Receiving Our Son Back from Homosexuality
A Parental Perspective With a Positive Outcome | Part Two

by Steve and Janice Graham

In our last issue, Steve and Janice Graham told of their struggles when their son confessed his confused sexual feelings and addiction to homosexual pornography. In part two, they take us on their journey through treatment and healing:

When our son admitted his problems with homosexuality, we took him to see a psychiatrist—but it was too upsetting for him. He thought we believed he was crazy. We didn’t know what to think. We were in shock—and a bit of denial.

In his book, A Freedom Too Far, Dr. Charles Socarides describes how we felt during this time: “Announcements like this that our kids have suddenly decided [or in our son’s case, become convinced] they’re gay amount to a kind of murder of the family. Parents can’t imagine things that are worse. It’s something like a premature Alzheimer’s disease; there’s no more real communication, no more sharing of experience, now, or ever. Some great parents can say that this is okay. But, deep down, they know they are deluding themselves. This can mean the end of hopes and dreams for their kids—that they will some day experience the extreme joys that have been repeated over and over again since civilization began, that they will become parents. And make them grandparents. To know that this isn’t going to happen—well, it’s a sadness.”

Our son’s sexual confusion and porn addiction were inflamed when he was under a lot of stress. He admitted that when he escaped into same-sex porn any differing views about sexual orientation:

“Growing up in our family we experienced many tough times. There were struggles along the way and at times we children were pulled into them. Our family wasn’t always what one hoped it would be, but we were always there for each other.

Through our struggles and hardest times you were always there for me. You have been supportive and excited for me as I grew and met many of life’s challenges along the way. I know you will be there for me as I move through life and that your love for me is unending.

Thanks for being there for me and loving me. I love you Mom!”

Mother’s Day blessings,
Regina
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he knew it was wrong. Each time, he vowed, would be the last . . . but willpower alone was never enough.

Years later, our son’s therapist concluded he wouldn’t have struggled with homosexual tendencies had it not been for the pervasive homosexual influence of the internet. In other words, he was fed a gay identity.

It began with the power of suggestion—by our son looking at body builders online. Having endured a lot of teasing from his peers, he was curious about his male body. He wondered if he had what it took to be a “real man.”

From there he linked to same-sex pornographic literature and, ultimately, images. This stimulating, exciting, and highly-graphic material proved overwhelming and addicting. From images, he soon moved to homosexual chat rooms. The porn made him vulnerable prey to predatory older men.

He described his experience this way: “My interest in written and visual pornography faded as I grew more and attracted to what felt like an upgraded version of pornography that was not only personal but involved another living human being—chat rooms. Make no mistake . . . just talking with another person about certain things is a form of pornography. It’s totally inappropriate to talk to complete strangers explicitly about sex. My memories of chat rooms are among the very worst in my whole experience. Everything I saw, heard, wrote, spoke and thought about this subject was dark and distorted.”

Michael Glatze notes, “Lust takes us out of our bodies, attaching our psyche onto someone else’s physical form. That’s why homosexual sex, and all other lust-based sex, is never satisfactory: It’s a neurotic process rather than a natural, normal one.”

It was hard finding the right person to help our son. We had many false starts. Finally, our church connected us with Dr. Jeff Robinson, a professional specializing in helping people overcome unwanted homosexuality. He respected our faith and value systems. Families, parents, and individuals need to know that real help is available. Otherwise, we can become crushed by media misinformation and just give in.

Dr. Robertson felt our son’s chances for recovery were good, due to three key factors working in his favor: a good relationship with his dad, a history of heterosexual feelings, and an orthodox view of religion.

He explained how our son had been ensnared—and how we could help him get healed and reoriented—as he wished. He also said it could be as dangerous to take the situation too seriously as to not take it seriously enough. We had to have faith our son could get through this—and work hard to help him get there.

Our son’s personality traits (high intelligence, curiosity, overconfidence, and a tendency to overanalyze) made him more susceptible to porn and homosexuality. He was a heterosexual who had “learned” homosexuality.

Dr. Robinson explained that attitudes about sex are taught, and porn is very powerful propaganda. Our son, through concentrated engagement in same-sex porn and chat rooms, had learned and reinforced wrong ideas.

One wrong idea was that a person’s value is defined by sexual attractiveness. Dr. Robinson helped him see that while it’s normal and natural to notice when a person (of either sex) is attractive, it isn’t okay to generally sexualize people.

Many parents today back off when their child tells them they’re “gay.” This never occurred to us. To us, homosexuality is a deviation, a disorder, a willful rebellion, or a combination of these. It isn’t anyone’s true self. As Michael Glatze notes, “The whole gay identity is completely a fabrication. You’re not a homosexual; you’re a heterosexual with a homosexual problem. It’s literally all in your mind.”

In “Seven Ways to Recruit-Proof Your Child,” Scott Lively writes “it’s never too late for a child to recover his innate heterosexual orientation.” He cautions: “it will take much more work than taking preventive action would have.”

Dr. Robinson instructed our son to go home after each session and tell us what he learned and was supposed to work on. He was to tell us every homosexual feeling or thought he experienced each day.

