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09 Q. Good morning, Mr. Hennigan.
10 A. Good morning.
11 Q. Can you please state and spell your full name
12 for the record.
13 A. Sean Hennigan, S-e-a-n, H-e-n-n-i-g-a-n.
14 Q. Thank you. And how old are you, sir?
15 A. I am 59.
16 Q. And where do you reside?
17 A. Phoenix, Arizona.
18 Q. And what's your educational background?
19 A. I have a Associate of Arts degree in -- in air
20 conditioning.
21 Q. And where did you obtain that degree?
22 A. Sorry?
23 Q. Where did you obtain that degree?
24 A. From Maricopa Technical College.
25 Q. And what is your current occupation?
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02 A. Current occupation is caregiver.
03 Q. Can you describe that.
04 A. I -- I go into people's homes that are disabled
05 and help them out with bathing and -- and dressing and
06 other needs.
07 Q. How long have you been in that line of work?
08 A. I started out working with my mom, so that was
09 about 2000 -- 2005 or '7. I think that's when I started.
10 So --
11 Q. Okay. And you're not a party to this lawsuit;
12 is that right?
13 A. No.
14 Q. Are you voluntarily testifying here as a
15 witness?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Mr. Hennigan, do you know any of the defendants
18 in this action, Arthur Goldberg, Alan Downing, JONAH, or
19 other JONAH counselors such as Thaddeus Heffner?
20 A. I do.
21 Q. Which ones do you know?
22 A. I know -- I know Arthur Goldberg. What were
23 the other names you mentioned?
24 Q. Alan Downing?
25 A. I know Alan Downing.
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02 Q. Thaddeus Heffner?
03 A. I know Thaddeus Heffner.
04 Q. And how did you -- where did you meet them?
05 A. I met them -- well, in the case of Arthur, I
06 met him at my JiM weekend, Journey into Manhood weekend.
07 The other two I staffed with JiM -- Journey into Manhood
08 weekends.
09 Q. And why did you attend Journey into Manhood?
10 A. I attended it to work on the issues I had
11 surrounding SSA. It -- actually, I had done a lot of
12 work before that in therapy. So I made quite a bit of
13 progress, but there were still some issues that I wanted

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14 to work on in Jim weekends.
15 Q. So how old were you when you first realized you
16 experienced same sex attraction?
17 A. That's hard -- hard to pinpoint, because I
18 don't think I recognize it as same sex attraction. But I
19 think if you would say when I started acting out on it,
20 probably my early 20s.
21 Q. Well, how about your teenage years? Did you --
22 A. I was -- I was interested in men as far as
23 their appearance, and I was attracted to men -- muscular
24 men, and envied that. So I guess you could say the
25 attraction may have started back then.

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02 Q. Do you remember when you first noticed those
03 attractions?
04 A. Probably it would be in my teens, probably 12,
05 maybe 12, 13.
06 Q. Were you also attracted to women?
07 A. Yeah, to a certain extent, but not a lot.
08 Q. Did you date women when you were a teenager?
09 A. Not as a teenager, but as a young adult, I did.

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10 Q. Did you date other men as a teenager?
11 A. I don't know if I'd call it a date. It was
12 more like hookups.
13 Q. And how old were you when that first started?
14 A. How old when I first started? Probably around
15 early 20s, 21, something like that.
16 Q. So at that point did you identify as gay?
17 A. Not publicly. I was -- it was pretty much kept
18 private, so -- I never really felt like a crusader for
19 gayness. So --
20 Q. But did you visit homosexuals during that time
21 period?
22 A. Yeah -- well, actually, I think for the longest
23 time I just thought that this wasn't something permanent,
24 that I would move on to marriage, and I'd meet someone
25 and get married, and that be would the end of it. But

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02 attractions remained, I guess.
03 Q. Okay. So take us into your 20s, then. You
04 said you were involved in the gay lifestyle when you were
05 in your 20s?
06 A. Uh-huh.
07 Q. And how long did that continue?
08 A. I'd say it continued until 2008, but I will say
09 that there was probably a period of time where I was very
10 active, and like a lot of weekends at bars and hook up,
11 and go to parks and hook up. And there was probably, I
12 don't know how many years in there, probably four years
13 where I was extremely active.
14 And then I did start cutting back because it --
15 I had this conflict going on all the time, is that I --
16 I -- I strongly believed in my Catholic faith, and so
17 I -- from that I realized it was wrong. I truly believed
18 that.
19 At the same time I was conflicted because I had
20 these attractions to men. I thought, "Why God -- why did
21 God give me these attractions to men?" And so that was
22 my whole struggle.
23 So I would -- so there probably came a time
24 where I would act out a lot, kind of like a binge thing,
25 and then I would -- I'd stop and then do it again.

