not working. We sure don't want more victims, but let's put some sense and direction into the system. Let's examine the facts we have at our disposal and *not* depend on prejudice and fear. Our current process is not preventing more sexual offenses.

How can you help? If you will become educated about the facts and then begin talking to people about the issues, we can develop a bigger base of support for positive change. Watch what politicians are saying – if it's more and stricter punishment mostly, (which is a calculated appeal to fear and prejudice) - vote for another candidate. Go to our web site and download the brochure *Sex Offender Sense*. Keep a few on hand and share with friends. Spend some time with an SO to hear what's going on in their lives. You might be surprised.

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From the Father's Heart

Feasting on His Goodness

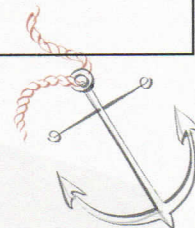
By Pastor Jon Cordeiro



I was listening to a CD by Graham Cook, a man I find a delight to listen to. His life in Christ took a right turn when he decided to stop sweating the small stuff. Rather than worrying about all the "what ifs" of life he now chooses to leave things beyond his control in the hands of the one who controls all. Worry is having more faith in the power of evil than in the sovereign goodness of God. Guess we can say we all sin on occasion just by worrying, but I wouldn't worry about it, if you're a believer in Christ He's got your back.

Our perceptions are our reality; we can look at the facts but still not see the Truth. If Truth (the way God views us, others and our circumstances) is our reality, than we can experience a life of freedom that will set others free also. When we operate with a Christ like mind set (not legalism but love) we open doors to others needs being met for salvation, deliverance, hope, peace and Divine interventions. When we bring God down to man size by believing the lies of the enemy (that we or others can't change, or that God doesn't care or isn't able to do the impossible) we give the enemy legal access to keep us and/or others in bondage to the very lies we've believed. We have been given the keys to the Kingdom and authority to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. Satan only has legal access to steal, kill and destroy by our permission (believing lies or willful sin), omission (failure to understand the need to renounce and ask forgiveness for our sins and the sins of our forefathers – generational curses) or commission (by God or again by ourselves – selling your soul to the devil). There is hope in that we have the Holy Spirit who will show us all things and lead us according to our need.

Recently I had a situation arise in my ministry and personal life that fostered a significant amount of concern (worry). I had to make a choice to seek first the Kingdom perspective rather than dwell upon all the "what ifs" of the facts. Focusing on the Truth of who's I am and who I am in Christ helped restore my peace and keep me steady in the midst of much turmoil. I realized that God was not surprised by the circumstances at all. In fact, He was more than happy to prepare a banquet table for me right in front of my enemies! While I was feasting on the remembrances of His goodness and praising Him for his faithfulness in my time of need I could hear the jeering and gnashing of teeth from my enemy behind me. Father God loves to protect us and show off for his kids. Jesus is the key to our Father, and to our authority to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to earth today. Declare and feast on His goodness daily!



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So here's how it works. When you're presented with an opportunity that you could speak life or death (there is power in your words) I encourage you to look at these options and began to think and speak in such a way that invites God to come down and show He is not only in agreement with your words He is going to inhabit them and change the circumstance or person.

It is crucial to not only stop thinking and speaking unbelief and negativity; but to grow in thinking and speaking the positive: truth, the promises of God, praising God, encouragement to others and thanksgiving. The negative must be replaced with the positive in order for this fast to be effective.

God is good and He is in a Good Mood!

He is excited and 100% sure that the plan and destiny He has for your life is not only GREAT it WILL happen. Really! The first time I heard this, the presenter let this quietly roll out and stood smiling and nodding.... You could almost physically feel the atmosphere shift as people felt the challenge to their mindset. God's in a good mood. Really? That's profound! I'd never thought God even smiled. That's fascinating. Then the next announcement felt like the 'box' I'd held God in just disappeared. God is in a Good Mood. How can we not have JOY if our God is joyFULL? So start this Fast and get ready for your life to radically change. Remember it's a challenge only you can put into action. I dare you.

Anchoring In....

If you're worried, pray; if you pray, why worry?

Philippians 4:6&7