



# The official newsletter of Parents & Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays

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## Parent Talk

Consequence, according to *Webster's Dictionary*, is "the natural result from a preceding condition or action, the effect."

Wow. Then it can be said that we bear the consequences of all that we do or don't do.

I recently wrote to you about Values and saying NO. Now I want to talk about Consequences.

Much of what we do or fail to do will have a longterm effect on us, our families and our freedoms—they're called consequences. I, like you, am guilty of not having followed logical paths which I know to be correct, but instead allowing my heart and feelings to control my actions. As I look back I must also admit that the fear of hurting someone has controlled many of the decisions and actions that I have taken.

No parent or friend ever sets out to purposely hurt anyone, be it mentally or physically. In order to avoid this action, we often apply the "What If" theory to many of our decisions. What will the consequences be "if" I choose A or choose B?

Do you remember when you first found out that your child, friend, or perhaps even you yourself had same sex attractions? You may have experienced shock, denial, pain, or even anger—maybe even all of the above—and you probably played the "what if" game. If I ask questions will they get angry? If I don't agree to accept their decisions, will they leave home? If I set bound-

aries will they agree or get angry? There might be differences in religious beliefs. How will this impact the family? What if they have a partner? The list goes on and on appears to grow with time.

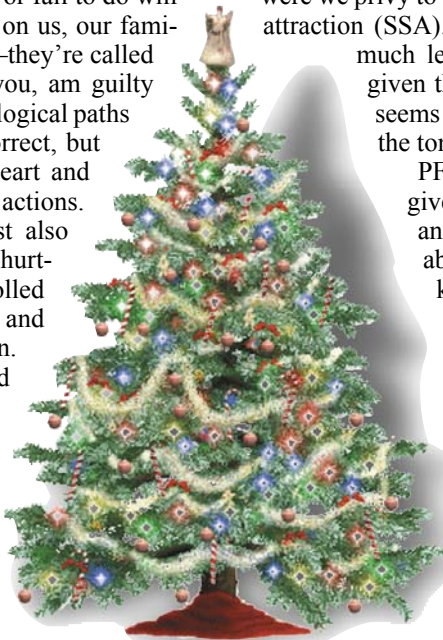
Since, for the most part, none of us knew that our lives were about to be turned upside down, we were not prepared for, nor were we privy to the facts about same-sex attraction (SSA). It is difficult to think, much less use, common sense, given the emotional shock that seems to stop the brain but not the tongue.

PFOX has two goals: to give support to all families and to educate everyone about SSA and let them know that change is possible.

I get concerned about many of our families and friends who are still struggling to apply unconditional love and maintain their personhood. If we are blinded by our pain, closeted about our lives, and silenced by gay activists who are taking con-

trol of our families, then we need to take stock of where we are, where we've been, and where we want to be.

Nothing ever stays the same, so you must take control of the situation, establish a plan and stick to it. Do not try and set goals that you cannot achieve or that are made in order to change things that are out of your control. You'll find it hard and become discouraged making it harder to stick



The holidays are fast approaching and can provide great opportunities for families to spend time together. Can you set aside discussions about SSA? Our children, friends and strugglers are wonderful men and women who lead productive lives and their identity is not about who they are attracted to. Feelings can and do change. I often think we get hung up about homosexuality, labeling those we love instead of reinforcing who they truly are—a child of God and someone we love. Gay is not an identity: it is not fixed or hardwired.

I'm looking forward to Christmas with our children and grandchildren. It has been a slow process getting our new home finished. After two years, the end is finally in sight.

This year I plan to make all of those fattening goodies we don't need but enjoy during the holidays. Our family enjoys gathering around the fireplace and watching all of the old Christmas movies. We also enjoy the midnight service on Christmas Eve and the magic of the birth of the baby King Jesus.

Remember: he who loves first and holds on to that love wins.  
Have a Blessed Christmas,  
Regina

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# A second chance through *He Intends Victory*

... And people like you

Incredible as it might sound, it took an AIDS diagnosis to save Dan Davis' life. After years of struggling with homosexuality and drug use, much of it during his marriage, Dan learned in 1994 that he had AIDS. Doctors gave him only one to two years to live.

That diagnosis brought Dan to the strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life that he has today. And Dan credits *He Intends Victory* with helping him to "fall in love with a Savior that I never knew that well."

Just after his diagnosis, Dan and his wife Cathy sought refuge in God. Cathy had chosen to stand by Dan, and both knew he needed Christian fellowship, but he'd been unable to find it in some of the churches he and Cathy had approached in the past. Dan believed his AIDS was punishment for the double life he'd led for so long. Afraid of what lay ahead for him, and terrified for his family, he prayed for the Lord to take him home.

