

How Your Church Can Become a Haven of Deep Healing for People Struggling with the No. 1 Issue of Our Times— Sexual Brokenness

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Dear Church Leader:

Perhaps it’s happened to you already, just as it did with Rev. Rick Richardson.

A young woman confided in him that she was struggling with attraction to other women. **He didn’t know what to say to her.** Didn’t know how to mix grace and truth in a way that could help her make good choices and turn away from a place of spiritual and emotional danger.

Today, this woman is in a same-sex “marriage.” Rick Richardson says, “I would give anything to get back that moment when she first came to me. Now I have the words of grace and truth to speak to her. *But I can’t get that moment back.*”

Perhaps homosexuality is not the issue in your church (yet). There are many other kinds of sexual brokenness.

No doubt you’ve dealt with some of them already.

Perhaps you’ve faced someone across the table and heard them confess that they’re addicted to Internet pornography. Or that they’re thinking of having an affair (or are already involved). Or they’re the victims of sexual abuse.

Perhaps you know that one of the women in your small group is living with a man she’s not married to. Or that the youth in your church are sleeping around and don’t seem to think anything of it.

If you haven’t faced most of these issues already, no doubt you will. And soon.

Do you know what to say in such situations?

Is your church equipped to offer both grace and truth to the number one issue that our culture—and yes, the church too—faces?

If not, please read on to learn how a few key approaches will **turn your church into a haven** where people can admit their struggles and find true, lasting healing. Healing not only from sexual brokenness,

In a recent study reported by *Leadership Journal*, pastors and their parishioners were given a list of sexual issues. Pastors were asked to choose those they believed affected their congregation, while parishioners were asked to choose those affecting them personally. **Addiction to pornography** was rated number one by both groups. But there were significant gaps in other ratings, e.g. homosexual behavior (22% laity vs. 3% of pastors).

but any kind of damage that keeps them from experiencing the full presence of Jesus Christ.

No One Is Untouched by This Earthquake ...

Chances are, dozens of people you know are silently wrestling with sexual brokenness. The changes in sexual values of the past 50 years have led to a **cultural earthquake of seismic proportions**.

We live in a world in which one out of 4 girls and one out of 6 boys has been sexually abused. Internet pornography is readily available. Casual sex is depicted as “normal” in nearly every medium. And homosexuality is being promoted as a legitimate “alternative lifestyle.”

Who of us is unaffected? Who of us—whether inside the church or outside—remains unscathed?

Nearly everyone’s been broken, one way or another, in this earthquake.

Which is why the issue of sexual brokenness is difficult to deal with, especially in the church. It’s not easy for a fish to analyze the water in which it swims. Furthermore, **very few churches are equipped to deal with the issues**, simply because very few people are themselves whole.

And yet, dealing with this issue might be THE decisive turning point for ministry to this generation and beyond. As Rev. Rick Richardson, Director of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship’s Emerging Culture Evangelism Project, said, **“If the gospel has nothing to say on the issues of sexual brokenness, then our evangelism and ministry will be inconsequential.** The church must learn how to extend the invitation to healing.”

A Unique Seminar That Equips You with Ministry Models That Work

My name is Philip Kenyon. As the Director of the Theodora W. Grow Center for Biblical Leadership. I’m convinced that sexual brokenness is a key issue in ministry today, That’s why I put together a seminar for the Northern Seminary community and local church leaders called “Pastoral Response to a Sexually Broken World.”

I asked **three of the best** leaders in their fields to address the many facets of ministry to those who struggle with sexuality. I wanted people who would provide the tools a church could use to become havens of hope and healing for those suffering the fallout of this cultural calamity.

The results of the seminar far exceeded even my highest expectations:

*“Thanks for putting this seminar on. It was a great opportunity to hear from committed Christians speaking the truth and **offering in-depth information, real help, and insights.** The evangelical church needs to hear what these speakers are saying.”*

—Thomas, Naperville, IL

*“A very enlightening and engaging experience. **Essential for those desiring to minister effectively and compassionately.**”*

—Ray, Wheaton, IL

After the seminar, I clearly saw that this content was so powerful, so comprehensive, so valuable that I had to make it available to as many churches as possible. I'm glad I had the foresight to have the whole seminar professionally video taped!

Everything Your Church Needs to Create a Haven of Hope and Healing

Now this seminar, “**Pastoral Response to a Sexually Broken World,**” can be yours to use in your church. I'm convinced these six videos will provide **everything you need to start and develop a ministry of healing** to those suffering from *any* kind of brokenness. Your church can become an oasis of hope where people can finally admit their struggles and find lasting healing—just as each of these speakers has done.