Our son was so grateful to have things out in the open—and for real understanding and support—that he was quite willing to do these things. From this point on, he never returned to porn, chat rooms, or other outward involvements. The real battle now was for his ‘thought-life’ (his feelings and temptations) from this point on.

So, we had a special prayer time, just the three of us, every night for many months. We encouraged him to develop healthy relationships with both male and female friends. We discussed valuing ourselves—and others—apart from mere physical attractiveness.

We also had family discussions about the qualities of a normal, natural, private sexuality between a husband and wife—such as unselfishness, gentleness, and faithfulness in thought and deed.

Slowly, our son began to believe again that we, and God, loved him unconditionally. He knew we had faith in his ability to permanently turn from homosexuality. In return, he regained our trust—something he deeply desired. He took responsibility for his wrong choices and deeply desired to develop integrity—to be the good, honest man everyone believed he was. His therapist told us that deception—lying and misrepresenting himself—was the most personally destructive choice.

During his first year in college, our...
son expressed a desire to move out and get an apartment. We swallowed our fears and encouraged him. We knew that he needed to have some space to work this thing out on his own.

In time, he regained his old, happy nature again. He whistled as he walked in the door for a visit—with a bounce in his step. He made his own appointments with Dr. Robinson and kept up his job, school, extracurricular activities, and a wholesome, growing social life. He made all his remaining sessions with his therapist—and stays in touch to this day.

The more time our son spent apart from homosexual porn, the more distanced he became from homosexual urges. When destructive thought patterns hit, he now had tools to deal with them and move forward—which he does to this day. In time, he felt confident he had successfully put the problem behind him.

Michael Glatze described his own recovery this way, "I just had to do a little house cleaning in my mind. Every time I was tempted to lust, I noticed it, caught it, dealt with it. I called it what it was, then let it disappear on its own."

It has been over seven years since our son’s bout with homosexuality. Knowing firsthand how little help is available for families facing this issue—and because of the pervasive pro-homosexuality propaganda in our culture—Janice was led to publish a book about our experience from a mother’s perspective. We also launched a website: [http://standardofliberty.org/](http://standardofliberty.org/), which provides useful information and links on the subject.

We had our eyes opened. We suffered and learned, and in the process our son was retrieved from a life that would have been self-destructive and miserable for him—and a sorrow and worry to his family. We are a healthier, happier family than before.

### Caught in the Obama-snare

**by Andrew Comiskey**

A nation whose head cannot distinguish between ethnicity and sexual identity is in big trouble.

Race is immutable and inspired by God; sexual identity variations (LGBTSQ, etc.) are man-made, elastic constructs designed to either work out inner conflicts or expand one’s sexual consumerism. To equate skin color and sexual identity is superficial, weak reasoning that is unjust to oppressed ethnicities and broken people searching for real love and identity.

Yet racial justice is precisely the parallel invoked by the Obama Administration last week when it arbitrarily chose to expand ‘gay marriage’ benefits to all gay couples in the USA in opposition to the 34 states which define marriage as male/female.

Federal District Attorney Eric Holder asserted Obama was paying forward the legacy of President LBJ and the civil rights movement of the sixties, which worked to correct many abuses toward African-Americans. Using words like ‘stamping out discrimination’ and ‘aggressive action toward human rights,’ Holder made clear Obama’s commitment to crafting a legacy as the ‘gay’ president. This was reinforced by Robert Gates, former Secretary of Defense, who claims in his memoir that Obama’s primary passion for the military was making it gay-friendly.

Obama’s hand is now obvious. He is doing everything in his power to ‘queer’ America. His reasoning rests on a fault-line. As the first black president, he is confusing race with the nuances of gender identity.

Not only does such a foolish equation trivialize racial discrimination, it declares the fragile, still-evolving ‘self’ of the man or woman who wants to experiment sexually with the same gender as an ironclad identity, rather than as a moral decision. It does not deal with the destructive results these decisions may have for self and others, (especially children) subject to these questionable ‘liberties.’

I just sat at table with wounded young men who asked me how to love fathers who had surgically become mothers or fathers who, through porn, had morphed into homosexual addicts. And as usual, I fielded requests made by friends and family derailed by the ‘gay marriages’ of loved ones.

Bad reasoning bears bad fruit. Ethnicity is not sexuality! America is now reaping the consequences of Obama’s misdirected effort to liberate ‘sexual minorities.’ Injustice for all.

‘Justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter. Truth is nowhere to be found, and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.’ (Isaiah 59: 14, 15a)

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Notes:


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This weekend we exhibited at the Christian Medical and Dental Associations National Conference. John and Karen Raney attended the CMDA conference and stopped by the PFOX booth. Kathy and I represented Parents and Friends of Ex-Gays and Gays as well as our own local ministry—Reclamation Resource Center.

The theme of this year’s conference was “Mending Your Nets,” and we witnessed how these Christian professionals have to deal with daily stress and the many pressing demands on their personal lives.

Most of the exhibitors did not stay at their exhibits throughout the day, but Kathy and I felt we needed to be available for the attendees.

We were deeply impressed with the hearts of these professional men and women who are trying to stand strong against the rising tide of moral and ethical decay in our medical and dental landscape.

We had many opportunities to minister to hurting parents—as well as to share a great deal of helpful information about homosexuality—and the real hope for change that is found through a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.