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Ministry the Pauline Way

The apostle Paul was not only a great theologian but also a fabulous role model for how to do ministry. We get a nice glimpse by reading Paul's remarks to the Thessalonian believers in 1 Thess 2:1-13. Paul gives three main reasons why his ministry to them "has not come up empty."

First, he and his associates gave an undiluted proclamation both of the gospel and of the necessity of a transformed life. "We had the boldness of speech in our God to speak to you the good news of God," "charging that you walk in a manner worthy of God who is calling you into his own kingdom and glory." Paul's aim was to please "God who tests our hearts," not people, since it is God who approved them "to be entrusted with the gospel."

Second, Paul stressed that he was not motivated by a "what's in it for me" attitude. On the contrary, before coming to them he had "already suffered" in Philippi and

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Dr. Judith Henry, Philip Lee, President Carmona, Debra Gauthier, Hyacinth Griffith

Member Director Phillip Lee of His Way Out Ministries meets with President Carmona of Trinidad and Tobago.



Rev. Tryphena Law, Frank and Anita Worthen, Dr. Melvin and Connie Wong, Ms. Sylvia Quah

Our ministry friends Tryphena, director, and Sylvia of PLUC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia visiting the Worthens and Wongs. Dr. Wong spoke at our first conference and Frank and Anita Worthen are founding members of Restored Hope Network.

This fall has had a flurry of activity for Restored Hope Network. Our ministries have hosted events throughout the country, been involved in speaking engagements, and begun fall ministry programs and groups.

Thankfully, hope is rising again as the Holy Spirit of God continues His work and God doesn't apologize for the work of transformation in the lives of believers. Jesus is still changing lives, though you might not hear it in mainstream news.

I am grateful for the men and women in our network who serve others out of the hope that they have personally experienced in Christ, transformed lives. They are "living stones... being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5 NKJV

We are so thankful for you. Thank you for your partnership during our 40 Days of Prayer, financial gifts, and so much more. Together we stand strong in Christ—"A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart." Ecclesiastes 4:12



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then at Thessalonica. He didn't proclaim the gospel to them "with a motive for greed" but rather worked "by night and by day with a view to not being a burden to any of you."

Third, Paul assured the Thessalonians that, though his first responsibility was to please God, he was not emotionally disengaged from them. Rather, he felt "deep affection" for them. "Though we could have thrown our weight around as apostles of Christ," instead he "regularly encouraged and comforted" them "like a father his own children."

Paul gives us great principles to live by in ministry. Proclaim the gospel without compromise as one called to please God. Don't minister for personal gain. Relate to others with deep affection and gentleness, sharing not only a great message but also our very life.

"That you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom & glory."

1 THESSALONIANS 1:12



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Ministry of the Month

Parents and Friends of ExGays and Gays



PFOX is not a therapeutic or counseling organization. We support families, advocate for the ex-gay community, and educate the public on sexual orientation. PFOX families unconditionally love their children. Our parents recognize our children for the wonderful young men and women they are. Our families do not label children based on who they are attracted to—feelings can and do change. PFOX families allow for differences of opinion; we do not place requirements on our children to receive our love nor do they place them on us. That's what unconditional love means—loving each other even when we do not agree.

Time and prayer make all things possible. Turn your loved one over to God, remember "Change is possible" and God is in control.



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Upcoming Events

December

■ **December 1, 2013**
Bakersfield, California
Pastor Phillip Lee speaks on "Homosexuality: A Crisis of Truth"

Rock Harbor Church

■ **December 14, 2013**
Detroit, Michigan
Dan Hitz will present Part 2 of "Overcoming Strongholds"

jenmarielom@yahoo.com for info

■ **12/27-1/1/13**
Onething Youth Conference
Kansas City, Missouri
Outpost Staff & participants attend

www.ihopkc.org/onething/

January

■ **January 7, 2014**
5-6pm Eastern
Anne Paulk will be on Moody Radio, "In The Market" with Janet Parshall

■ **January 2014**
Kansas City
Living Waters in Kansas City, 20-Week group begins

livingwaters@vineyardop.org for info.

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