

Dear Friends,

When my wife and I joined Elijah Company (EC) we said, "We need help and hope." We were so broken and hurt. Going into our first meeting, we felt like the Samaritan woman at the well, and Jesus was asking us for water (John 4). We were reminded of Jesus' words to her in verse 10: "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." However, we didn't feel worthy of God's help. Like many, we wanted a reset button for our family. Instead, we received the gift of living water from God: words of truth that bring us the hope and healing we needed.

This month, I'd like to share a couple of these words of truth that we have learned and are learning through the ministry of EC. First, we need to keep our eyes fixed upon God's truth. One of the most common thoughts a parent has when a child identifies as LGBTQ+ is "I must have done something wrong." Parent guilt is real, and it is from the enemy. I have battled this myself, and it is one of the reasons we got involved with EC. In these times, it is important to direct ourselves back to God and His Word. An important scripture to claim daily is Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." This truth brings us hope and helps sustain us through the struggle.

Second, we must remember who is the actual enemy. In one of our EC devotions, we studied Deuteronomy 20:1-4. The Living Bible says it this way: "When you go to war and see before you vast numbers of horses and chariots, and an army far greater than yours, don't be frightened. The Lord your God is with you...For the Lord your God is going with you. He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you the victory." As parents and family of loved ones identifying as LGBTQ+, we can easily feel that the whole community is the enemy. That is not accurate. Truly there is a high degree of organization in the LGBTQ+ community, especially through social media and chat rooms. Oftentimes, our loved ones are coached in their words and behaviors. However, our enemy has always been the evil one, Satan. Peter identifies this for us in 1 Peter 5:8 where he names our enemy as the devil. In other places, he also refers to the devil as Satan, slanderer, and adversary. The LGBTQ+ community is filled with sons and daughters who have been told lies from the evil one. Every one of them needs our prayers. Let us remember Ephesians 6:12: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Let us respond as in Ephesians 6:13: "Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."

As I close, I'll say what we in EC remind each other of regularly. We claim the words of Paul in Romans 12:12 when he says, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." These words represent the essence of what we experience in an EC meeting. We acknowledge the hurt we carry for our loved ones. We are joyful in the knowledge our Lord has a plan, a future, and a purpose for our loved ones. The truth of God's Word sustains us in our grief. Finally, being faithful in prayer maintains our hope.

Yours,



*Elijah Company is a prayer-based support group open to parents, families, and friends of loved ones who are overcoming unwanted same-sex attractions, who struggle with gender confusion, or who identify as LGBTQ+. Each time we meet we have a devotion and time to share and update one another on our lives. Then, most of our time is dedicated to praying for our loved ones. If you are or someone you know is interested in joining the group, contact the office or email us at [outpostinfo@outpostministries.org](mailto:outpostinfo@outpostministries.org)*

### Help us prepare for our Fall Auction!

We're getting ready for our fall auction and can use your help. We need some key items to help us build some exciting baskets for everyone to bid on. Here's what we are looking to gather in the next 30 days:

- \$35 gift cards to Minnesota State Parks, Red Robin, and Barnes & Noble
- \$25 gift cards to REI, CostPlus World Market, Bill's Imported Foods, Mad Hatter Tea Room, and Hy-Vee
- \$10 gift cards to Chick-fil-A, Wendy's, Sencha, Caribou, and Starbucks

If you are able to help, please pick up one or more items from the list and contact us to make arrangements for drop-off at the office. Alternatively, you can mail them in to us (see the donation form below for our address). Drop us a quick note at [outpostinfo@outpostministries.org](mailto:outpostinfo@outpostministries.org) or call and leave a message at 763-592-4700 x116 so we can be watching the mail. *Thank you so much for your support!*



### Important Update (Date and Time Changes)

The Living Waters book study starting this fall will now be held **Mondays, September 12, 2022 - February 13, 2023** from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Cost remains \$80 per person, which includes a copy of the book. For more information or to sign up, please email us at [outpostinfo@outpostministries.org](mailto:outpostinfo@outpostministries.org) and check our website.



# OUTPOST MINISTRIES

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**OUT OF SEXUAL CONFUSION**

Thursday, June 23, 2022  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

**INTO MARVELOUS LIGHT**

An Evening of Worship, Prayer, and Testimonies from Overcomers of Sexual and Relational Brokenness

**CALLLED OUT OF DARKNESS**

## Ministry Calendar

- **May 31:** The Summer Strive Course and Encountering Jesus Summer Internship began.
- **June 3-5:** CalebSpirit participants took part in their annual summer retreat.
- **June 9-11:** Dan and Annetta attended the Restored Hope Network HOPE 2022 Conference.

### Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, June 23:** Called Out of Darkness at Redeeming Love Church, Maplewood, MN. 7:00—9:00 pm.
- **Saturday, September 24: (Date change!)** Fall Auction Event, 9:00 am—12:00 noon.

## Prayer Requests

**Praise God** for His continued faithfulness to bring hope and healing to Outpost participants!

**Praise God** for connecting new people to Outpost groups.

**Pray** for the Elijah Company and CalebSpirit groups as they engage in fellowship activities this summer.

**Pray** for Strive participants as they engage in challenging healing work this summer.

**Pray** for the final preparations of Called Out, that the worship team and those who are preparing to share would glorify and honor God through their testimonies and songs.

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