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02 And then around 2000 -- well, then, toward more

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03 recent years, like 2006, '7, '8, I really cut back on the
04 activity, because I still felt it was wrong. And I think
05 I needed to do that. But I would slip once in a while
06 and have things happen.

07 Q. So before 2006, 2007, 2008, were you also
08 dating women?

09 A. Occasionally.

10 Q. And tell us about that.

11 A. I just never felt like I connected -- connected
12 with them. My whole thought on that basically is about
13 SSA and its entirety, was that it -- to me it kind of --
14 I -- I did have some attraction to women. I know -- I
15 remember that, but the SSA just kind of tamped that down
16 and kind of distracted me. It's like it took a detour
17 from that. So it -- because of that, it made it
18 difficult for me to relate authentically with women.

19 Q. Did you ever have long relationships with
20 women?

21 A. No, I did not.

22 Q. Romantic relationships?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Were you ever sexually involved with a woman?

25 A. No. Part of that is that -- well, I still feel
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02 that way today, is that I want to wait until I'm married,
03 but I do feel a strong attraction now sexually.

04 Q. Tell us about your childhood and your
05 relationship with your parents. What was that like?

06 A. I knew my parents both loved me. I realized
07 that. But -- and I think they would have done anything
08 for me. But my father was an alcoholic. And it kind of
09 affected my communication with him. I always felt like
10 he wasn't really listening to me. He was not an abusive
11 drunk, like that. He was just disconnected.

12 And my mom didn't approve of it at all. So it
13 made her very unhappy. And so she -- she would
14 criticize -- I would be like her confidant, and she would
15 criticize my dad a lot.

16 So seeing that my mom would be hurt by that, I
17 felt pulled -- torn. So I felt drawn to her and
18 separated from my dad. And also, I think at the same
19 time, any sort of masculinity he showed, I just thought,
20 you know, is that what I want? I don't want to be crude.
21 I don't want to be this. I don't want to be that. So
22 there was a separation there.

23 And then -- oh, I don't know. You want to get
24 into siblings?

25 Q. Sure.

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02 A. That was an important part of my life, too.

03 Q. Tell us about that.

04 A. My brother, older brother, was three years
05 older, and if anything, I think as much trouble as
06 anything is that he was extremely critical about
07 everything I did. So I would tend to be a rambunctious,
08 happy boy, and I would, you know, show that, but he would
09 always criticize it and, you know, you shouldn't act that
10 way, you shouldn't do that. So every time he would do
11 that, I became very self-conscious.

12 So I kind of withdrew from anybody in a way.
13 And so at first, as a boy, I think I thought, oh, he's
14 just saying it, it can't be true. But I heard it so much
15 I started to believe that I was ugly, and nobody
16 wanted -- nobody liked me, I couldn't be likeable. They
17 used to side with the neighbors against me. They
18 wouldn't, you know -- I should say "they," because my

