

Former Homosexual Now a Christian Faces Jail Time for Promoting 'Conversion Practices'

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A Christian charity worker is facing criminal charges for allegedly promoting “conversion practices” in his own country during an online interview about how he chose to leave his former homosexual lifestyle after finding salvation in Jesus Christ.

The Christian Legal Centre (CLC) reports it is representing Matthew Grech who faces up to five months in prison and almost \$5,500 in fines if convicted.

The faith-based nonprofit law firm called Grech’s case “the first-ever prosecution for ‘conversion practices’ in Malta.”

His Crime? He Shared His Testimony Online

Grech is a trustee of Core Issues Trust which works closely with the International Federation for Therapeutic and Counselling Choice and X-Out-Loud.

His legal problem began after he told his “ex-gay” testimony during an online interview, that was advertised on Facebook.

During the media interview, he shared his story about his childhood and the confusion he had experienced when it came to his own sexuality and relationships. He spoke about how, as an adult, he had been involved in homosexual relationships before becoming a Christian, which changed his life dramatically.

Grech spoke about how he does not agree with the term

“conversion therapy” and said that the deeper he went into his Christian faith and exploring the Bible, the more “I understood that in the Bible, homosexuality is not an identity as we make it nowadays. And neither is it a feeling, but a practice.”

 “This means that no matter what sexual feelings a man or a woman is experiencing if they have sexual relations with a person of the same sex, they commit the homosexual act in God’s eyes, and that is a sin,” he explained. “Just like every other sin, one can repent from it and ask God for forgiveness and ask Him for strength to overcome... I’m talking here from a Christian perspective...”

At no point during the interview did Grech invite any listener to attend therapy or encourage anyone to get help for unwanted same-sex attraction. This is backed up by a transcript from PMnews Malta.

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