



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

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## Parent Talk

### Never Give Up

I was having one of those days, feeling discouraged and ready to give up, quit or accept defeat. I went searching for my favorite Bible; I needed an attitude adjustment. In my search I found my mother in-law's Bible (dated 1952). I had never really looked through Mother Griggs' Bible until last night. I found scriptures she had marked, articles she had saved and a note and picture of Pat Boone's family as well as 3 generations of Dr.Schuller's family.

My mother in-law was a woman of strong faith; she was practical and easy to talk to. She was an advocate for the poor, was awarded the Richmond Virginia's Social Services volunteer of the year, and was very active in her church. Mother Griggs never drove a car, was a cancer survivor, and had heart problems but still maintained her faith and found time to listen and offer words of encouragement. I remember so well one of her favorite sayings:

"This is the day the Lord has made let us be glad and rejoice in it."

For teenagers struggling with independence, she had a plaque that said, "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

Mother Griggs passed away 23 years ago but her love of the Lord and memorable words of wisdom still inspire me to stay focused on the important things in life. Mother Griggs was not a quitter. Twenty-three years later,



reading her circled scriptures and a 1973 newspaper article tucked away in her Bible on parenting have reminded that we need to pray that God will give us the strength and wisdom to be good parents. God did not give up on the children of Israel. As He welcomes home the prodigal, so too must we be patient and faithful.

Hosea 11: 8-11 says, "How can I give you up ... How can I let you go? How I long to help you. I will bring you home again; It is a promise from the Lord.

PFOX has accomplished much to be proud of this year. PFOX hosted a booth at Love Won Out in North Carolina, a booth at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington DC.

At CPAC we met hundreds of men, women and students from all over our country. Most were unaware of PFOX and had never met a former homosexual. God blessed us with four ex-gay volunteers, living proof that homosexuality is not inborn and that change is possible. PFOX handed out hundreds of brochures and gave hope to family and friends of homosexuals. Hear Doug McIntyre's interview on the opening page of our website, [www.pfox.org](http://www.pfox.org)

PFOX testified before legislators in Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Ohio just to name a few. The battle to gain equal access to our nation's schools is ongoing. This year we have been successful in getting our fliers in high schools and college centers in several states.

PFOX will not be deterred or silenced by

threats, hate mail or obscene phone calls. We thank the law firms and staff of Alliance Defense Fund, Liberty Council, Thomas More Center, CLS's Center for Law and Religious Freedom, Advocates for Faith & Freedom. They have protected our rights, as well as the rights of students to receive all information we could not have succeeded without their dedicated service.

Enclosed is our gift to you, a PFOX bookmark, which we hand out whenever we exhibit. Our goal is to be able to hand them out to students everywhere. PFOX brochures provide facts about sexual orientation and must be made available to the youth of America who have been taught the lie that homosexuality is innate. There is not one replicated study that says one is born gay or that you cannot overcome same sex attractions, *none*.

We appreciate your financial support. Without it we could not achieve our goal to provide resources and support to families, churches, educators and those who struggle with sexual orientation and gender confusion.

Blessings  
Regina

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# Charlotte Christian Leader Asks the Human Rights Campaign, 'Do Ex-Gays Have Human Rights?'

March 4, 2009

Dr. Michael Brown, director of the Coalition of Conscience and a speaker at Focus on the Family's Love Won Out Conference at Central Church of God in Charlotte on Saturday, February 21, claims that the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), has a history of "discriminatory and defamatory treatment of those who choose to leave the homosexual lifestyle." (The HRC, which is the world's largest homosexual advocacy organization, held its annual fundraising dinner in Charlotte on Saturday night, less than one hour after the conclusion of the Love Won Out Conference. The Love Won Out Conference ministers to men and women dealing with unwanted same-sex attractions.)

