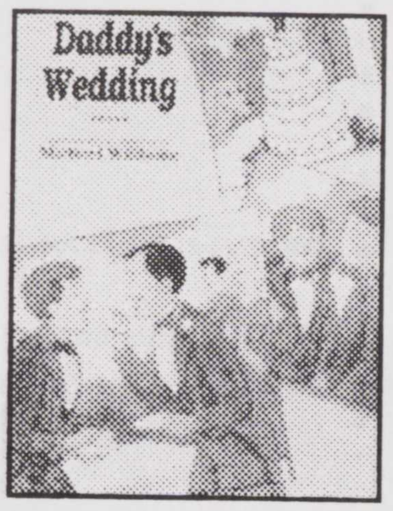

REVIEWS

Daddy "Marries" Roommate

Do you remember the children's book, *Daddy's Roommate,* that got so much attention several years ago? Daddy divorced Mommy and moved in with his new gay friend. The book caught the attention of *Time* and other national newsmagazines.

Now, in this sequel, Daddy and his friend go a step further: They get "married." Of course, in this pro-gay fantasy (*Daddy's Wedding* by Michael Willhoite, Alyson Publications), everyone is supportive, if not delighted. Even Mommy—now happily married again—almost claps her hands in glee at the announcement. "It sounds like a lot of fun. Nothing's better than a wedding in June," she coos.

The main character (Daddy's son) is quickly won over to the idea, especially when he is asked to be Daddy's best man in the wedding. He manages to look on with interest, instead of something more negative, as Daddy and his partner exchange a kiss after saying their vows to the female preacher.

This book is a wake-up reminder of how forcefully pro-gay leaders are pushing their message on the next generation. As I read it, I couldn't help feeling sad at the deception—and even sadder that Christians are lagging far behind in preparing equally colorful, attractive and professional literature to portray a truthful and redemptive message to our kids.

—*Bob Davies*

More Laughs From Best-selling Author Barb Johnson

Parents and other family members who have enjoyed the popular humor books of Barbara Johnson—her previous books have sold over two million copies—will be happy to hear that she has a new book, *I'm So Glad You Told Me What I Didn't Wanna Hear* (WORD). Filled to the brim with funny saying, quips, jokes and cartoons, this book also carries a serious message of hope and comfort to families dealing with a crisis, especially the discovery of a gay loved one.

What is Barbara's message? That misery and pain come to us all, but we have a choice: Either lie down and let the circumstances crush us, or stand up in the strength of the Lord and allow Him to help us through the tough times. And, along the way, He might even help us laugh again.

Barbara's story of multiple family tragedies, including the death of two sons and the homosexuality of a third, has been well-documented in her six previous books. If you've read her other titles, some of the punch-lines in this one will sound familiar.

Recommend this tonic to friends whose lives need some clean, even redemptive humor. The letters contained in this book give eloquent testimony to the power of Barb's story and ministry to bring hope and healing to broken hearts. —*B.D.*

We Need Prayer!

We have enclosed a prayer guide for the upcoming Exodus conference, and urgently solicit prayer for this important highlight of our year. We hope that over 500 people will participate in this week, which is often a life-changing event (see this month's testimony on page 1!)

It would also greatly encourage us to know that you are praying during this time. When you return your response card, please check the appropriate box if you are willing to make a commitment to pray regularly for this event during the coming weeks.

NEWS

• **Hermitage, TN**. *Mastering Life Ministries* has been awarded the Silver Angel "Award of Excellence" for its weekly radio program, "Mastering Life" and the "Angel Award of Merit" for its 15-tape video course entitled, *Sexual Healing: God's Plan for the Sanctification of Our Lives.* Since last June, "Mastering Life" has been delivered over the Focus on the Family Satellite Network and has featured several Exodus leaders.

• **Richmond, VA.** *Set Free* recently received a "significant grant from a Christian foundation that will allow for additional development of this ministry," reported director Barry Anderson.

• Former Exodus president, Joe Dallas (*Genesis Counseling,* Orange, CA) has a new book coming out in September. *A Strong Delusion: Confronting the 'Pro-Gay Christian' Movement* will be released by Harvest House (watch for more details in this newsletter). Congratulations to Joe and his wife, Renee, on the recent birth of their son, Jeremy Bishop.

• Michael Johnston and Anthony Falzarano—both former homosexuals—are featured in the new video produced by The Report entitled, "Just Married: The Ultimate Target of the Gay Agenda." The video explores consequences of societal acceptance of gay marriage. (Info: 800/462-4700.)

• **Wichita**. The Thursday night support gathering of *Freedom At Last* has grown to nearly 40 individuals. The first Thursday of each month is a night of thanksgiving and special prayer for everyone with a birthday that month. "We have seen some phenomenal results," says director Mike Babb. "Many have told us that the night of blessing was one of the most special times of their lives." •

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