

## THE MOVIE IS A MESS!

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My life at times has been a mess. Honestly. I've made so many mistakes, said so many dumb things, crossed so many lines, made so many stupid decisions with my life, that I fear once you realize the enormity of it all, you may stop reading before you get through this intro.

Of course, if you've seen the movie about my life - *FINDING GUY* - you know what a mess I made of things. Before becoming a Christian in 1987 I lived an actively gay life for over 10 years. During that time, I had a boyfriend for several years, and was sexually involved hundreds of times with different men. By the time I was 24 years old I was spent. Over a decade of hiding in plain sight, afraid to be real with the people I loved the most, terrified of rejection if they knew who I really was, clandestine and anonymous sexual encounters and the breakup of a relationship with my boyfriend had taken its toll.

In God's perfect timing, he sent someone to invite me to church. It took two years of going to church and hearing the Word, but finally I was ready to turn my life over to God. That was in 1987 and I have not participated in any kind of homosexual activity since that date.

However, in spite of these accomplishments, homosexual attractions are still a reality in my life even three decades after leaving that existence forever. I don't understand why God works the way He does, but regardless of thousands of hours of praying and begging and reading and studying and trying, and after 27 years of marriage to my amazing wife Cathy, my attraction to the same gender remains. Regardless of the countless times I've asked God to take this away, His answer has been: "My grace is sufficient for you, and my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9) Professionally, God has seen fit to choose me to serve full time in Christian ministry and now oversee *Strength in Weakness Ministries*, an organization I founded, dedicated to helping other Christians who, like me, remain outside of the heterosexual mainstream and Christian parents of gay children.

The 14 daily devotionals you are about to embark on are thoughts that originated from my fourth book *Messed Up: Proof That You're More to God Than Your Mistakes*. It is a companion to the documentary movie *FINDING GUY*. Each devotional thought will take you no more than a few minutes to read, but I trust will inspire and encourage you for much longer! If you find these devotionals helpful in your spiritual journey, the book is a must! If you haven't seen the movie yet, go get it today! You can find it at [findingguy.com](http://findingguy.com)

It is my hope that by both watching the movie and experiencing these daily devotionals, you will be encouraged to look at your own story and consider all the ways that God is working and maneuvering through *your* life to prove that you are more to God than *your* mistakes, and that he longs to do amazing things with you, no matter how messed up your life have been.

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