

Hope Really Does Spring Eternal

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May is a very hopeful month, as spring unfolds with mad abandon. New life is sprouting up all around us. It is no wonder Mother's Day is celebrated in May.

Hope is one of the most powerful gifts that God has given us.

When parents first hear that they are going to have a baby, the excitement builds. Hopes and dreams abound.

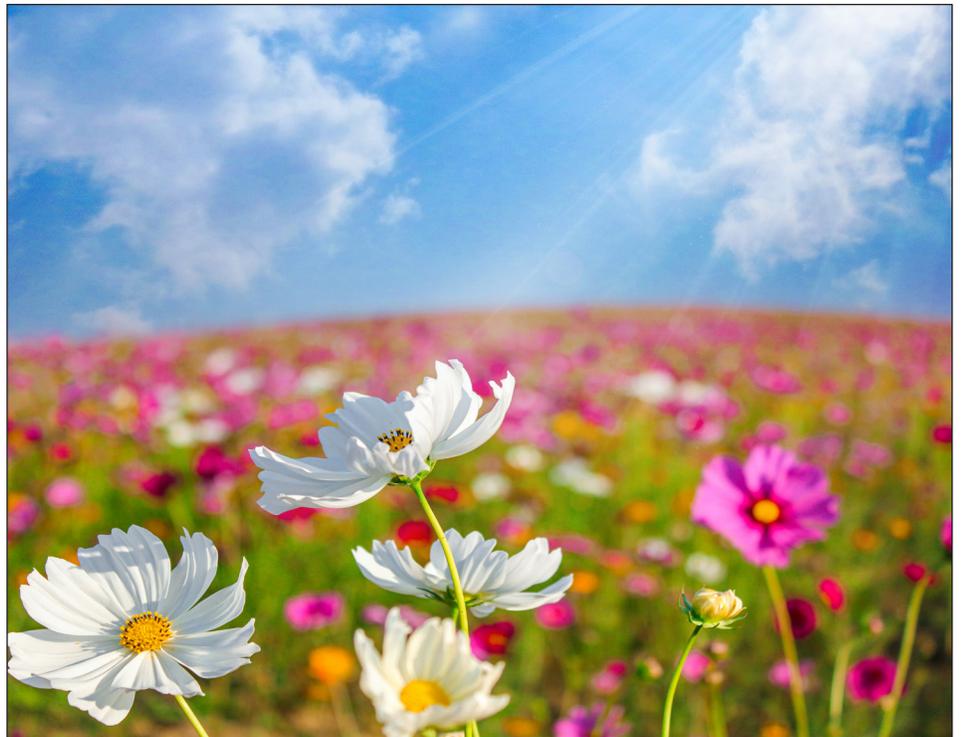
Sometime much later, when a child tells you, "I'm gay!" that is a hard emotional punch—even if you may have suspected it. You love your child dearly but have pangs for what might have been.

Many other emotions can arise—guilt, blame, shame, shock, anger, denial, disbelief, and sadness. These can lead to isolation and depression, self-pity or even bitterness.

God created the perfect couple. He blessed them. Yet the very first couple gave into temptation and ate the forbidden fruit. It wasn't the fruit that was important. The issue was disobeying God, abandoning trust in Him and insisting on their own way. That's been our lot as human beings ever since.

Nobody is immune. So don't allow blame and guilt to be your focus in life, even though your feelings are quite real and valid.

God does not devalue our feelings. He knows us like no other.



Asking the Right Question

Facing reality can be difficult. Asking God, "What now Lord?" is far better than, "Why Lord?"

We can't control our child, or their choices. We can only control our reactions and our own choices. When choosing to *act*, rather than *react*, our relationship with God can grow as we seek His help.

As your relationship with God grows, you may even be able to rekindle a relationship with your child. God will give you the ability to get through these painful journeys.

Some parents blame college life for enticing their child into the LGBT+ world, and they have a point. There is a lot of pressure these days to affirm all these behaviors or be ostracized.

LGBT+ activists are quite practiced in affirmation, which is something we all deeply need. The enemy has had thousands of years to perfect this temptation and destroy families.

Through prayer, take authority over the enemy in the name of Jesus Christ and reclaim your child's soul. Learn to praise the Lord as you pray for your child to be set free. The enemy

hates it when we praise God in difficult situations.

Years ago, a special prayer was written for PFOX. It says:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come before You now hanging on to Your grace, your precious help right in the nick of time. Thank You for being my lifeline. I confess the times I have reacted instead of responded according to Your truth and love. I realize in those times I have responded out of the hurt and fear in my heart. In those times I have failed to recognize that my family and I are not alone in facing our dear one's homosexuality.

Help me to remember that nothing will happen today that is beyond Your ability to handle. I am ready to grow more into the parent you want me to be. Now I ask, What now Lord? Father, work in my heart in these days ahead. Help me not to lose sight of You as only through You will I be able to face and overcome this trial that has entered my family."

In Jesus' name, Amen.

My Own Change Journey

When I began praying to let God have my heart and I began to read the Bible, change happened.

The Scriptures spoke the truth of my identity to me.

"Don't you know that those who do wrong will have no share in the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, who are idol worshipers, adulterers, male prostitutes, homosexuals, thieves, greedy people, drunkards, abusers, and



swindlers—none of these will have a share in the Kingdom of God."

But here is the part that melted my heart:

"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God." (Corinthians 6:9-11)

That is real hope and a promise that Jesus can set anyone free.

Another Scripture that spoke to me is Romans 1:21-31, about giving oneself over to a depraved mind. It's a very convicting passage for anyone to read.

As I began reading the Bible daily, the Lord showed me I needed Him to take away my sexual desires and I needed to stop pretending and really trust Him.

I don't know how long I cried out to God, asking Him to forgive me and to take my life in His hand. I needed help to overcome the homosexual life I had

been living for 14 years. I surrendered my pride and cried out for forgiveness, asking Jesus to be my Lord and Savior.

And He answered. Change is possible through surrender.

Parents, this journey is emotionally hard but worth it. Continue to surrender your child to God. May your relationship with Jesus become closer and also the one with your child.

Where to Get Help

At PFOX, we know this can be a long journey. You're not alone. Our website (pfox.org) has lots of helpful materials.

We offer a **Parent Support Phone Conference call** on the **2nd & 4th Mondays** of each month and **Zoom calls** on the **third Wednesday** of each month. E-mail info4pfox@gmail.com for more information.

Thanks for your support, and Happy Mother's Day!

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