Take Reverend Mario Bergner, for instance. Rev. Bergner was once trapped in a homosexual lifestyle, despite his Christian faith. It wasn't until he learned how to actually *apply* the power of the cross of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit that he found lasting healing from homosexuality. The truths that set him free led him to found Redeemed Life Ministries, which he currently leads.

Rev. Bergner has given lectures and seminars on curing the soul through healing prayer all over the world. As an evangelical, charismatic Anglican priest, Rev. Bergner is **one of the foremost voices speaking on behalf of biblical integrity** in the worldwide Anglican Communion. He is also a husband, and the father of five children.

Rev. Bergner led three sessions in the seminar. In the first, “**A Pastoral Response to Homosexuality,**” he shared his story—and much more:

- How someone who calls himself a Christian, as Bergner did as a young man, can still feel same-sex attraction. His journey out of homosexuality will help you **understand homosexuality from the inside**. You'll experience a deeper compassion for those who may be wrestling with this issue—perhaps someone in your own congregation or neighborhood.
- The Bible teaches there are only three spheres of legitimate experience of sexuality, regardless of one's sexual struggles. Clarity on this issue will enable you to articulate a clear, biblical view and **help people make choices that will lead to blessing**.
- Why and how his local church was THE most helpful factor in healing Rev. Bergner's homosexuality. How yours can model this key factor.
- Do you know how to answer the argument that homosexuality is an unchangeable orientation? Rev. Bergner equips you with **the latest reliable research** that you can use to provide hope that people CAN change.
- The five-fold process St. Paul taught to become free from homosexuality—or any kind of sex issue. Why the first step is not to start with homosexuality, but evangelism. Rev. Bergner shows you exactly **what works**, and in what sequence.
- How to know if, and when, a person might need psychiatric help. You won't go beyond your own level of expertise or feel uneasy about knowing when to refer a person to another professional.
- Rev. Bergner evaluates the **Christian ministries that are effective** for people who want to change their homosexuality. You can refer people to these with confidence.

As you can see, just this first presentation is packed with the **biblical, scientific and practical information** you'll need to know how to reach out to someone seeking true sexual freedom. Never again

will you be tongue-tied if someone reaches out for help.

*“Mario Bergner teaches with compassion and boldness. **He speaks from the fullness of the Holy Spirit** in his life and with an understanding of God's Word. I so appreciate his pastoral approach, speaking the truth in love.”*

—Chris, participant from Indiana

Healing for Your Own Life

Rev. Bergner's first presentation equips you to reach out to those desiring sexual freedom. The next two will strengthen you personally and spiritually, while also laying the groundwork you'll need as you reach out to others.

You see, healing isn't just for those who struggle with sexual sin. It's for all of us. If you long to experience the presence of God more fully, you'll want to pay close attention as you view “**The Practice of the Presence of God.**” You'll learn:

- Two truths about God that are **crucial to experiencing him.**
- What really happens spiritually when we sin.
- What makes a person want to repent, and **how to recognize true repentance** in yourself and others.
- The one question to ask that will lead you to experience **the felt assurance that God is with you.**
- Six ways to know Jesus more intimately, regardless of your circumstances.
- The one little word Paul uses again and again in his epistles, and how this can **transform your sense of closeness to God.**
- Three things that can block you from practicing the presence of the Lord. How being aware of these can lead to a cohesive, rather than splintered, ministry.
- How to practice the ancient discipline of “invoking the name of Jesus” to **make his presence more real.** Other specific ways to pray “practicing the presence of God” prayers.
- Two biblical images you can use as you pray for healing with another person. This is very effective when you want to **sense the true presence of the Holy Spirit.**

Mario Bergner's third talk again deals with a topic that applies to every Christian. In “**Sin, the Cross and the True-Self,**” he expounds on St. Paul's teaching of two natures, the true-self (redeemed—centered in reality) and the false-self (unredeemed—which escapes reality). He shows in very practical terms **how to grow toward the true-self:**

- Why it's not enough to “just say no” to sin. There is a “yes” we also say at the same time—but it's not always an even exchange. Rev. Bergner explains why it's critical to know and communicate this—and how this makes the gospel applicable to *all* people, not just those who struggle sexually. Applying this one truth will undoubtedly **increase the effectiveness of your ministry exponentially.**
- Sin's dual nature—it's pleasurable *and* deceptive, expressed in flesh and spirit. Homosexuality and other sex sins express this dual nature, and healing must take place in both arenas.
- **Four things Christ accomplished** on the cross—and what that means in your daily battle with sin.
- The two ways Christ sets us free.
- The **real goal of healing** (it's probably not what you think).
- What good churches teach that *must* be at the foundation of a healing ministry.