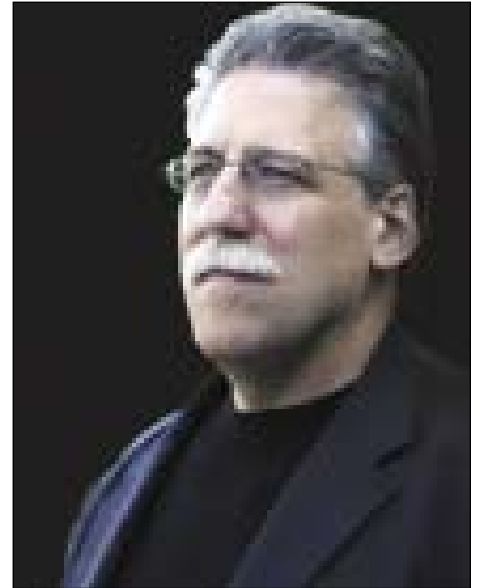
Over ten years ago, the HRC published a 28 page booklet designed to counteract ministries devoted to helping

people come out of homosexuality, claiming that, "Most people who have been through these ministries . . . refer to their experience as psychological terrorism." In the same publication, conservative Christian organizations were described as "religious political extremist groups." The HRC also enthusiastically backed the recent anti-gay movie, "For the Bible Tells Me So," claiming on their website that the movie "examines how a select few biblical verses are used by right-wing extremists to deny gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people their basic rights."

Brown, however, questions how an organization which claims to stand for the rights of gays and lesbians can so strongly oppose the rights of those within that community who are not at peace with their same-sex attractions and who choose to pursue change.

"How," Brown asks, "can they be called the Human Rights Campaign? What about the human rights of ex-gays? And how can the HRC call for tolerance and understanding and yet be so intolerant and bigoted in their treatment of those with unwanted same-sex attractions? Why heap scorn on ex-gays and deny their very existence? Isn't this the height of hypocrisy for an organization ostensibly devoted to the basic rights of gay and lesbian people?"

Sponsors of this year's HRC Carolinas Dinner include Bank of America, Wachovia, Duke Energy, Food Lion, American



Dr. Michael Brown


Express, and Audi. Despite this high level of corporate sponsorship, Brown claims that the HRC hardly represents mainstream America, noting that Joe Solmonese, president of the HRC, has stated that all Americans who believe that marriage should be defined as the union of a man and woman are "right-wing extremists." The HRC also calls on businesses to have special bathroom accommodations for employees undergoing sex-change operations.

"Who are the real extremists?" Brown asks.

*NOTE: We also encourage you to follow the relevant discussions taking place on our Voice of Revolution online magazine and to listen to the daily Line of Fire broadcasts, where we often touch on relevant social and moral issues.*

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Dr. Michael Brown



*Homosexuality*  
Doesn't have to last a lifetime

Ex-gays prove that change is a choice. [www.pfox.org](http://www.pfox.org)

# Finding the Right Help: Locating a Counselor for the Person with Unwanted Same-Sex Attractions

## For Strugglers

by Tim Wilkins

Locating an experienced counselor who will help a person overcome unwanted same-sex attractions can be a long and arduous task. Because this form of counseling is “politically incorrect” among many counselors, strugglers and/or their family and friends need to know how to investigate and secure a counselor who shares their belief—that freedom is possible. When I am contacted by someone needing counseling for homosexuality, I immediately refer them to an Exodus member ministry in their area. Sometimes distance makes this unfeasible. Simply picking up the phone and making an appointment with the first person to answer can be a horrible mistake. Thus, I have specific guidelines for those seeking such help.

Go through the yellow pages and begin calling counselors. Do not assume that the designation “Christian or Biblical Counseling” means what you think it means. When you get a counselor on the phone, tell them “I need help for someone who is experiencing anxiety regarding same-sex attractions.” Do not say “I need help for a man/woman who is experiencing unwanted same-sex attractions”; you do not want to tip your hand with the word “unwanted.” By using the word “unwanted,” you are telling the counselor up front that the struggler wants freedom; thus allowing the counselor to modify his/her comments in order to get another client in the door, even if he does not believe in or advocate freedom. (If you get an answering machine or a receptionist, leave your phone number for them to return your call; DO NOT give details.)

After this brief introduction, immediately ask this diagnostic question, “what approach do you take with such a client?” Say nothing more, waiting in complete silence for their response. If the counselor asks a question before responding to your question, politely but firmly repeat your question with a slight variation, “how do you go about dealing

with such a person?” Maintain control of the conversation; after all you made the phone call. Refuse to be drawn into answering qualifying questions. If the counselor cannot or will not tell you her approach, thank her for their time and end the call.

