

Countering Gay Pride

By Flo Hubbs, PFOX Director

uring the month of June, we are bombarded by incessant "gay pride" messages everywhere. So, what do we do?

Recently, I attended the God's Voice conference hosted by First Stone Ministries in Oklahoma City.

Some of the themes presented by the speakers were:

- As Christians we need to have Biblical convictions.
- Don't back down.
- Learn about traumatic experiences that cause these issues.
- Stand for the truth of the Gospel.
- Jesus still transforms lives.

For years, in the "gay church," I had heard the phrases, "God Loves You" and "Jesus died for you." These were true, but they didn't change me.

Years later, I heard the truth that God deserves, even demands us to be holy, because He is a Holy God.

It made me wonder just how that can be? In our world today, the original sin of pride is championed as a badge of honor. A man can "marry" a man and a woman can "marry" a woman, claiming it as a constitutional right.

The world, including governments, corporations and the entertainment industry, is heavily promoting polyamory, same-sex attraction (SSA), transgenderism and is even openly targeting children.



The Cost of Abandoning Science and Moral Truth

This can happen only when we forget that God created us. There is no credible, replicated evidence of any "gay gene" or that transgenderism is inborn. Moral and scientific truth has been abandoned, even by many so-called scientists.

Even the incredibly corrupt Romans and Greeks of old didn't view homosexuality as an inborn trait or that there was a "right" to same-sex marriage.

I saw the Light when I heard the

truth that the only path to Jesus is to repent, to stop doing the things that separate me from Him, and to rest in his love and mercy. When I asked Him into my heart, it was still a struggle for some time. To surrender everything is not easy for anyone, especially after years of rebellion. But I gradually moved toward the Light, reading the Bible and praying more.

Many Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments talk about how God created us and loves us and even how



PFOX Director Flo Hubbs at the God's Voice Conference hosted by fellow PFOX board member Stephen Black in Oklahoma City in early May.

the Messiah would one day sacrifice His life for us.

Isaiah 53:5,6 says: He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Likewise, John 3:16 says: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For a time, I was still blinded by the world telling me the appealing lie that I was "born with same sex attractions." I still felt empty. Each of us is born with a God-shaped hole in our heart. The devil is quick and crafty in filling the hole with substitutes that will not—and can not—bring us ultimate happiness. It took me some time before I was able to see

through these lies and embrace the love of God and the Truth of the Gospel.

At one point, I read Matthew 6:24: No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

I mistakenly thought Jesus was talking only about loving money more than Him. As I began to pray for understanding, God gently spoke to me and showed me that I had really loved my self-centered ways more than I loved Him. As I read more of the Bible, I began to give over to God all my perverse, same-sex attractions. His deeper love allowed me true freedom. I wanted His Spirit to lead me and fill every area of my life.

He showed me in the Bible that He had better plans for my life, and a plan of eternal salvation.

What To Do? Reach Out.

How do we stand up against the LGBT+ movement? It seems to pervade every inch of the public square and is blared in every forum.

I don't think it helps to stand on a street corner during a gay pride parade and yell "REPENT, you're an abomination to God!" It might convict a few. After all, John the Baptist took this approach, and Jesus said he was the greatest of all prophets. But it seems to me that in our warped times, it merely plays into the hands of those who would depict us as judgmental and unloving.

Sharing the love and truth of Jesus Christ may start with a bottle of water to someone at the pride parade and a kind and gentle word. They honestly do think Christian people hate them.

By the same token, some parents make the mistake of giving in to threats by their children to accept and even applaud their behavior or risk isolation. This is emotional blackmail. Disagreement is *not* hatred. We can be loving without being enablers.

Biblical conviction is not a negative attitude. The hard part of being bold and living for Christ becomes easy when we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. We cannot do this on our own.

People still desperately want to hear that they are loved, and that someone really cares for them. Let's all share how God met us where we were and how He loves us beyond measure.

Prayer Requests

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