

How Jesus Saved an International Worship Artist From Bondage of Homosexuality

Dennis Jernigan ministers to millions of people around the world with his worship and praise albums. Though he's married with nine kids now, he used to struggle with homosexuality—stemming from other people's opinions about him.

"I believe that was the enemy planning lies in my mind. I chose to believe the lies. It was like the enemy had his foot planted in the door of my heart now. He could get little lies in—that carries through to the fact that I could hear things on the radio and go sit down at the piano and play them. I didn't understand why I could do that. I just thought that was natural.

"But you get to school, and the other little boys find out that's what you do. That's what *girls* do. You're a sissy, and anything else you can imagine. And then feeling, *Man, I'm somehow different than the other guys.*"

It was his grandma who encouraged him by telling him his piano skills were a "gift from the Lord." He finally came to a place of realizing the depth of God's love that helped him out of the pits of depression.

"I get to the very bottom, and there's no place to look but back to God. I said, 'Lord, help me.' And that's what brings us to that point in worship time, where I was just confronted with the fact that God loves me no matter what. He can handle whatever you're hiding, so get honest with him."

That's when God started to move in extraordinary ways to kickstart Jernigan's music career. Listen to the podcast to find out how. {eoa}