If the counselor is candid and says he deals only with the homosexual’s anxiety versus change, again politely end the call. He is not what you are looking for. If the counselor’s answers are solidly biblical and/or he speaks of reparative therapy, press further. (Reparative therapy is the clinical approach to helping those come out of homosexuality.) If the counselor uses biblical terminology, but comes across with simplistic answers such as “I teach him how to trust the Lord,” or “I share the gospel and tell her to repent,” again politely end the phone call.

What you want to hear is a lucid, compassionate, biblical response that homosexual behavior is sin and that freedom is possible through Jesus Christ. If the counselor uses the words “reparative therapy” she is referring to the clinical term for helping someone out of homosexuality. When you get either response, ask what books they have read on the subject and how much experience they have had counseling in this area.

Listen for book titles such as:

- Someone I Love is Gay by Bob Davies and Anita Worthen
- Homosexual No More by Bill Consiglio
- The Broken Image by Leanne Payne
- Crisis in Masculinity by Leanne Payne
- Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth by Dr. Jeffrey Satinover
- Reparative Therapy of Male Homosexuality by Dr. Joseph Nicolosi
- Coming Out of Homosexuality by Bob Davies and Lori Rentzel
- Desires in Conflict by Joe Dallas
- A Strong Delusion by Joe Dallas
- Setting Love in Order by Mario Bergner
- Setting the Record Straight by Dr. Larry Burtoft

- Out of Egypt by Jeanette Howard
- Straight and Narrow? by Thomas Schmidt
- Unwanted Harvest? by Mona Riley and Brad Sargent
- Homosexuality: A New Christian Ethic by Dr. Elizabeth Moberly

The above books are classics advocating freedom from same-sex attractions. If you continue to get positive responses from the counselor, set an appointment for you or your loved one.

Tim Wilkins is a former homosexual who formed Cross Ministry, phone: 919-569-0375), through which he reaches out to homosexuals with the transforming truth of the Gospel. He is married and has three children.

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[http://pfox.org/therapist\\_strugglers.html](http://pfox.org/therapist_strugglers.html)

*NOTE: For more articles like this, please check our website at [www.pfox.org](http://www.pfox.org).*

## Facts, Not Fiction

In an 2007 interview Douglas Abbott stated, There is no evidence of a “gay gene,” says Douglas Abbott, Ph.D., Professor of Child and Family Studies at the University of Nebraska.

Abbott points to studies that look at the sexual orientation of the offspring of gay people. “If homosexuality was caused by genetic mechanisms, their children would be more likely to choose same-sex interaction,” he says. “But they aren’t more likely, so therefore it can’t be genetic.”

For Abbott, the answer to the nature-vs.-nurture question is very clear. “I think the primary causes of same-sex behavior are environmental and personal choice and free agency,” he says. “Can someone change their orientation? The definitive answer to that is, “yes.”

# 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 one 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 Saturday, April 18, 2009, in San Antonio, Texas. For more information call 1-800-A-FAMILY or go their website at [www.lovewonout.org](http://www.lovewonout.org) or call 1-800-A-FAMILY.

## Latest News

PFOX brochures are now available online at <http://pfox.org/bookstore.html>. Take PFOX brochures to conferences, meetings – everywhere you go – and chances are you'll meet someone who needs to hear a message of hope. Change is possible for people with unwanted same sex attractions.

What are your kids reading in the library? We are hearing from parents throughout the country that there are long lists of homosexual books that affirm a homosexual behavior and lifestyle but few to none that provide hope and the fact that homosexuality is not inborn, that people with unwanted same-sex attractions can and do overcome these attractions. For information on how to get books in your local library visit <http://pfox.org/rights.html>. We're here to help and can provide you with a list of books to donate or request that your library purchase.

PFOX has designated 2009 The Year of Education. Many families and friends suffer in silence not knowing how to react to the news that someone they love has same-sex attractions. Numerous churches and schools have accepted the lie that homosexuality cannot be overcome, leaving families without hope and feeling closeted. We are living a year that seems to be filled with doom and gloom but have no fear, God is still in control. PFOX will continue to provide parents with hope, churches and schools with resources that will help someone's child find the hope and support they need.

We need your continued financial support now more than ever. If you would like to donate to PFOX online go to <http://pfox.org/donate.html>. Or you can mail your donations to us at PFOX, PO Box 510, Reedville VA 22539.

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He is not here;  
he has risen,  
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6



## Change of address

Please note our address is changed. You can now reach us at: PFOX, PO Box 510, Reedville VA 22539. Thank you.

## Family and Friends Prayer List

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