

## Sex abuse survivors.

You *do* have rights. Even if your abuse occurred decades ago, you might still be able to hold your abuser legally accountable. Get the facts your abuser doesn't want you to know.

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## AIDS Patients with Genital Herpes

### Volunteers Wanted for Clinical Research Trial

If you have been diagnosed with AIDS and have recurrent genital herpes, you may qualify to participate in a clinical trial of a naturally derived drug for the topical treatment of herpes.

**Requirements**  
Ages 18 or older  
Diagnosis of AIDS  
Current herpes outbreak

All qualified participants will receive free standard antiviral herpes therapy, medical treatment, and laboratory tests. Qualified participants may also be paid up to \$500 at the completion of the study. This study is being conducted by Dr. Bruce Miller of Dermatology Associates in Portland.

For more information,  
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**245-1525**

Dermatology Associates Clinical Research Center  
9495 SW Locust Street, Suite G, Portland, OR 97223

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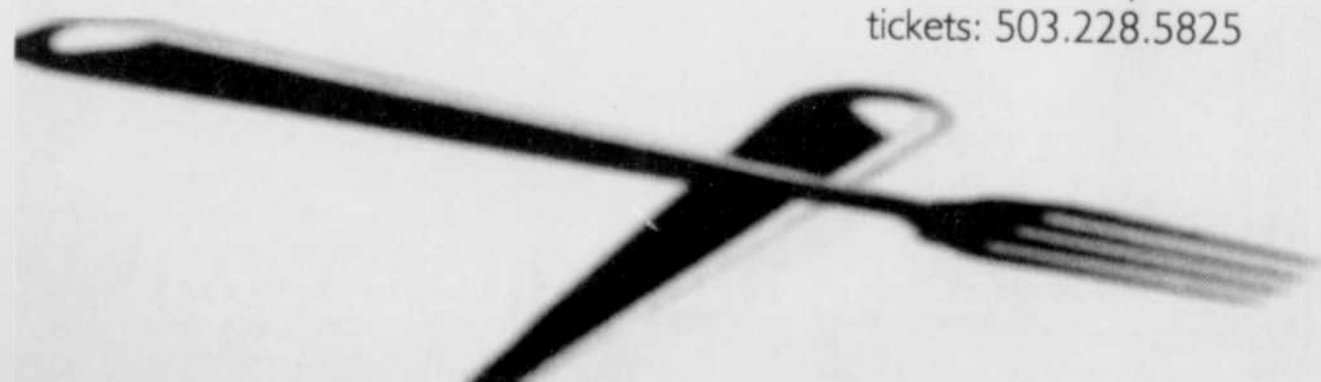
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## HARD HEARTED CHRISTIANS

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah as saying:  
"you shall indeed hear but never understand,  
and you shall indeed see but never perceive."

He refers to those who are so convinced they know the truth that they are closed to the deepest truth. Unfortunately, religious zealotry sometimes blinds and deafens its adherents, trapping them in their own prejudices. Totally convinced of the righteousness of their cause, such people often persecute others whom they consider to be unrepentant. Witness centuries of Jewish suffering at the hands of Christians who could not see their actions as inconsistent with the teaching and example of Jesus.

Presently, because we finally dare to live openly, gays are the foremost focus of this type of religious hostility. Despite the paucity of of Biblical material which in any way relates to homosexuality, many Christians insist that there is scriptural injunction against our living authentically. So certain and sure is this "truth" that they insist we are gay by choice or as a consequence of sin, and that God would never have created us gay. They blindly reject scientific evidence suggesting a biological basis for sexual orientation in the same manner Pope Paul V rejected Galileo's observation about the earth's rotation around the sun. After all, they reason, scripture could not be wrong!

We resent the attacks such Christians level against us but we must be careful not to confuse those who claim allegiance to Jesus with Jesus himself. Were he walking the earth today, Jesus would stand with us against our slanderers. If they could "see" and "hear" what scripture truly teaches, they would understand that God always sides with those who are rejected and persecuted without just cause.

As you consider the course your life takes, please do not reject the Jesus who loves you in the fullness of your being just because some persecute you in his name.

A message from the Anawim Community—gay men committed to following Jesus through a life of prayer and service to our gay brothers.