

# Formerly Gay Man Faces Possible Jail, Fines After Sharing Journey to God, Bible

An ex-LGBT activist in Malta who reportedly faces potential prison time after sharing his testimony of leaving behind a gay lifestyle to follow Christ continues to face his years-long court battle.

Matthew Grech told CBN News he headed back to court July 16 to continue his quest to avoid a potential five-month jail sentence and fines after being accused of “advertising so-called conversion practices.” The final verdict in his case is expected to come in October.

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As previously reported, legal problems began when Grech shared his story of leaving the LGBTQ lifestyle and finding Jesus with a local outlet in Malta. He said two presenters with PMnews Malta wanted to know more about the nation’s crackdown on so-called conversion therapy and his take on the matter.

Malta, in 2016, became the first European Union country to ban attempts to “change, repress or eliminate a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression,” leading to fines or even jail time.



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“I was invited to share my story on a program and answer questions about so-called conversion practices,” Grech previously told CBN News. “And I mentioned an organization ... that supports men and women who leave LGBT and an organization

that promotes a biblical sexuality.”

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Because the organization he mentioned helps assist men and women who have “unwanted same-sex desires” or “unwanted gender confusion,” he landed himself in the crossfire.

After three people reported Grech to police, he found himself in a legal quagmire. He said in an updated interview last week that his courtroom showing this week was his “12th criminal court hearing in Malta” since the case began.

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“It’s going to be the final oral submissions between the lawyers before the final verdict,” he said leading up to the hearing. “It’s been a very long journey.”

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