All this—and you’re only halfway through the seminar!

The two other presenters are just as powerful.

How This Earthquake Is Shaking the Foundations of Our Culture...

Remember Rev. Rick Richardson, who was haunted by not knowing what to say to the young woman who struggled with same-sex attraction?

He now knows what to say to her and other people like her. As Director of the Masters in Evangelism Program at Wheaton College and former Director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship’s Emerging Culture Evangelism Project, Rev. Rick Richardson has made it his business and mission to understand how to reach out to real needs.

In his first address, “**Changing Culture, Changing Questions**,” he explains how the changes in our culture, and some of the church’s wrong responses to questions, have alienated the present generation. You’ll learn:

- Why this cultural earthquake will profoundly affect the shape of fruitful ministry and witness in the coming years. Knowing how to respond is essential if **your ministry is to survive and thrive**.
- The questions seekers are asking today—and how to get below the surface to give real answers.
- The one issue that underlies most sexual problems—*trust*. **You must deal with this before anyone will listen to you**. Rev. Richardson shows you how.
- How—and when—to speak the truth boldly to foster genuine relationships.

Rev. Richardson doesn’t just help you understand what’s going on—he also **shows you, step by step, a proven model** for sharing the truth of Christ with someone. At the end of this presentation, he suggests pairing off to practice using his model to answer one of three questions that come up in ministry to hurting people again and again.

You’ll also find Rev. Richardson’s second talk, “**Bringing Healing to a Broken World**,” extremely practical:

- He gives examples of healing, including part of his own moving story of healing and being part of a church with a healing ministry.
- What healing is, including the **most crucial, most often forgotten factor**.
- What healing is *not* (guaranteed...a quick fix...or an escape from pain).
- Two sermon ideas to enable you to **extend the invitation to healing** from the pulpit.
- Barriers to healing—how to identify *why* it might be difficult.
- How to **get to the root of the problem**, not just deal with the fruit (symptoms)—his techniques may surprise you.
- The critical role of the imagination in healing prayer.
- How to **start this ministry in your church**—11 steps, including one that will ensure failure if you *don’t* do it.
- What to watch for that can kill a healing prayer ministry before it’s started.

The final seminar leader, Juliana Wilhelm, picks up where Rick left off, in her presentation, “**Equipping the Church for Healing Prayer**.” Juliana has an M.A. in Clinical Psychology from Wheaton College

and is a practicing therapist. In her private practice she specializes in the integration of Christian healing principles to help women recover from same-sex attraction, depression and anxiety.

After telling why therapy alone is not enough to heal people, Juliana goes on to talk about:

- The big mistake most churches make that prevents true healing.
- What happens when churches send out the *right* message. (Be prepared for a **growth spurt in ministry** if you begin to get at the root of problems!)
- What pastoral care looks like in real life—Juliana outlines six crucial steps to take.
- Five areas in which to focus **healing prayer**.
- How to understand the roots of sexual problems and wrong coping actions.
- How to deal with the surface issues (the actual behavior)—*what* to do about them, and *when* (too soon, and you do more damage than good).
- **How to pray for the healing of psychological issues**—it’s different from what you may be used to.

Everything You Need for Full-Blown Ministry

Never again will you feel inadequate when someone comes to you for help on a sexual issue. These three experts give you everything, from the biblical/theological underpinnings to the practical working out of every aspect of ministry. You won’t have to wonder how to apply these teachings to your own church—it’s all clear.

Here is **everything you need** to build a team to reach out. Everything you need to extend an invitation to healing. Everything you need to tackle the problems that come up.

All three speakers demonstrate how when you reach out in love and truth to the broken people in your midst, your ministry will grow *and* deepen. People will be healed, not just on the surface, but in the depths of their being. They will tell others where they have found deep healing and authentic relationships with God and others.

Who knows **what the Holy Spirit can do in your church** as you and other key leaders absorb this information and act on it? I am convinced there will be a great harvest of souls that would otherwise wander aimlessly through life, missing out on all the true riches God has in store for them.