God had other plans for Dan, though! He led Dan to *He Intends Victory* through a public service announcement which ended, "Please call 1-800-HIV-HOPE."

"I called the 800 number and Herb Hall answered the phone," said Dan. "He asked me if I knew someone with AIDS, and I said I did. He asked if it was me. I hesitantly said 'yes.' His response was, 'Praise God, brother, I have AIDS too!' My first thought was, this guy is out of his mind. How could anyone thank God for having AIDS?"

But, incredibly, AIDS did bring about good things for Dan. Herb invited Dan and Cathy out to Irvine to visit *He Intends Victory*. There, they met Bruce and his wife Joni, and a deep, Christ-centered friendship was forged—as well as a new life for Dan,

who's been actively involved with our ministry ever since!

Dan has served on the board at *He*

God's mercy. Married for 35 years, he and Cathy have three children and three grandchildren. "God really has blessed us. My viral load is undetectable and my health is great."

We at *He Intends Victory* are blessed, too, to have Dan on our team! He brings an intensely personal perspective to the work we do, giving new hope to everyone his life touches today.

You, too, can give that hope to others. Here's a personal message from Dan Davis: "You make a difference, because without you, *He Intends Victory* is not able to do the things we do. We are not able to go out and share the hope that lies within us... that there is a way to live with HIV. Without our donors, that wouldn't be possible. It takes everyone together."

Dan doesn't let national borders confine him—he's journeyed to Africa three times to help others with HIV/AIDS, and to share how Jesus Christ has changed his life. "Living with HIV brings its own set of complications, but living with Him, I know I can make it through the day."

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*Intends Victory* for more than ten years. He assists *He Intends Victory* chapters across the U.S., and attends speaking engagements as well, reaching out to people with HIV/AIDS and those whose loved ones are dealing with HIV and homosexuality.

Today, 14 years since his diagnosis, Dan is living proof of



Cathy and Dan Davis

# Gay Journalists Set Goal: Conquer Christianity

NBC chose *National Journal* reporter Matthew Berger to cover GOP religious conservative Mike Huckabee's presidential bid. Berger later said he experienced "reverse Stockholm syndrome" while on the campaign trail. "Stockholm syndrome" is what afflicts hostages who come to love their captors. So the reverse would be?

Berger acknowledged how difficult it is for a journalist to do his job when you "hate" the people you're covering, adding he was happy when he was transferred to the "gay-friendly" Rudolph Giuliani campaign.

Berger made these statements while attending the National Gay and Lesbian Journalist Association's (NGLJA) annual conference held last August in Washington, D.C. Every major news organization—including NBC, CBS, ABC, News Corporation/FOX, and Gannett (*USA Today*)—attended. Plus, big media donated over \$100,000 in direct financial support and bought paid ads in the convention program.

NGLJA boasts over 1,300 journalists embedded in the nation's leading newspapers, television and radio stations, and new media. Berger is the former president of the Washington, D.C. chapter. In NGLJA's YouTube video, they explain some members dedicate themselves to mentoring the "new generation of journalists" and others to advancing LGBT journalists' careers—but *all* members advocate for coverage that is "fair, accurate, and inclusive."

But just how does NGLJA define (and mentor) journalistic fairness, accuracy, and inclusiveness? Brian Fitzpatrick, senior editor of the Culture and Media Institute, reported what was discussed at the conference, revealing some very scary answers.

A panel supposedly intended to foster accurate coverage of religion quickly turned into a political strategizing session aimed at "retaking Christianity" from conservatives.

The moderator and organizer of the panel, furniture magnate Mitchell Gold, is the founder of Faith in America, a homosexual activist organization targeting the religious community.

Gold said, "The single biggest [obstacle] to gays having equal rights in the country is religion," so "I set myself to learn about it."

One of the panelists, Ann Craig, director of Religion, Faith & Values for the Gay

and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), said, "We're not getting any place until we begin conquering the debate" in the religious community.

How to do it? Panelist Jimmy Creech, the former United Methodist pastor defrocked in 1999 for conducting same-sex "marriages," told the journalists to seek out "other voices" rather than quote the 700 Club's Pat Robertson and Focus on the Family founder Dr. James Dobson who are "the most radical Christians in America today" and represent "a very minority point of view."

With almost every major news outlet

present, one might think the idea of overthrowing Christianity in America might at least rate a few column inches back in the religion section or even a couple of broadcast minutes somewhere. Well, not quite.

Of the hundreds of conferees in attendance, only 11 chose to participate in the breakout session promoting objectivity in news coverage.

