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Finding Freedom in Jesus Christ

from sexual and relational sin.

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Set Free from a Double Life

Peter, a *Source* residential program graduate, shares his testimony of God's healing



Two years ago I was living a double life. In one life I was a husband of 29 years, a father and a minister in my church. In the other I was a sex addict seeking affirmation, intimacy and peace through sex with other men. As my relationship with my wife, children and friends deteriorated, my world began to crumble and for the second time in my life I planned my suicide.

Instead of following through with my plan, I confessed to my wife and pastor what had been going on over the previous year. I resigned my position at church and entered *The Source* residential program at Love In Action. Not

knowing if my marriage would survive these revelations of truth, I pressed forward to get free from the bondage I had entered by engaging in sexual sin.

At 50 years old I felt like a loser. I knew it would take something drastic like *The Source* program to change the course of my life. At LIA I was able to take the time to look at my life and realize how much pain there was in it. I had spent most of my adult life medicating that pain in one way or another, and my time at LIA allowed me the opportunity to face it in a safe environment.

Life today is very different in many ways from two years ago. Then I was very broken, like Humpty Dumpty, into many pieces with no hope of being put back together again. I had no idea at that time how devastated my marriage and life had become. LIA brought clarity and truth where there had been none.

I am now working for a non-profit organization but continue to grieve the loss of my job and ministry at the church. However, with God's help I am dealing with it. *(Continued on reverse)*

LIA News and Updates

• Donations Needed for the LIA Scholarship Fund

If you have ever thought of partnering with us to sponsor a client, you should know that the need has never been greater. We regularly hear from struggling men and women who want to pursue healing in Christ from sexual and relational brokenness through Love In Action programs, but for whom the program fees are an obstacle. Donations so designated are placed in the LIA Scholarship Fund and are used to offset the fees of qualified applicants to our programs, including *The Source* residential and the *4-Day Intensive*.

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Donate to the Scholarship

Fund today, and join with us in making a unique and lasting impact for God's Kingdom, one client at a time!

• LIA Now Hiring Counselors

Love In Action is now accepting applications for a male and a female counselor. Apply by contacting Tommy Corman at tommycorman@loveinaction.org for more information.



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My wife and I are doing well. We work diligently now to avoid becoming too emotionally dependent on each other, and we both feel we are in the best place we have ever been relationally. The power of forgiveness is incredible and has enabled us to move past the hurt and betrayal—especially on my wife's part. She went through LIA's *4-Day Intensive* prior to my leaving *The Source* program in order to confront some of her own issues. She is an incredible woman of God. She says if she could give any advice to women whose husbands struggle with sexual sin, she would say two things:

1. Deal with your own brokenness
2. Forgive

We have seen the power of these choices restore our marriage.

Although my decision would not be right for everyone, under my doctor's care I have been off all medication since October 2009 after having been on anti-depressants for 15 years solid. I never imagined being without medication but I believe clean living and making healthy coping choices have led to my freedom from medication. This is truly a miracle for me.

I have just passed two years of sobriety. There are areas of my relationship with my life that are still broken but we are committed to pursuing wholeness as a couple in these areas. My relationship with my children is finally making some progress. Over the holidays my adult son was able to convey to me his anger and disappointment for the first time. At the same time, he said he realized how important it is to have a relationship with his parents, and expressed that he wants to pursue healing in this area. This was a huge step for him and for me. I have great hope that God will heal this relationship as well.

God is good and faithful regardless of how I am feeling. I pray that God would one day restore me to ministry but at the same time, I live with thankfulness for where I am today. LIA is such a big part of my story, and I am grateful for the role the ministry played in it. I pray that this new year will be a good one for LIA. To all LIA staff and supporters, please know that you have impacted a life and set it back on course.

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Donate to LIA online using our convenient PayPal button:
<http://www.loveinaction.org/financialsupport>

Dear Friends,



It's been quite a month at Love In Action! We are thankful to the Lord for being on the other side of the move to our new location, which went as smoothly as we could wish for. Our offices are completely set up, online, and we have continued to respond to those in need without skipping a beat.

In February I was very glad for the chance to return to the Restoration Grace conference at Morrison Heights Baptist Church in Clinton, Mississippi. This courageous congregation have followed God's call to reach out to men, women and families impacted by homosexuality. The two-day conference brings a much-needed ministry to an important region, and the LIA team were honored to be invited for the second year in a row. I was amazed by how God was working in the hearts of the conference attendees as I met them at our ministry table and interacted with them in a group setting. Please pray for all who attended or facilitated the conference, that God would bring great fruit from the experience.

Back in Memphis I continue to be amazed at the courage our clients show in facing their deepest pains and allowing an untouchable force, God, to touch them in deep ways for healing. When our clients are able to "let go," we can literally see a difference in their countenance. They are released. No, their same-sex attraction or other sexual temptation doesn't vanish into thin air. But they come to understand the true nature of their problem and they learn to deal with it in healthier, more Godly ways. They realize that their sexual brokenness is, at its core, a spiritual problem, and they learn to keep their eyes focused on Christ in their journey of healing. Please pray for them, and for the LIA staff, that we will all keep our focus on Him as we journey together!

In His Service,

Tommy Corman
Executive Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Location	Date	Time
Source Residential Move-In Dates	LIA Campus	Call to Schedule	1:00 pm
4-Day Intensive	LIA Campus	Call to Schedule	9:00 am
Family Freedom Intensive	LIA Campus	Flexible dates, call for details	
Within Reach Support Group	LIA Campus	Tuesdays, call to enroll	7:00 pm
Love Won Out Conferences	Skyline Church, San Diego, CA	March 6, 2010	8:00 am

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