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Forward Goal, Not Backward Obsession

Imagine driving a car primarily by looking at the rear-view mirror rather than looking straight ahead. What a disaster that would be. Often we are tempted to conduct ministry by such an approach, worrying about what others are thinking of our past "performances." While it is good to hear wise counsel, the apostle Paul shows us in 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 the dangers of allowing one's ministry to be evaluated as though it were a popularity contest.

Those to whom we minister are not our employers. If they were, we would be tempted to compromise our proclamation of the gospel to suit their tastes. As it was, Paul, Cephas, and Apollos—three personalities over whom the Corinthians had divided—were all "assistants of Christ and household slave-managers of the mysteries of God" (4:1). They were to be evaluated not according to how charismatic they were in their speech or how knowledgeable they were about heavenly

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Hope 2014

June, 27-28

We are looking forward to enjoying special times of entering the presence of God together in teachings, worship and prayer, experiencing fellowship and meals together at our annual national conference. A few of our workshop titles: Thinking Errors That Lead to Sin, Care for Hurting Spouses, Understanding Same Sex Attractions, Ministering to Abuse Survivors...and so many more.

Dealing with same-sex attraction, a loved one's disclosure of homosexual identity or desire, and those seeking to minister in the most relevant topic of our day are welcome to join us for this dynamic 2-day conference.

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**www.restoredhopenetwork.org,
and click on the Hope 2014 banner.**

Our team and ministry reach has steadily grown over the past two years and we now have over 47 officially affiliated member ministries, pastors and counselors. A number more are in the application process, which happily keeps the network office very busy.

As to reach, individuals from 118 nations have visited our website and Facebook pages. Many have viewed our videos and listened to our audio recordings on vimeo, youtube and itunes in the past year. We also post regularly to our Facebook page and Twitter with updated event details, member news, and other topics of interest. On our Facebook page alone during the last month, we reached over 44,000 people with solid and helpful biblical information.

In light of the volume of activity in our network office, I am pleased to announce a new staff member—Ron Smith. Ron is an ordained pastor and joins us from New Hope Ministries in San Rafael, California. He has mentored under Frank and Anita Worthen and is excited to serve. He will be assisting me in serving those who seek help from Restored Hope. Welcome to you, Ron!



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mysteries that did little to transform lives.

The one standard by which God and Christ were evaluating them was this: Were they “faithful”? (4:2). In other words, did they teach the truth of the gospel accurately, without dilution? Did they focus on expounding that core truth of “Christ crucified” for the world? And did their lives illustrate that core teaching by behaving faithfully amidst hardship, giving praise to God for his power operating in their weakness?

Even Paul’s own estimation of how he was doing was of little consequence relative to the approval of God. “I do not even examine myself, for I am conscious of nothing against myself—but not in this have I been exonerated. The one who examines me is the Lord” (4:3b-4).

In a later letter, Paul, using the metaphor of an athlete, defined his goal as “knowing Christ” and being “conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.... Forgetting the things behind and stretching out toward the things ahead, I am in pursuit toward the goal” (Phil 3:10-14).

May we likewise keep our eyes on this “prize of God’s calling above in Christ Jesus” and take our eyes off of an obsessive-compulsive need to be approved by ungodly people.

Ministry of the Month

Apokata Psychotherapy Services

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“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile (Apokatallaso) all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”

Colossians 1:20

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Upcoming Events

June

- **June 12-14, 2014**
Christian Concern and Core Issues Trust Conference
London and Belfast
Speakers: Anne Paulk & Robert Gagnon
- **June 26, 2014**
Hope Conference 2014
Portland, Oregon
Restored Hope Network’s Annual Leader Training for Pastors, Counselors and Ministry Leaders
For details: info@restoredhopenetwork.org
- **June 27 & 28, 2014**
HOPE Conference 2014
Portland, Oregon
Restored Hope Network’s Annual Public Conference
Keynote speaker: Dr. Larry Crabb
For details: info@restoredhopenetwork.org
- **June 30, 2014**
Upper Room Application Deadline
Portland, Oregon
Portland Fellowship’s Internship Program
For details email: drew@portlandfellowship.org

July

- **July 26, 2014**
Hope Gathering 2014
Temecula, CA
Help 4 Family’s presents: Rancho Community Church
For details: help4families2004@yahoo.com



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