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19 middle brother, his name is Tim, he was just a year
20 older, but he always sided with my brother. So I was
21 alone. And I remember crying an awful lot about that.
22 So I feel -- I feel my -- the effect of my
23 older brother, who I had a -- it had a huge effect on my
24 life, how I viewed myself.
25 Q. Did they know that you experienced same sex
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02 attraction, your brothers and your parents?
03 A. Did they know that I did?
04 Q. Yes.
05 A. No, not that I was aware of, although I think
06 later on, many years later they -- they made reference to
07 it then. My parents I don't think ever did. No, I'm
08 positive they never did, but my older brother, yeah, kind
09 of hinted at that.
10 Q. Did they later find out as you got older?
11 A. I never admitted to it. Although I did have --
12 I did have a magazine one time that my brother found, so
13 I think he figured it out from that. It was a gay
14 magazine.
15 Q. Were you ever in any long-term relationships
16 with -- with, I guess, any men?
17 A. Not really, except I did have this really good
18 friend. By then I was already -- you know, I didn't --
19 that was part of the issue. It was like I had all these
20 men I would meet, but I had no male friends. So I met
21 this guy, and I think he wanted sex, and I didn't. I
22 just -- I wanted desperately to have a friend.
23 Q. How old were you at the time?
24 A. I was 50 -- early 50s. Yeah. I think so.
25 Q. Okay.
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02 A. Yeah. Probably late 40s, early 50s. And so we
03 didn't -- we did -- we did have a really good friendship,
04 and so I -- I really did. I really was emotionally
05 attached to him, but the problem was is that I didn't
06 make any other friends, and so I was just centered on
07 this one person, so our lives were just kind of
08 intertwined, even though it wasn't a sexual relationship.
09 Q. So this was your early 50s, late 40s. Prior to
10 this time period did you ever have any --
11 A. No.
12 Q. -- long-term relationships?
13 A. No. They were always temporary hookups and
14 things like that.
15 Q. And why do you think that is?
16 A. Well, I didn't -- I didn't feel -- I didn't
17 feel comfortable being gay. It just seemed weird to me,
18 that two men would be, like, husband and wife, whatever.
19 It just -- just never -- never appealed to me, never made
20 any sense.
21 Q. Did you find the lifestyle fulfilling?
22 A. Did I find what?
23 Q. Did you find your lifestyle fulfilling?
24 A. No, not at all.
25 Q. Were you happy?
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02 A. No.
03 Q. So at some point you decided to start with
04 therapy, and then you eventually attended a Jim weekend.
05 And I want to get a sense of when you first decided to
06 address your SSA through therapy. When was that and tell
07 us about that.
08 A. Okay. That was in March 2008. Basically just
09 around that period of time I -- I talked to my pastor

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10 about it, and I had a sense that -- I knew morally what I
11 needed to do. And I went to a church that was really,
12 really -- I would say by the book, you know? So it was
13 really neat that I talked to him and he understood, and,
14 you know, wanted to help me.

15 But I -- I thought rather than deal with the
16 temptations in a moral respect, just on their own, I
17 needed to do something psychological. I wanted to figure
18 out why do I have the attractions to start with. So that
19 started to appeal to me.

20 And I started searching the internet, and --
21 and suddenly I came across NARTH, and I thought, this is
22 cool. I'm reading this stuff, it made sense to me as far
23 as the causes and everything else.

24 So through them I made contact with Floyd
25 Godfrey, and he became my therapist. So I started with
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02 him in March 2008.

03 Q. Before we get into that, I want to get a better
04 idea of -- so March 2008, you were still in your 50s at
05 this point. What was it that happened that led you,
06 motivated you to start, you know, addressing this at this
07 point in your life?

08 A. Well, yeah, because I was struggling so much.
09 Like, I -- none of this was making any sense to me. It
10 was like, where does this all end? Where is this leading
11 to? It wasn't leading to things I -- I really did want a
12 family. I wanted a wife and a family and I wanted
13 everything like that. And I could see the gay thing was
14 just -- it was all disjointed. Nothing ever lasted. And
15 plus, like I said, I never felt comfortable with the idea
16 of two men being husband and wife. It just seemed weird.
17 It always did.

18 Q. So this pastor you spoke to, was he -- was he
19 Catholic?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And he directed you to NARTH?

22 A. No, he did not. He -- he actually didn't know
23 who I could contact about that. So he was helping me
24 spiritually. But I really -- it was for the first time I
25 actually -- even though I -- in confession, I probably
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02 confessed these sins in the past, this was the first time
03 I ever had a face-to-face meeting with him to have him
04 help me with this -- what we could do. But he didn't
05 have any psychological references to -- to refer me to.
06 So that is why I thought it was a Godsend that I found it
07 online.

