

# FREEDOM PRESS

*Proclaiming healing, wholeness & freedom in Jesus Christ*

A news publication of Joseph's Coat Ministries, Inc. (JCM)

## THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING...



By Christopher Delaney, Founder/President

I would like to share with you a letter from my wife Nicole (see below). She recently made some decisions that will not only impact the ministry (for the better) but also benefit our family as well. I've relied on Nicole tremendously. She has helped in the day-to-day administrative work of the ministry as well as organizing the quarterly seminars and leading the praise/worship during these events. Even though my plate is becoming increasingly more full due to having the added responsibilities that Nicole once held, I have to have the faith to believe that God is in ultimate control.

### *A letter from Nicole...*

The pastor of our church recently talked about the difference between two kinds of time: Chronological and seasonal. The second is the season of life we are in. It is important to not be so bogged down with chronological time (e.g., busyness; time management) that we do not see the season of life we are in and what God is calling us to do.

In order for me to give myself more fully to the season of life I am in, I've decided to step down from a couple of major commitments and personal loves: (1) my church choir and praise team; and (2) the administrative and praise & worship support I have given to Joseph's Coat Ministries, Inc. (JCM). It is even a little painful as I write this, because I have a hard time letting go.

I have a strong desire to serve in these areas; however, I have had to face the strain my involvement in these areas right now is putting on our home life. God has put us in a unique situation where I work outside the home four 10-hour days each week, while my husband Christopher is a stay-at-home Daddy on those days. Christopher also runs the vital work of JCM throughout the week and goes to the ministry office on my days off when I am home with the kids. This arrangement gives me about two-and-a-half quality days with our children, Emma Rose, who is 3, and Asher, who is 1. On the days I work, I see them briefly in the morning (when they are awake) and briefly in the evening before they go to bed.

I have seen how using my resources to fulfill these other commitments has weakened my ability to be the mom I want to be to our children, and foremost, the wife I want to be to Christopher. I believe the time I have been able to give to the ministry over the past several years was God-ordained. However, the time has come for me to focus my resources on being a wife and mother.

Now, this doesn't mean that I don't have a real interest in what is happening in the ministry concerning the outreach to people who struggle with same-sex attraction/homosexuality. I strongly believe in the mission of, and the need for, the ministry and will always fully support it through my prayers and as Christopher's wife. I will also continue to serve on the JCM Board of Directors as Vice President. I fully expect that in the future, when this season of life changes, I will be able to contribute more of my gifts and talents to the work of the ministry.

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### Our Mission

To proclaim healing, wholeness and freedom in Jesus Christ to men and women who struggle with homosexuality / same-sex attraction (SSA). We also provide support to family, friends and ministry leaders. We provide an environment for people to experience the true heart and love of the Father.

On a related note, I would like to request your prayers specifically for the work and growth of the ministry. We believe God has called Christopher to work full-time in the ministry of JCM. As he is able to reach full-time status, I can spend even more of my time as a wife and mom. We are even praying about whether to home school our children. As JCM reaches more people, it needs more of Christopher's time and more volunteer workers, not to mention support for increasing operational expenses. We know that you understand our needs, and we covet your prayers and support.

I pray that God speaks to you in a special way about the season of life you are in. What is God calling you to do right now with your time and resources? God's Word tells us that His burden is light (Matthew 11:30). I believe that if we find ourselves "heavy-burdened," it is because we are taking on more than He has called us to. May God bless you and anoint you as you seek Him and do His will. Amen!

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

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*Your Power Scripture...*

*...refute arguments and theories and reasoning's and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the (true) knowledge of God; and lead...every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

2 Corinthians 10:5

**Hope for Healing Seminar Registration Form**

**Saturday, August 11, 2007, 5:30-9:00 p.m. (Chattanooga, TN)**

**Advance Reservations Required By Tuesday, August 6th.**

Important: Please complete this form to reserve your seat at our next seminar. We must have the first and last names and phone numbers of all individuals included in your reservation.

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Your Phone Number

Additional Reservations:

First & Last Name	Phone Number

Comments:  
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Provide this information to Joseph's Coat Ministries by or before Tuesday, August 6th.