(The above is in large part directly from Brian Fitzpatrick's report *NBC to 'Gay' Journalists: 'Your Victories Are Our Victories.'* PFOX thanks the Culture and Media Institute at Media Research Council for permission.)

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May the true magic of  
*Christmas* bring you a  
*holiday* filled with peace, happiness,  
and joy.



Merry Christmas from Tank and King!

# On a Positive Note

I want to thank Laura for sharing her great news with us. A few months ago Laura called me about her little boy who had decided that he really wanted to be a girl. He was not comfortable with boys at school, and felt more comfortable with girls. We spoke about what was happening in his world: new baby, older brother and being bullied at school. I suggested Laura read several books especially *Preventing Homosexuality* by Dr. Joseph Nicolosi.

Laura called me a few days ago to update me on how things were going with Brian.

Laura found a therapist, she and her husband had read Nicolosi's book and

they implemented the ideas they read about. After a few weeks they saw major changes in Brian's attitude.

After counseling and more one-on-one time with dad, Brian told his parents he wants to be a little boy.

Many prayers were offered for Brian and his parents took action when they realized there was a problem.

I appreciate Laura calling me with such wonderful news. I thank Joseph and Linda Nicolosi for their dedication to writing a book that helps parents recognize the warning signs of gender issues and provides them with simple ways to prevent homosexuality.



## Family and Friends Prayer List

Mary Beth, Tom, Sean, Stan, Christopher, Lucas, Beth, Elaine, Joshua, Benjamin, Hampton, Cheryl, Stacy, Carol, Mattie, Nicole, David, Bob, Rose, Steve, Ronald, James, Madeline, Jesus, Rick, Gary, April, Maureen, Jen, Michael, Eric, Allen, Sara,

Damon, Sam, Matthew, Deborah, Corey, James, Jeffery, Melanie, Stan, Brooke, Lisa, Emily, Tyler, Jim, Chad, Brett, Charles, Brian, Jerome, Pamela, Kelly, Tim, Roger, Gaetano, Christian, Judy, Michael, Monte, Gary, Karen, Hillary, Stephan, Brooke, Terri, Elise, Joseph, Vickie, Tricia, Paul,

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Edmond, Kesha, Shannon, Paige, Melissa, Donny, William, Wendall, Leno, Mandy, Andy, E., Erik, Lauren, Chris, Todd, Jayson, Carl III, Steve, Zachary, Kelly, Toby, Cody, Dylan, Wayne, Tom, Jeff, Walt, Cayce, Tim,

David, Charles, Edward, Matt, Marc, Heather, Gary, Bill, John, Jeremy, Jen R, Cindy, Karen, Brian, Shellie, Pattie, Emily, Carrie, Alicia, Michelle, Bruce, Rebecca, Suhmin, Phil, Bryce,

Ethan, Doug, Tom, Nick, Harold, Kent, Glenn, Rob and Heath, Angela, Julia, Wess, Christine, Catherine, Jeremy, Katie, David, Troy, Mike, Lisa, Bruce, James, Mary, Samantha, Victoria and Buddy, Christopher A., Jeramie C., Adam C., Christopher K., Perry N., Eric, Missy, Nathan, Michelle, Joe and Idario.

## Upcoming Conferences

Focus on the Family's Love Won Out (LWO) Conference provides a safe place to get answers to some of your questions about same sex attractions.

At LWO you'll hear a message on overcoming same-sex attraction from former homosexuals and meet lots of families like yours. I want to encourage families to attend. If your loved is willing to attend, take him or her as well as siblings. The best way to stop

the deliberate misinformation about ex-gays and LWO is to bring your loved one and family to a conference. Hundreds are expected to attend, you will have the opportunity to receive support and hope, and get to meet ex-gays and other families who truly know how you feel.

The next conference is Feb. 21, 2009, in Charlotte, N.C. For more information call 1-800-A-FAMILY or go their website at [www.lovewonout.org](http://www.lovewonout.org).

## Miscellaneous Notes

Please partner with PFOX with a love offering to help meet the rising printing costs of the numerous brochures and educational information we produce. PFOX is a volunteer organization (no salaried employees), your donation will enable us to continue to educate the public and America's youth about ex-gays and that changing sexual orientation is possible.

now has DVDs and CDs that offer support and resources for families who have a loved one with same sex attraction (SSA), as well as those seeking help in overcoming unwanted SSAs. For more information visit [www.comingoutstraight.org](http://www.comingoutstraight.org)

The new PFOX phone number is 804-453-4737. Our new mailing address is PFOX PO Box 510, Reedville, VA 22539.

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of the  
First  
Christmas  
be with you always.

