

Dear Friends,

Happy Spring! This month we have a letter from Dan about another of our support groups, CalebSpirit.

*But my servant **Caleb**, because he has a different **spirit** and **has followed me fully**, I will bring into the land into which he went... Numbers 14:24 (ESV).*

At Outpost, one of our chief aims is the release from slavery—not unlike ancient Israel. In our case, we aren’t slaves to the Pharaoh of Egypt, but to same-sex attraction (SSA), or so it seems. Our enemy has no real claim to us, nor did Pharaoh have to ancient Israel. Nonetheless, Israel found herself enslaved by her worldly master. She was delivered by God in a miraculous series of events found in the book of Exodus. But en route to her destiny of freedom, she stumbled, and she grumbled. According to verse 22 of this same chapter, Israel had seen the glory of God and many signs. Seeing God’s glory and witnessing signs and wonders does not motivate obedience, and most certainly does not guarantee entrance into the Promise. That entrance requires something else.

Enter Caleb and Joshua. They trusted God to deliver them into the Promised Land, regardless the obstacles in their path. This is the essence of faith. It could be said of them—like it was said of Abraham—that their faith was accounted to them as righteousness (Rom. 4). They were saved (delivered into the Promise) by faith.

Caleb Spirit

We call the group CalebSpirit because these men have “wandered in the wilderness” for a long time (40 years? Yes, perhaps!), and because they have seen the salvation of their God and believe in Him for their deliverance into the Promised Land. The men of CalebSpirit have a different spirit and are fully following the Lord. That does not mean perfectly following the Lord, but they have determined in their hearts to endeavor to imitate Christ throughout their lives, especially in regard to their SSA struggles.

We currently have ten men enrolled in our Tuesday night group where we are studying a book by Steve Gallagher entitled, At the Altar of Sexual Idolatry. Our weekly book-club-style discussions have addressed such topics as “Am I really enslaved (addicted)?”; “Why do I do the things I do?”; “What is at the root of my sexual sin struggle?”; and “How do I rely upon the Holy Spirit to overcome sexual sin in my life?”

Further, we engage as a fellowship of like-minded sojourners. We are in this together. We hold a retreat a couple times a year for concentrated prayer and fellowship. We also do fun summer activities together, like kayaking, mini-golf, croquet, movies, dinners out, potluck BBQs, holiday parties, biking, and even some travel. We attend conferences and seminars as a group. Finally, we hold one another accountable for our SSA struggles. The men of this group are forming a unique fellowship. Many of the men have been part of our group, or other Outpost groups, for over 20 years. This stability provides confidence and strength to the group.

If you are interested in this group, or know of men ages 45-70 who would be, please contact me at (763) 592-4700 x101. I welcome conversations anywhere along these lines.



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ENCOUNTERING INTERNSHIP JESUS

The Encountering Jesus Internship will take place on Tuesdays from 10am to 5pm—we will work with those who have schedule conflicts—and will run from May 25 to August 10. We welcome anyone: young, old, spiritually mature, those struggling with addiction/sexual brokenness, those struggling to know God, and those just wanting to grow closer to Jesus. We’ll be spending time in the prayer room, receiving teaching, and serving.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please email outpostinfo@outpostministries.org by May 21 to let us know.



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Sessions are Tuesdays June 1- August 14 from 6:00-9:15pm.

Cost is \$325. Registration ends May 21.

To register, email strivesummercourse@gmail.com



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We hope you can join us for this year's Restored Hope Network Conference, which is online and will feature great speakers and testimonies of transformation. The cost is \$100, and registration is open. For more details and to register, visit RestoredHopeNetwork.org/HopeConf

Calendar of Events

- Apr 21:** Jonathan spoke at a youth group in Sauk Centre.
- Apr 22-24:** Outpost had a booth at the MN Dist. Equip Conference.
- Jun 11-12:** Restored Hope Network's Online Conference, HOPE 2021
- Jun-Aug:** Summer Strive Course
- May-Aug:** Summer Internship
- Sept 11:** Fall Auction
- Oct 9:** Called Out of Darkness

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Prayer Requests

- Praise God** for the way He worked in our participants in this spring semester!
- Pray** for our summer Strive and Internship participants, that they would experience God's nearness for their good.
- Pray** for our ministry staff as we transition to the summer schedule.

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