

From Fear to Courage

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed.
For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

Dear friends,

Joshua Fellowship (JF) is Outpost’s support group for young men struggling with same sex attraction, sex addiction, and other forms of sexual and relational brokenness. It is named from the words of the Lord to Joshua in Joshua 1:9. These are words that all the young men in our program desperately need to hear and believe if they are going to make it through the battles ahead of them in life. They are not taking hold of a literal promised land, but rather promises that God has made to each of them. The story of Joshua can inspire them to go after those promises. JF’s summer masculinity course, which takes place every June through August, focuses especially on these themes and provides opportunities to experience victory in the face of challenge in very practical and physical ways.

When I joined JF over 10 years ago, I was struggling in many seemingly independent areas of my life: career and finances, familial relationships, spiritual disciplines, physical fitness, and of course my sexuality. I joined JF in the fall, but it was during the summer masculinity course that I made the greatest strides in my healing journey. Over the course of the summer, I was stretched and challenged to achieve things that I’d previously been unwilling to even attempt. Over time I realized I had allowed failures in my past to teach me a very powerful lie: “I can’t.” As I chose to trust God and my leaders with my self-doubt and fear, I found myself able to take measured risks in the supportive and encouraging environment of the group. By the end of the summer, I was able to boldly declare “I can!” as I took on one of the most intimidating physical challenges I had ever faced.

The only thing more fulfilling than experiencing victory in your own life is leading others into victory alongside you. In 2021 I took the helm of JF as its coordinator. I’ve been incredibly blessed by the opportunity to share the hope and healing that God imparted to me through past leaders of the program with the next generation of JF participants. I love watching the various individuals who make up a summer cohort slowly evolve into an incredibly tight-knit and unified group by the end of the course. The shared experiences and mutual encouragement in the face of struggle forms a strong bond. This bond has resulted in many lasting friendships for myself and others who have gone through the program over the years.

The summer masculinity course, Strive, is returning this June. It is open to any young men aged 18 to 35 who want to take hold of the strength and courage they were created for and achieve victory in their fight for holy sexuality. Strive is structured to give participants as many opportunities as possible to confront their doubts and fears and to experience support, encouragement, and overcoming of struggles in very tangible ways. The spiritual disciplines of worship, prayer, scripture memory and meditation are paired with practical life disciplines and physical exercise to facilitate accelerated personal and spiritual growth. Are you discouraged by your ongoing sexual struggle? Do you feel trapped in unhealthy relationships or a dissatisfying job? Is your life dominated by passivity, fear, or doubt? Strive is designed to help you through these struggles and more.

As the Lord promised to Joshua, I now say to you: “Be Strong and Courageous!” It is time to leave the wanderings of doubt and insecurity behind and to courageously forge a path forward into freedom and strength. There is hope for healing on the other side of the Jordan. Your sexual and relational brokenness and identity insecurity is not too much for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob to conquer. Will you submit to His instruction? Will you follow the well-worn path of the generations of overcomers before you? Will you join the men of JF and Strive on this journey out of doubt and fear and into strength and courage? I truly hope you will.



Spring Banquet Update

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the banquet! The 160 people in attendance had a wonderful evening together. We saw many familiar faces, along with many, many new ones. What a blessing! A group of about 20 alumni participants also had an opportunity to gather with one another before the main event and reconnect.

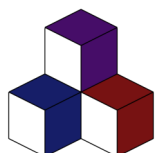
Thank you to all those who helped make the event happen: the worship team, speakers, and volunteers. We could not do this without you. Overall, the evening raised just over \$20,000 in support of Outpost’s support groups, staff, and events.

We are so grateful to God for His provision. We look forward to seeing you all again at Called Out of Darkness in June!

Outpost is on TV!

Dan has recently become a regular presence on a new streaming show through OvercomersTV called “Sexual Redemption.” The show includes interviews and discussions of practical ways to minister to the LGBTQ+ community and pray for healing in our own lives and the lives of our families and communities.

Watch live every Tuesday at 12:00 noon by visiting the OvercomersTV website at overcomerstv.live. Then, click over to the show page to watch previous episodes. Join us in praying for this new outreach, that God would use it to further His message of hope and healing to our community.



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STRIVE

Are you asking questions like these: Why do I struggle? Why can't I just get over depression, anxiety, fear, porn, lust, and other life-dominating behaviors? What does it mean to “be a man”?

Join us for a summer of learning how to **strive** for more as you are equipped to wage war against passivity and find wholeness in your identity as a man of God. This course is designed for men ages 18-35.

Sessions are Tuesdays May 30 - August 15 from 6:00 pm - 9:15 pm. Cost is \$325. Registration ends May 19 so we can plan and assemble materials. To register or ask questions, email strivesummercourse@gmail.com



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Mark your calendars now for the rest of this year’s special events!



If you’d like to help us get the word out to your church about these events, call the office or email outpostinfo@outpostministries.org with your name and the name of your church. We’d love to supply you with posters and other publicity materials to distribute.

Calendar of Events

- **Mar 25:** Outpost held its seventh annual Spring Fundraising Banquet and raised just over \$20,000, which was about 50% of our fundraising goal.

Upcoming Events

- **Late May-Early August:** Encountering Jesus Discipleship Intensive
- **Jun-Aug:** Summer Strive Course
- **Jun 9-10:** Restored Hope Network’s HOPE 2023 Conference. Visit www.restoredhopenetwork.org/hopeconf for more info and to register.
- **Jun 22:** Called Out of Darkness
- **Sept 9-16:** Fall Auction (online Sept 9-16, in person Sept 16)

Prayer Requests

Praise God for an encouraging evening at the Banquet and for His provision through donors and participants.

Praise God for those who shared their testimonies with us at the Banquet and for the ways God has truly impacted their lives through Outpost.

Pray for God’s continued financial provision for the ministry, that Outpost would be able to continue serving many for the Gospel.

Pray that God continues to minister to Outpost’s support groups and participants as they wrap up the spring semester.

Pray for Outpost leaders as they plan for summer ministry, for God’s guidance and wisdom in their preparation.

Pray for Dan and the Board as they seek to fill our open ministry and leadership positions.

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