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Dear Friends,

update august 2023

As a recipient of these updates, I'm sure you're aware of Portland Fellowship's overall mission and objectives. However, I imagine there are still unknowns about the ministry that could use clarification or a fresh perspective. The more subtle aspects of our ministry may not always be conveyed in a monthly update, and the various opinions on sexual identity and healing might make some readers wonder what we do and how we do it.

Communication is important and could always use attention. Before we had children, my wife, Amy, worked as a church secretary. It was her responsibility to be 'in the know' and aware of the various aspects of the church. I, on the other hand (*known mainly as 'Amy's husband'*), only knew what was made public.

One evening, I said to my wife something to the effect, "I wish the church leaders would let us know what they're planning for the coming year." With confusion and maybe a hint of frustration, her reply was, "What do you mean? They talk about it all the time."

After discussing our individual viewpoints, we came to the conclusion that while the pastors frequently discussed church plans among themselves and with their staff, they struggled to convey those ideas to the entire church body.

Now, twenty-five years later and being in that position of leadership myself, I pause to consider how the church community or even those close to us understand the mission of Portland Fellowship. Even Cody, my now fifteen-year-old son, recently questioned, "Dad, what do you even do?" My inner voice was just like my wife's response, "What do you mean? I talk about it all the time."

I realize not everyone will know the work others do, nor should they. I honestly couldn't tell you what most of my closest friends do in their careers (especially if they hold IT positions), but this did get me thinking about the importance of providing additional opportunities to share what the Lord is doing in the lives of His people through this powerful, transformational ministry.

In addition, Portland Fellowship, being a highly controversial ministry, comes with various assumptions, accusations, and misunderstandings. Although the world would never embrace or approve of our ministry, it pains me to think that those in the family of God might also hold those same misunderstood viewpoints - possibly without even realizing it.

In light of this, we would like to invite you, your friends and family, and members of your church to join us for a special webinar to learn more about Portland Fellowship. This invitation is open to anyone with a sincere interest.



"He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and freedom to prisoners."

ISAIAH 61 : 1

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In order to reach those from all over our region and beyond, we will be offering two 90-minute Zoom webinars to choose from. During our time together, we will:

- share Portland Fellowship's purpose and mission.
- offer clarity on our position to the various views on sexuality and transformation in the church.
- correct possible misunderstandings and misconceptions about Portland Fellowship.
- present powerful testimonies on how God restores the sexual and relational broken.
- provide resources for family, friends, and those seeking freedom in Christ.

Our desire is to be concise on these points so that you will have time to interact with the staff. And for the purpose of anonymity, we will not be recording our meetings, thus giving everyone the option to appear on camera.

We are excited to offer these webinars with the hopes of highlighting God's power to transform lives and to help people better grasp a frequently misunderstood but life-changing ministry. Additionally, we hope that our time together will provide a fresh perspective that will, in turn, be shared with others looking for hope and freedom in Christ. Please share with those who may be interested.

To register for one of our two webinars (**Saturday, Sept 9 at 10 AM PST** or **Tuesday, Sept 12 at 6 PM PST**) please go to [www.portlandfellowship.com/events.php](http://www.portlandfellowship.com/events.php)

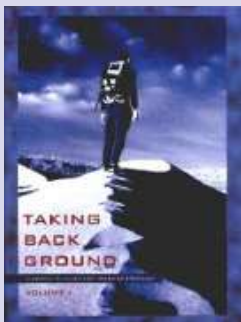
I hope to see you at one of our webinars.  
May the Lord bless you and your family,



Jason Thompson  
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Portland Fellowship

## Summer 2023 Zoom Program: "The Journey"

This summer, we are offering a zoom series called "The Journey". This series started in July and will continue on Tuesday nights in August, via Zoom from 6:00–7:30 pm (PST). This eight-week study is for those seeking freedom from unwanted SSA & gender confusion, but all are welcome. To join us, visit: [www.portlandfellowship.com/events.php](http://www.portlandfellowship.com/events.php)



## Taking Back Ground 2023-2024

We are currently accepting applications for our 2023-24 Taking Back Ground discipleship program. TBG is for men and women struggling with unwanted SSA, and we also offer a group for wives.

We are offering both in-person and Zoom group options. To learn more and register, visit [www.portlandfellowship.com](http://www.portlandfellowship.com) or call us here in the office, 503.235.6364.

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## Events Calendar

**tuesdays in august**

### Summer Series

Zoom discipleship program,  
[portlandfellowship.com/events.php](http://portlandfellowship.com/events.php)

**august 11**

### In-Person Hope Group

For friends and family of gay or trans-identified loved ones. 6:30 p.m.  
[portlandfellowship.com/friends\\_family.php](http://portlandfellowship.com/friends_family.php)

**august 27**

### Jason Speaking

Living Stones Fundraiser Event  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

**september 9 & 12**

Informational PF Webinar

[portlandfellowship.com/events.php](http://portlandfellowship.com/events.php)

### Speakers and personal support

can be arranged through the office.

Check website for additional updates  
at [www.portlandfellowship.com](http://www.portlandfellowship.com)