

Greater Hope Newsletter

Summer 2023 Issue

## Greater Hope Fundraising Banquet

Save the  
Date:  
October 19,  
2023



Guest  
Speaker:  
Brandon  
Mark  
Showalter

**Location:** JMU Festival Conference and Student Center,  
1301 Carrier Dr, Harrisonburg VA

Silent Auction 5:30 p.m., Banquet 6:30 p.m.

**Deadline to reserve seats: October 11, 2023**

Brandon Mark Showalter is a journalist and podcaster with The Christian Post who has reported extensively on topics of theological interest in the Church; bioethics issues, and the developments of the "gender identity" movement and transgender ideology across the world. He was first inspired to pursue a career in writing and journalism while mopping floors and scrubbing toilets as a church custodian in April 2015. He earned a bachelor's degree in International Studies and Spanish from Bridgewater College of Virginia in 2007, a Master's degree through the Center for Human Rights at The Catholic University

of America in Washington DC, and is a fellow of the John Jay Institute for Faith, Society, & Law. He is also a graduate (class of 2015) of a three-year, non-degree program at Bethel School of Ministry in Redding, California. He has been featured in several documentaries, including Broken Hearted Films' "Dead Name" and the Tucker Carlson Originals 2-part series "Transgressive: The Cult of Confusion" on FOX Nation.

Please join the Greater Hope community in welcoming Brandon on Wednesday, September 13, as he speaks on front line issues in Washington DC.

## What We Offer....

Living Waters: A 20 week in-depth healing and discipleship program which ministers to people who are seeking healing from relational and sexual brokenness.\*

Boundaries, Beyond Boundaries, Safe People: Classroom study of books by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend, addressing specific issues that confront today's Christians.\*

CrossCurrent: A 9 week Christ centered ministry and support group for those seeking more truth and grace in their relationships and sexuality.

Men Pursuing Purity: An 8-10 week group equipping men to live lives of purity, purpose and power.\*

Conquer Series 1 & 2; Men's recovery series enabling freedom from sexual addictions.

The Journey: Women's group offering hope for spouses walking through the valley of sexual addiction.

Various Continuing Support Groups: Maintenance groups providing continued helps for recovering men & women.

Counseling and Consultation: Confidential consultations and referrals for professional counseling.

Prayer Ministry: Available by appointment at the Greater Hope office.

Resource Room: Books & videos, TV & DVD player available.

Standing In The Gap: A prayer group interceding on behalf of the prayer needs of the ministry.

GREATER HOPE NEWS: Quarterly newsletter features articles ministering to those overcoming sexual sin.

\*A nominal fee is charged.

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**Who We Are**....An evangelical ministry promoting freedom from and healing for heterosexual and homosexual sin and brokenness. Originally founded in 1995 as Day Seven, and re-established in 1998, Greater Hope operates under the direction of an interdenominational board of directors. The work of Greater Hope is supported entirely by the 501 (c) (3) tax-deductible contributions from individuals and churches who share our vision for ministry.



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## A Testimony from our Men's Groups.....

*"No matter how hard I try on my own, it won't last."*

I was raised in a Christian home and went to church every Sunday. There were a lot of rules and expectations required of me for being a part of the family. Unfortunately, the words "I love you" were never spoken to me. My needs were more than met, but my dad wasn't there for me emotionally. I didn't realize it then, but my view of Father God was the view I had of my own dad. He had a bunch of rules and regulations, but no real relationship.

When I was 21, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. My life has never been the same and I am so thankful for His gift of Salvation! As time went by, I found out that getting victory over a specific sin wasn't just as easy as asking God to "take it away." I would ask forgiveness and try on my own not to repeat. That would work for a while, but I would fail time and again. This was particularly true of looking at pornography. I still remember my older brother bringing home some magazines he got somewhere. A young mind is so open to be manipulated. I didn't know it, but I was giving the enemy a toehold in my life that became a foothold and ultimately a stronghold.



I have discovered, after attending Greater Hope Groups, that I didn't know what my identity was in Christ. I have learned many scriptures that tell me:

- \* who I am in Christ
- \* that I am secure in Christ
- \* that I am significant in Christ

I am not defined as what I have done or do, but *Who I Am in Christ Alone!* Because I know who I am in Christ, he gives me victory over the sin of pornography and other temptations in my life.

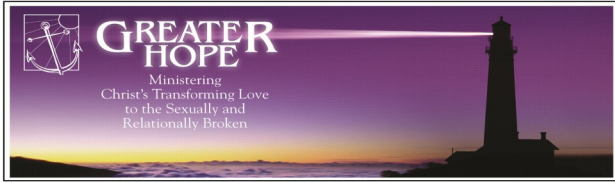
I have learned that behavioral change without heart transformation is not sustainable. In other words, no matter how hard I try on my own, it won't last. My wife tells me that I show the fruits of the spirit more than in the past. Father God helps me to be kinder and gentler to her.

I am thankful for the leaders of Greater Hope and the other men as we continue our journeys of faith.

*Shared by an anonymous participant*

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To join a group, contact Greater Hope:  
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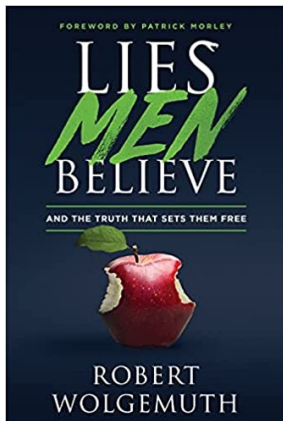
### **Our Mission**

Greater Hope exists to offer hope, minister healing, and equip people for sexual and relational wholeness through Christ's transforming love.

Our ministry is for those who desire to develop the ability to love others in a Godly manner both physically and emotionally.

### ***Men's Summer Group***

***Lies Men Believe*** exposes the lies that men most commonly believe, and shows you how to combat those lies with the truth. Lies like: \*Pleasure and Entertainment Can Truly Satisfy Me, \*If I mean well, that's good enough, \*If I discipline my children, they'll rebel, \*I'm measured by how I compare with other men.



Find out how lies are holding you back from freedom, joy, and intimacy with God and others. Discover the power of the truth. Because once you fully embrace the truth, nothing is ever the same.

Open to new and returning participants

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