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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Happy New Year everyone!

I am humbled to be in service to the Lord Jesus Christ. I don't take the call that is upon my life lightly. It is an awesome responsibility I am grateful to be fulfilling. With the New Year, I've made the decision to evaluate the work we've done thus far and do any "re-tooling" that may be necessary in order to improve its effectiveness and impact on who we service. A new year offers us new beginnings.

In 2007, I went through a major trial in my life. Of course, as I was going through this experience, my relationship with God began to suffer somewhat due to the emotional pain that I was feeling over the issue He allowed to resurface in my life. At times, because of the deep hurts, I would shut down emotionally with the Lord and simply become "numb." I found it difficult to hear His voice or experience His love for me. I think this way of relating is unhealthy and one that I have to work toward improving. I seemed to say a lot of the time, "Where are you God?" or "Why are you allowing this to happen to me?" On a very deep level, I have felt abandoned by God. However, with this said, I am commanded to hold onto scripture during all times of testing and to believe God's promises in spite of what I'm feeling.

Psalm 66:10 states: *For You have tried us, O God; You have refined us as silver is refined* (emphasis mine). Even though the hurts I've had to face have not completely disappeared, I feel like I now have a pretty good handle on them so I can diligently work toward inner healing. I must believe that what has been happening in my life would not have been had God not allowed it. *Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction* (emphasis mine; Isaiah 48:10).

In addition, there are the everyday pressures of raising a young family (my two children are 2 and 4), being a good husband, taking care of my responsibilities with the ministry, and being enrolled in a Bible college. I'm journeying down the long road to receiving a Master's Degree in Christian Counseling. Going back to college has been a long held dream of mine. I'm very grateful the Lord is granting me this opportunity at this time in my life. I must believe that God is faithful to me even in the darkness.

Entering a new year gives me high hopes for a better year. Allow me to share some of my goals for Joseph's Coat Ministries in 2008:

- Work more diligently on the details of my calling rather than being so distracted by outward circumstances. With God's help, He will enable me to accomplish this goal of mine.
- See the ministry grow in the area of finances. I believe that God has a group of people who will ultimately love and support the work we do. I don't believe everyone will support this work, but I do believe God has ordained certain people to come alongside and sow their finances into the valued work we are doing.
- Continue on with the success of the quarterly seminars. For the past year, the seminars have been a tremendous success, and with each new seminar we have new people exposed to the work we do.
- Create an "Awareness Campaign" for J-103 Christian Radio that will introduce the work of JCM to their listening audience for an entire year.
- Continue to help men and women who struggle with SSA through counseling and other forms of supportive outreaches.
- Organize the ministry offices to run more effectively.
- Build up the ministry volunteer base.
- Write a grant to a major foundation to appeal for financial support.

With God's help, I hope to see many if not all of these goals reached this year.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who has been a source of support to JCM in 2007. Whether you sowed of your finances, volunteered, or stood in the gap as a prayer warrior, I would like to personally thank you for your obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ in supporting the work we do through JCM. Have a blessed New Year.

In Him,

Chris Delaney



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"He dressed me up in a suit of salvation, he outfitted me in a robe of righteousness"
-Isaiah 61:10 TM

Quotes of Inspiration

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection."

-Sigmund Freud

"Peace begins with a smile."

-Mother Teresa

"I was hungry and you gave me food...I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me..."

-Matthew 25:35-36

Financial Update

Praise the Lord! We were able to pay off our entire debt that was accumulated in 2007 through the generous support of our donors. It is such a wonderful feeling to be able to go into the new year without any outstanding debt. We've had to believe the Lord every step of the way in the area of finances for this ministry. Nothing for us has come easy and we honor God with our praises for His provisions.

We need people who are willing to sow into the work of JCM on a regular basis. We've begun to make some cutbacks in order to be more productive with all God is calling us to do in the new year. Please pray about becoming a partner of this ministry. Your money will be wisely used and it will go toward changing the lives of hurting people. Feel free to contact us for more details on contributing financially.

Thank you!



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MINISTRY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- (URGENT NEED) Administrative Assistant to work one or two days a week at the ministry office: Answering phones, performing clerical/administrative tasks, learning and maintaining our mailing list software, data entry, typing, etc.
- Prayer warriors to regularly pray for the ministry leadership and its clients who suffer emotional and/or spiritual pain
- Personal testimonies of God's healing and deliverance to publish in newsletters and/or share at a seminar
- Helpers to set up ministry booths, fold and prepare newsletters & mailings

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Joseph's Coat Ministries'

Truth that Sets You Free

Quarterly Seminar Series

Topic: UNDERSTANDING PRO-GAY THEOLOGY

For anyone who wants to better understand the issues and respond from a Christian perspective.

- **DATE:** Saturday, February 23, 2008
- **TIME:** 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** City Church of Chattanooga
- **COST:** FREE (a love offering is accepted)
- **LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED**
- **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:** By Monday, February 18, 2008.
- **TO MAKE RESERVATIONS:** Please provide us with your name, mailing address, e-mail address, and names and contact information for additional reservations. Make reservations by phone, e-mail or visit our website at www.josephscoatministries.com.
- **Christopher Delaney**, JCM founder/president, will discuss pro-gay theology and how to respond from a biblical perspective.
- You will also hear a **personal testimony** from a special guest.
- Join us for a time of **food, fellowship, songs of praise, learning, and small group discussion.**