08 Q. So you found out about Floyd Godfrey online --

09 A. Uh-huh.

10 Q. -- and tell us what happened next.

11 A. So I went there, and honestly, I was still
12 pretty skeptical about -- about change, and, you know,
13 what could happen, but I thought, I've got to do
14 something. I'm just not -- not happy. And I just felt
15 always disconnected and disjointed. So --

16 Q. Is Mr. Godfrey based in Phoenix?

17 A. Yes. Actually, Mesa, but a suburb of Phoenix.

18 Q. Okay. So when did you start therapy with him?
19 Was that March?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. 2008?

22 A. I will say that before that I was -- I don't
23 know if I were to mention it, but I was gaining back my
24 context and stuff, and at the point I started with Floyd
25 Godfrey, I -- I was on porn a lot. And I rationalized

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02 that at least I'm not acting out with anybody. But I was
03 really stuck there. It was like, where is this going? I
04 felt like it was holding me back and I felt I really
05 needed to deal with that.
06 Q. So you were about 53 at the time?
07 A. Yes, 53, 54, yes.
08 Q. And you cut back on acting out with other men,
09 but you were still -- you still had an issue with porn?
10 A. Well, and then -- yes, and then there would be
11 occasional falls where I would, but they became less and
12 less as that time approached.
13 Q. But the feelings themselves, did they -- were
14 they as intense or as frequent as --
15 A. Yeah, I don't think the desire had lessened
16 very much. I was just avoiding it, avoiding the --
17 acting out on it.
18 Q. So tell us about the therapy with Mr. Godfrey.
19 What was that like?
20 A. It was really great. I think the best thing
21 about it was I finally had someone to talk to that
22 understood it. And that in itself to me was very
23 healing, because here is somebody who gets it.
24 Q. What was the therapy like? Was it -- did
25 you --

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02 A. Just mainly -- we just mainly just talked about
03 things. And he had some suggestions, and the first one
04 was -- because I was very serious. I mean at this point
05 I wanted to really, really to do something about it. I
06 just -- I needed to do something. So I was very
07 determined once I started.
08 And one of the first things he said is just,
09 "You need to just quit porn entirely," which I did. Part
10 of that is, is that it -- every time you -- you act out
11 with porn, you are confirming that kind of behavior. So
12 the attraction would stay -- you know, you just keep
13 reconfirming that attraction over and over, so being as
14 determined as I was, I decided, that I can't do that. So
15 that was the first thing.
16 And then the second thing it -- is to deal
17 with -- the other -- other aspect of it was we -- we kind
18 of determined it was like a sexualized envy. So it
19 really started as envy. Like all men envy other men,
20 like a better build or -- in my case, I would envy that.
21 But rather than just deal with envy, I sexualized it,
22 thinking that if I could be with these guys I would be
23 accepted, equal and -- you know.
24 So at that point -- so -- so we ended up -- so
25 what -- what his suggestion was is to find a safe place

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02 that men hang out, to be together with men. So I had
03 belonged to gyms in the past, but at that time I was
04 working out at home, which I also found very isolating,
05 too. I had my porn over here and my gym here. And so
06 once again, I was by myself.
07 So -- so what I did is I joined the gym again,
08 only this time, of course, I didn't go there to cruise.
09 So I went there to relate to the men around me. In the
10 past I would go to a gym and I would just kind of nod,
11 you know, that would be it. I made an extra point of
12 talking to them. I'd say -- I'd ask them about their
13 workouts and, like most buff guys, they love talking
14 about that. So they were relating to me and it started
15 to make me feel like I was a man like them.
16 And, plus, as I was working out, I was building

