



from Hal and Lisa

Grace to you!

The "preacher" said in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven". Then he goes on to list the various seasons that a person may go through in their lives. When our children were growing up we described these seasons as just a stage they were going through. Life is full of stages. Some are easy, some are difficult, some are painful and some are full of joy. I think that the twenty-third Psalm beautifully portrays the various places we find ourselves throughout our lives. As you read that Psalm, you see that while things are constantly changing, the one constant that never changes is the Shepherd who is before us and whose goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives. I have come to take comfort in the fact that though all is constantly changing around me, my Shepherd is always the same. As James said in James 1:17, "with Him is no variation or shifting of shadow." I pray you realize that if the Lord is your Shepherd then you can rest in the

fact that you are sandwiched in between Him who is before you and His goodness and mercy that are following you. What an awesome place to be!

Speaking of the change of seasons, it is hard to believe that summer is upon us! This year is flying by.

As we enter the summer season, our finding refuge group is taking a break during the months of June and July. We will meet once during these months but just to keep in touch. Lisa and I will use this time to regroup and make plans for when we resume our meetings in August.

In addition to using the summer to make plans for the fall, I will also be working on completing our "Live Free: One Step At A Time" Bible study. This is a discipleship study designed to guide those wanting to be free from the bondage of homosexuality in how they can live free in Christ one step at a time. It examines the factors contributing to same sex attractions, outlines a discipleship strategy for living free

the goal of which is their replacing their struggle with one all consuming passion for Christ.

The study is in reality my own journey in living free from same sex attractions and homosexuality. It contains the specifics that God has taught me in how to live free in Christ one step at a time.

Lisa and I both believe that this is a discipleship tool that every church (regardless of their denomination) can use to help those who have unwanted same sex struggles. We are praying that God will use this to help multitudes find freedom in Christ and in turn will experience freedom from the bondage of any sin. Would you pray with us to this end.

Thank you for your support of us and the ministry of Refuge 461 through your praying and giving. We praise God as we thank Him for you!

Grace,

Hal & Lisa



Events

June 2 Church of the Good Shepherd, Pass Christian, MS Hal will be preaching during the morning worship service at 10:00 am. The church is located at 5169 Espy Avenue, Pass Christian, MS.

June 2 New Zion Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, MS. Hal will share wise strategies for sexual purity and integrity with a "Discipleship Through Relationships" group at New Zion. Terry Farmer, ministry director of Freedom 613 is the group leader.

June 4 Finding Refuge Group Meeting, 6:30 pm. Call 228-297-9823 for the details.

June 16-23 World Changers Mission Trip, Chicago, IL. Lisa, Jana, Katelyn, Justin Wheeler (Katelyn's boyfriend), and I will join with the mission team from Adaton Baptist Church, Starkville, MS for this awesome week of missions in Chicago, IL.

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Praying With Us

Because the fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much...:

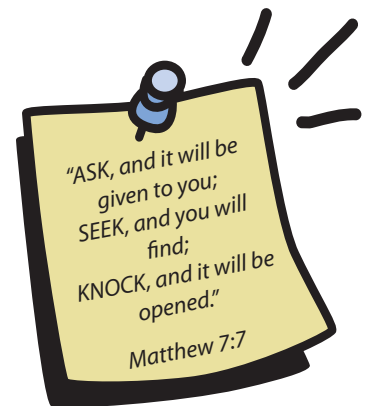
- Pray for me as I preach at the Church of the Good Shepherd on June 2. Pray that God will work powerfully in this service and then that He will use this church in a mighty way to minister to those in their community who are impacted by homosexuality.
- Pray for the meeting in Crystal Springs on June 2. Pray for Terry Farmer and the ministry she directs at New Zion Baptist Church. Pray for her as she helps those struggling with homosexuality find freedom in Christ.
- Pray for our Finding Refuge group as we are taking a break through the summer. Pray that those who have been a part of this group through the year will continue to live free one step at a time. Ask God to help them to keep relying on His power for doing so.
- Pray for the many parents we

have come in contact with who are seeking God on behalf of their sons and daughters who are living in homosexuality. Pray for God to sustain them by His grace and to give them wisdom as they relate to their children.

- Pray for these sons and daughters whose lives are impacted by homosexuality and who are presently living in homosexuality. Pray for God's touch in their lives and that they would find freedom from sexual sin.
- Pray for me as I seek to complete the "Live Free: One Step At A Time" Bible study and then seek to have it published. Pray that I will be able to commit a block of time every day to work on this and that I will be a good steward of this time. Ask God to lead me by His Spirit as I write and edit. Pray that the end result will be something that every church can use to help those impacted by homosexuality learn to live free in Christ one

step at a time.

- This month the U. S. Supreme Court will render their decisions regarding same sex marriage and the Defense of Marriage Act. Their decisions will either affirm the historical definition of marriage or lead to the legalization of gay marriage. Pray for them as they continue to deliberate and then render their decision.
- Pray for God's continued protection of and provision for our family as we follow Him.
- Pray that God is glorified in all things.



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We are so thankful for your giving to God for the ministry of Refuge 461 and the support of our family. God bless you!

Refuge 461 is a Christian discipleship ministry providing biblically based help and encouragement for those individuals, couples, and parents whose lives are impacted by homosexuality. This is done through individual support, weekly Life Transformation Groups (which include worship, Bible study, & small group accountability), and by helping churches respond redemptively to those impacted by homosexuality.

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