You can also make your reservations online at [www.josephscoatministries.com](http://www.josephscoatministries.com)

**Hope for Healing Seminar**

Part I of IV:

*The Condition of Male/Female Homosexuality*

\*This is a free quarterly seminar series.

\*Light dinner provided.

*Christopher Delaney, JCM founder/president, will provide information for people who want to learn more about the issues and root causes of homosexuality and how to respond from a Christian perspective. This seminar is for anyone who struggles with SSA as well as for family, friends and ministers of individuals who struggle with SSA.*

*Special guest speaker, Mark Carpenter will speak on his experience ministering to men and women who struggle with SSA. Mark holds a Bachelors degree from Covenant College and a Masters degree in Professional Counseling from PSI. Mark is also the Director of Transformation Center here in Chattanooga.*

*Join us for a time of food, fellowship, songs of praise, learning, and small group discussion.*

## JCM AT J-FEST

I must say that this year's J-Fest was so different from years past. When I say it was "different," what I mean is that the crowd seemed to be more diverse than ever before.

In the past we would get different types of people coming into our tent and every once in a while we would have an onlooker who simply chose to walk past our tent with a look of confusion on his/her face. Perhaps it was the banner that read: "Finding Freedom from Homosexuality through Jesus Christ!" That just says it all doesn't it?

I questioned myself whether or not I should display this very same banner at this year's concert. After praying and vacillating somewhat, I decided to put it up in clear view for others to read. I then asked a volunteer his opinion about displaying it and his remark was, "what would Peter have done?" This gave me my confirmation of what I was feeling the Lord was saying to me and that was to be BOLD in the message of freedom.

I had a lot of people to come by this year to simply ask questions. Something else that struck me as different was the fact that there were a lot of young teenagers who came up and inquired about our services. To my amazement, so many of them come from Christian homes who struggle with same-sex attractions (SSA) or they know someone who struggles or lives the gay life. Most of them also believed that it was okay with God to be gay. Whenever someone had this belief, I would then ask them, "What does the Bible say about this issue?" Their response was always, "I don't know!" This response amazes me. It amazes me that so few people who were there for this Christian concert knew what the Word of God said about the issues of homosexuality. It reminds me of a spiritual condition the Bible describes in Proverbs 16:25 and it says: "...there is a way that seems right to a man and appears straight before him, but at the end of it is the way of death."

What this experience has done for me is to "stir up" an even deeper desire to get the message of freedom out to those who are not only in bondage to the lifestyle but those loved ones who (because they don't know what the Word states on the subject, and they don't want to appear to be in judgment to their loved one) have simply bought the prevailing lie of our society that it is okay to live a gay lifestyle.

The message I want to deliver is that there is freedom from same-sex attractions (SSA) and that Christ came to change our lives. He came to change our feelings and to change our behaviors-through the blood that He shed on the cross. Also, many thanks to my wonderful volunteer team this year.

*In Him, Christopher*



Christopher Delaney, President



Betty & Suzie Rushford—volunteers

## PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

### Praise Reports

- A volunteer provided us with a new storage cabinet
- The opportunity God gave us at this year's J-Fest to tell many youth that if they or someone they know struggles with SSA, change is possible through the power of Christ

### Prayer Requests

- Wisdom to minister God's grace and deliverance to those who struggle with SSA
- Wisdom to minister to the needs of parents of individuals who struggle with SSA

- More opportunities to do TV interviews in order to reach more people with the Gospel of Christ

### Wish List

- Copy machine
- Fax machine
- Small computer stand

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- Christopher's wife's testimony
- Ministry news and copies of previous newsletters
- Hope for Healing* seminar information
- Online help and resources
- Family & friends support and online discussion group
- Statistics
- Related scriptures
- Board of Directors information
- Secure online donation link
- Suggested reading materials

## WE NEED YOU

If you are gifted in any of the following areas and believe God is calling you to serve in this ministry, please contact us for more information and to fill out the volunteer application. After we receive your application, you will have an interview with Christopher Delaney to further explore opportunities to serve.

- **Administration/secretarial assistance:** Working in the office one or two days per week, answering phones, data entry, preparing mailings and seminar materials
- **Intercessory prayer partners**
- Quarterly Hope for Healing seminars
  - **Praise & worship team:** Singing and/or playing a musical instrument
  - **Helpers:** Greeters, Set up
- **Website manager**