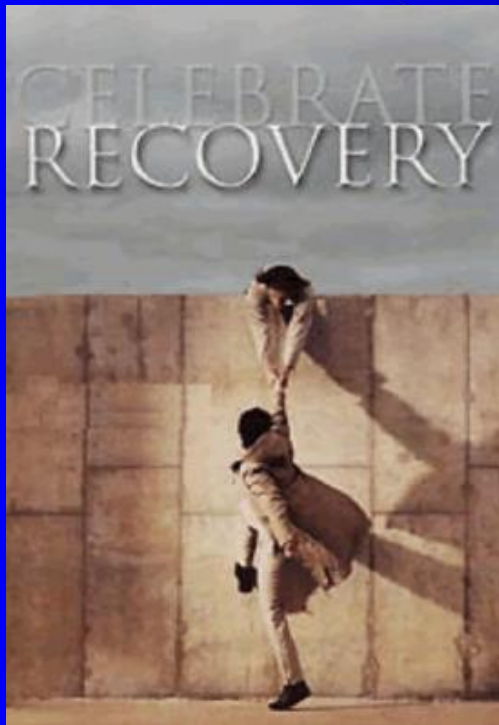


Pathways to Recovery



James Parker

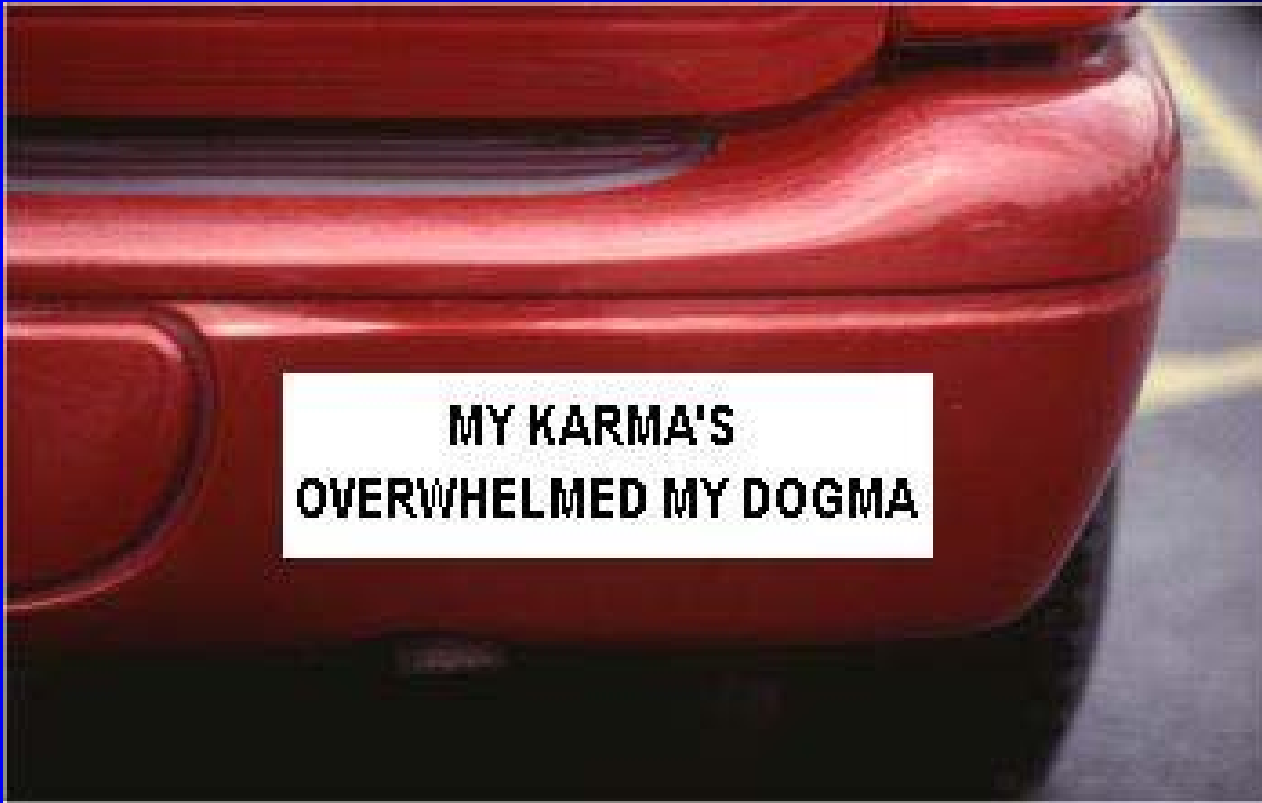
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Overview

