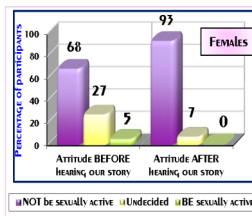
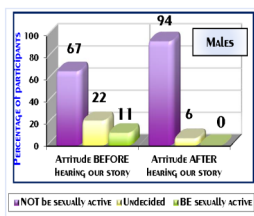
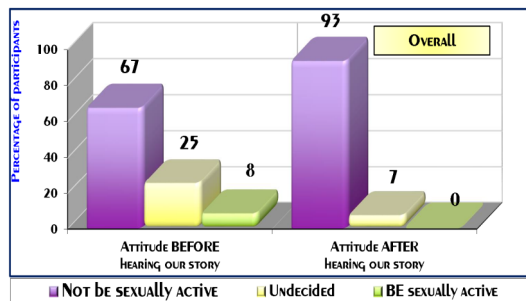




## Event Update: For Some, It Was A Life-Changing Day

*From the desk of Karen Kropf:* At the event on Sat. 2/8/20, Jim and I both had multiple conversations with young people who had “light-bulb” moments after listening to our story. One 17 year old male quipped, “I knew [sex as a teen] was a bad idea, but now I’m not even considering it.” A 21 year old female said, “I went to many abstinence conferences that were OK, but this spoke to my heart, as I am in my first relationship.”

At the end of the day, as we were packing up, there was a priceless moment. Two girls were talking about their experience and what happened after hearing our story. As part of a session on Body Image, participants were invited to write a word or phrase on a rock that described their friend’s best attribute. I asked if I could see their rocks, but neither girl had written one at the time. Then they immediately said they were ready now, and would also like to give ME a rock.



As it happens, the speaker, Brit Coppia, and her husband, Anthony, were nearby. So he agreeably dashed off to their car to get them some rocks. A short time later, the girls presented me a fist-sized stone covered with words.

One side says: *“Dear Karen, You are such a powerful woman. I am so grateful I was able to meet you. I was truly inspired today to change my ways for the better, for the Lord. Thank you so much. I truly love your work and you. Please keep me in your prayers.”*

The other side say, *“Dear Karen, I met you like an hour ago, but you’re such an inspiration to me. I love you like a daughter loves her mom. You’re a blessing in my life.”*

Their inscription turned that rock into a diamond for me.



## PRIVATE & HOMESCHOOL PARENTS BEWARE

One of the topics addressed at Lovefest was the “progressive” sex education ideology students will be subjected to in CA public schools, and how parents can respond. Unfortunately, as we predicted, pulling kids out of public school may not exempt them from this anti-religious, anti-science, politically-correct curricula.

John Hines, a Democrat in the Mississippi House of Representatives, has sponsored a bill that would **force parochial, private and homeschooled students to take the same Mississippi history and U.S. government courses imposed on public schools.** These courses have “an emphasis on the significant political, social, economic and cultural issues of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries

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which have impacted the diverse ethnic and racial populations of the state.” In other words, present **ONLY one interpretation and one set of values**. If the bill passes, it would dictate what parents may teach their children and how they teach it.

The introduction of this bill in Mississippi should be a warning for EVERY parent who chose a private, parochial or homeschool option to circumvent indoctrination or avoid a failing public school system. It won't be the last state to propose legislation to eliminate every other point of view. *“The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world.”*

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**Planned Parenthood on school campus, CA DOE recommending kindergarteners see gynecological exams, the push to embrace anti-science/anti-religious curricula** — all heartbreaking developments that need LOTS of voices of reason to rise up.

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## COACH'S CORNER

I met some parents who had a Cyberdancer expert recommend keeping their teens bedroom doors open, except when changing clothes.

Within a few days of implementing the mandatory “open door” policy, these parents had eliminated their adolescent's sullen anti-social attitude. While I understood the thinking, “There's no reason to close the door if you're not doing anything you don't want us to see,” — I suggested it could backfire in the long run.

This is one of those times where the EXTERNAL imposition of a rule resulted in the **desired behavior**, but failed to change the INTERNAL attitude of the heart. The teen was honest with me that, if given an opportunity, they would gladly engage in the questionable or inappropriate things done behind closed doors. Basically, the teen was calculating how to get away with new levels of deceit.

These parents forgot the objective is for a child to CHOOSE to be open and transparent with their parents about whatever is going on in their world.

What's the alternative then? Helping a child understand the privilege of privacy is a **Training Issue**. So this Month's COACHING EXERCISE: Help your child earn “private time” based on how voluntarily open they are about what is going on in their world.

If Marie or Marcus spontaneously shares their day, their friendships, text messages and Instagram posts (as opposed to submitting to parental interrogation), it builds trust and can be rewarded with small increments of private time. Mom & Dad need to watch for attitude, or moodiness, and adjust according to results.

Remember, the goal is to train your child to manage what they do in private in an honorable way, **AFTER they have left your care!**

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