“You won’t hear this message of hope and freedom in current culture. Perhaps not clearly in the church, either. As Christians we need to hear a bigger picture, God’s picture of what He is doing as He establishes His Kingdom here on earth. If Christians don’t know the hope, healing and freedom side of this story of brokenness, what gospel are we offering?”

—Ashley, seminar attendee from Illinois

Better than Attending the Seminar Yourself

Of course, this seminar was a once-only, unrepeatable event. To my knowledge, there is very little out there by way of other seminars or resources that train church leaders how deal with this key challenge to the church today.

When you **order your set** of these videos, you will get all the benefits of attending this seminar for yourself. More, in fact.

More because you won't have to incur the expenses of traveling, lodging, or meals, as you would if you had actually attended this seminar or one like it. (If there *were* one like it.)

You'll also get more benefits because you and anyone else from your church can **use it at any time you want**, in any way you like. You can:

- Recreate the seminar in an all-day workshop on spiritual healing (one six-hour session).
- Put on a weekend seminar (two half-day sessions).
- Use it for a six-week study for church leaders, and/or discipleship, evangelism, or counseling teams.

Before I tell you what it will cost you to get this practical blueprint for creating a healing ministry, I want you to know about **three free gifts** I have for you. Besides the sturdy plastic case that houses the 6 videos (or 3 DVDs) for easy storage in your church resource library, you get:

Gift #1: The notes for each talk, with plenty of space for you to add your own notes as you view the videos. These come in two forms: printed out and hole-punched, so you can fit them into a binder for easy storage; and on a CD, so you can print them out for others.

Gift #2: Resource links. The CD also contains resource links. Just pop the disk into your computer, and the links to the **ministries you can recommend** to others pop up on your screen. Click on a link—say, to Redeemed Life Ministries, or Exodus International, to name just two—and your browser will automatically go to that ministry's web site for more information. These are the ministries you can turn to and refer others to in complete confidence, especially for help in dealing with homosexuality issues. You can also download the free Acrobat Reader (for printing the notes), order the books mentioned in the seminar, or find out more about Northern Seminary. All the links are here, on one convenient disk.

Gift #3: Free video of your choice. When you order the set of 6 videos (in two plastic albums for easy storage) or 3 DVDs, you will receive with your set a special card entitling you to **order any one of the six videos at no cost**. Once you view these videos, you will no doubt think of some individual or church that needs to hear this message. You will be able to order an additional copy of whatever video is most valuable to you, *absolutely free*! Thus you can **plant seeds of healing in other churches** or individuals as well.

For only \$68 for the DVDs or \$79 for the video set (plus shipping and handling), all these tools will be yours forever. For less than the cost of a one-way ticket for one person to attend a seminar, you could **transform your church** into a haven of healing—the effects of which will ripple into eternity.

60 Days to Decide

I am so convinced that this seminar will be the catalyst for a vital ministry in your church that I offer you an unconditional guarantee: **View the videos for 60 days**, and if you don't believe they can equip your church to develop a dynamic healing ministry, return them for a full refund of your payment (\$68 for DVDs or \$78 for the video set).

The notes, resource CD, and the free bonus video of your choice are yours to keep, regardless of your decision.

Limited Supply

Since I only had a limited number of these video/DVD sets made up, I wanted to make sure those who are most likely to take action are the ones to hear about them. That's why I chose you. I have evidence that you are a person who cares deeply about ministry. You are passionate about souls being brought into the kingdom of light and then nurtured into fullness of life.

Frankly, not every Christian cares that much. But you do. And you not only talk about ministry, you take action. You're the kind of person who makes things happen.

I hope you will take a moment right now to **fill out the order card** and pop it into the envelope. If you delay, the video sets might be gone. You may also fill out the order card and **fax it to 630-620-2194**. For online orders, go to **www.growcenter.org**.

Whichever way you prefer to order, please do it now. Your tape set and notes will be sent to you right away via USPS Priority Mail. **Within a week or two, you and others from your church could be previewing this recorded seminar and strategizing how to minister to the broken people right in your midst.**

Sincerely,



Rev. Philip C. Kenyon

Director of the Theodora W. Grow Center for Biblical Leadership

P.S. This video/DVD set provides **everything your church needs to begin and develop a ministry of deep healing to the sexually broken**. But if you don't agree, you may return the set at any time within 60 days of your order for a full refund. You may keep the notes, resource CD, and free video, of course. Since there is no risk, why not order now before these sets are all gone?