AFA Choose Life Home— A compassionate part of our ministry

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There are at least two parts to the ministry of Jesus Christ—confrontation and compassion. As followers of Christ, we are called to confront evil and sin and those things which are destructive to humanity. We are also called to show compassion to those in need of compassion. Christ is best served when these two are kept in balance by the Church.

This ministry has been, and will continue to be, primarily one of confrontation. Not because we desire it that way, but merely because of the reality of the current situation we find in our society. AFA is filling a void, and until other segments of the Church address that void sufficiently, this ministry will continue with our current thrust.

I left the parish ministry to found the AFA nearly 12 years ago. I have missed the parish ministry during those years. I have often wished that God's will for my life would be to serve a small church. I would like that. I would like to serve a little church where I was needed, where I could be a shepherd to the flock. During the past 12 years I have missed the compassionate part of ministry which serving as a pastor offers.

A few months ago a dear lady died and left AFA a gift in her will. The gift wasn't tremendously large, but it certainly wasn't small. She requested that we use the money to help abused children. For some time I thought and prayed about how to best use her gift. After several months, I felt that it would best be used as seed money to provide a home for unwed mothers. No child is more abused than the child whose life is taken from him or her before birth. Maybe if that unwed mother-to-be has a place to go where she would be loved and cared for, she will choose to give her child life rather than to have an abortion. Our emphasis will be directed toward those girls who might otherwise be considering an abortion. But the ministry will not be limited to those girls. It will be open to any girl who desires to use it, regardless of her status in life.

We are now in the process of planning for our Choose Life Home. A director has been hired, information is being gathered from which to make decisions. Within a few months, the building can be constructed. While the home will be a part of AFA, it will be operated independently from the current AFA ministry.

Choose Life Home will represent the compassionate part of ministry. It will be a Christian home where the Good News can be expressed to those in need.

There will be many who will write and say that we should keep our current focus. Let me assure you we will. Our current efforts will not be diminished at all. You have my word on that.

And let me go on record as saying that I am in agreement with those who fight abortion using other methods. We all bring different talents to the battle, and we are all needed.

Maybe one day God will say, "Don, you can go serve that little church now. There are others who can take your place." But until He does lead me in that direction, I can be satisfied in knowing that our Choose Life Home allows us at least a small part in the compassionate ministry of Jesus Christ.

For that I am thankful.

Don

ACLU complaint cites company's Christian logo

Moon & Moon Realty of Centralia, Washington uses a simply drawn fish (similar to that on the *AFA Journal* logo) encompassing a house as its logo on each of its advertisements and on its letterhead. Based upon complaints by the ACLU and the Anti-Defamation League the Washington Human Rights Commission sent a letter to the realty company's advertising agency informing them that the use of the fish symbol was in violation of state law. Even though no allegations of discriminatory treatment have been brought against the company, the ACLU and ADL are continuing to pursue this action before the Commission. Individuals are encouraged to let Moon & Moon Realty know of their support of the company's stand to retain this symbol of their Christian faith. Write them at: Moon & Moon Realty, 1230 Mellen Street, Centralia, WA 98531.

Catch them! They're going the wrong way!

By Randy Proctor
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Luke 14:23

Starting me on defense in the safety position, my coach had taken great pains to insure that I knew who and how to cover during pass plays. In the big game against our arch rival, the opposition ran a sweep play toward my side. As I dropped back to cover a receiver who was running a deep pattern, their quarterback threw a short pass to a receiver running a hook pattern a few yards from the line of scrimmage. Although he was covered, he caught the ball and was immediately hit. He spun to shake off the tackle and began running the wrong way!

We immediately took off in pursuit. We had never been told what to do if a player runs the wrong way, so our coach began running along the sideline shouting at us, "LET HIM GO! LET HIM GO!"

Amazingly, with my coach shouting in my ear and the crowd roaring in the stands, from the far side of the field came the rival coach's big booming voice shouting, "CATCH HIM! CATCH HIM! CATCH HIM!" One of their men grabbed him to turn him around as we tackled them at the two yard line!

I shall never forget that big booming voice that evening. I am reminded of it when someone asks why I am involved in the seemingly endless battle against immorality. "Don't you ever want to quit? Don't you ever get tired?" they ask.

Of course I do! There are times I think that I can't run another step, block another pass or make another tackle in this spiritual battle. But louder than the "roar" of the world, in spite of the weariness of the flesh and the "busyness" of life, I keep hearing the words of Jesus in Luke 14:23... Go out into the highways and hedges, and COMPEL them to come in...It is like a shout in my soul crying, CATCH THEM! CATCH THEM! CATCH THEM! They're going the wrong way!"

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