1 – Looking at Sexual Addiction and Dysfunction / Deviancy

2 – Ways Forward

3 – Role of PMRC / CL



My karma's overwhelmed my dogma

1. Sexual Addiction & Deviancy

- Science/nature (dogma) v. contemporary feeling (karma) - both to yield to *supernatural*
- Addiction = mood altering experience
- Real (painful, uncontrollable) v. false (controlled, temporal)

1. Sexual Addiction & Deviancy

ALWAYS ROOTED IN DEVELOPMENT

- **1st - baby/infant : INTUITION and INTIMACY**
- **2nd - child : CONNECTION / FUSION and IMAGINATION**
- **3rd - teenager : IDENTITY/ VALIDATION and the ability to REASON**



- *Joe Nicolosi*: “Homosexuality is the sexualization of the natural need for a mentor”

www.narth.com

- *Richard Cohen*: “Homosexuality is not about sex. Rather, it is ultimately about rejection of and detachment from self, from others, and one’s own gender identity”

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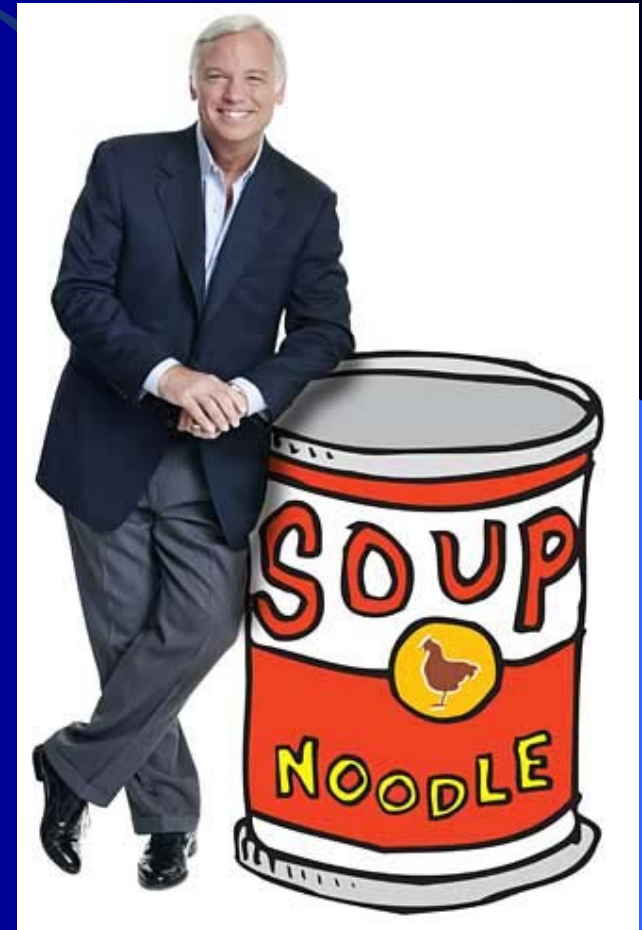
1. Sexual Addiction & Deviancy

PAINS of ADDICTION / DYSFUNCTION

- **legitimate unmet needs eroticised**
- **little/no sense of “being”**
- **stunted developmental process**
- **high percentage of sexual abuse**
- **exposure to inappropriate sexual material and/or conversation**

1. Sexual Addiction & Deviancy

- E + R = O (**E**vents + **R**esponse = **O**utcome)
- Sex as recreation -
contraception culture!
- Romans 1



2. Ways Forward



RECOVERY HAPPENS WITH...

- Mercy and understanding
- Tools and support
- Consistent AAA \Rightarrow A
- Revisiting broken areas - repentance
- Sympathetic peers

2. The Way Forward



PRESENTLY AVAILABLE

- **Therapist / counsellor - *past***
- **Mentor/sponsor - *present***
- **Coach - *future***
- **Group work**
- **Spiritual framework, esp. same-sex groups**

3. Role of PMRC / CL

OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES

- To face 20th century culture of death
- To challenge 21st century 'sex society'
- To safeguard children



3. Role of PMRC / CL

PMRC / CL v. Protestant and secular organisations

- **Fully** informed v. well-informed
- Catholic and universal
- Shared stories
- Emotional vocabulary & support
- Gender balance
- Witness & seasonal understanding
- Spiritual cleansing
- Tools to repair the past

Final Reflection

Always hope!

“Do not be afraid...” for with God *all* things are possible”

Romans 5:2-5 We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And **hope does not disappoint us**, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.