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17 up myself and they were comment -- complimenting me on
18 that. And it was just beautiful, just the back and
19 forth. And I made a concerted effort every time I went
20 to the gym to talk to someone, every single time. And --
21 Q. So that was one area you guys addressed, the
22 sexualized envy. But what other areas did Mr. Godfrey
23 work with you on?
24 A. Let me think. Well, I think it was just
25 generally in terms of self-esteem, start doing things
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02 that -- kind of like a face your fears kind of thing,
03 which kind of became my mantra, that if it's something
04 you're afraid of, you probably need to just go ahead and
05 do it.
06 And kind of in relation to what we just talked
07 about is, one of the things -- oh, more specifically is,
08 there were also men that -- that represented my brother
09 to me. I mean that same energy. They were taller, which
10 kind of fit, they were older, bigger, he was bigger. So
11 I made a special effort to talk to those men, too. And
12 that kind of helped me with my brother, brother things,
13 because, well, this guy is treating me well, and you
14 know, he's just like my brother. So that kind of helped.
15 And then the other one was, is, like, there
16 would be two men, and being that my brothers always hung
17 together against me, it was really difficult for me to
18 walk up to, like, two or three men at one time. I could
19 deal with one, but, you know, I was thinking they were
20 all making judgments about me. So that's another thing I
21 had to do. So -- and that helped.
22 And there was -- oh, and so, also, that --
23 that -- that was kind of more physically. I don't think
24 I established any really deep friendships there, but it
25 was still valuable to me because I was being accepted.
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02 And as I worked out and improved, you know, they -- they
03 gave me these affirmations.
04 And so I even extended it from people --
05 generally, I -- I did that with men I was attracted to
06 because I wanted to demystify this whole thing, you know,
07 that they are real people, they're not these people from
08 afar, go home and act out to it while thinking about them
09 later. So that helped.
10 But the other thing -- but what would help me
11 to feel more good inside was to -- I'm sorry, was to go
12 to -- to a church, to work with men at church. And we
13 had, like, this picnic table outside of -- outside of
14 church, and I started going to daily mass. And -- but I
15 made a point of after mass, instead of just going home,
16 I'd go out there and sit at this table, and generally
17 there were men there, and a lot of people, women, and men
18 with families with lots of kids, and they came by. And
19 the whole thing was really beautiful. So I -- it was
20 just another way of reaching out to men, and they had my
21 same values. So being accepted by them -- and I actually
22 felt over time I was actually loved by them. And before
23 that, I -- I didn't really think I was capable of being
24 loved. So --
25 Q. Do you know if -- is it Dr. Godfrey, by the
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02 way, or -- is he a doctor?
03 A. Floyd?
04 Q. Yes.
05 A. No. I don't think so. I forget his letters
06 after his name, but a licensed therapist.
07 Q. Mr. Godfrey, was he considered a reparative

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08 therapist?
09 A. Yes. But he deals with lots of issues, lots of
10 family issues.
11 Q. Do you know if he is a JONAH referral
12 counselor? Does JONAH refer people to him?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. So how long did that therapy last?
15 A. I -- I continued up just until recently, but
16 actually, the SSA part of it, I think just because I -- I
17 had someone to talk to about it, and my own
18 determination, I changed quickly. And it seemed like, I
19 would say -- I started, like, in -- in -- in March, and
20 it seemed like that by August, just before I went to my
21 gym, I didn't really felt like I had that attraction
22 anymore. I understood what it was about. When I would
23 see someone who formerly would spark that attraction, I
24 just thought about it, well, what is really going on
25 here? And usually, like I said, it was envy or not -- or
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02 feeling less than, or -- so I was able to process it.
03 And then overall, the idea came through that
04 sex was -- was not the answer to it. That's not going to
05 make me connect with them.
06 And when I learned how to connect with men in
07 nonsexual ways, it was just awesome. I was getting
08 everything I was looking for without going to the sex.
09 And I -- I would almost liken it to -- I was
10 almost like prostituting myself sexually to get those
11 needs met, and then when I realized I didn't have to, it
12 was beautiful.
13 The second part of that was, is that I realized
14 that these men needed me, too; that as I was talking to
15 these guys, I -- they wanted someone to come up and talk
16 to them. Whether they had families or whatever they had
17 going on, they -- I realized that men do need men.
18 Q. So at some point you attended Journey into
19 Manhood?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. Well, tell us, when was that?
22 A. That was August in --
23 Q. 2008?
24 A. 2008.
25 Q. And how did you find out about Journey into
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02 Manhood?
03 A. I found out from Floyd Godfrey. And as soon as
04 I read about it, it appealed to me. I just was very
05 excited about going. I just thought I would really need
06 to -- yeah, I thought I really need to attend it.
07 Q. So you testified that a lot of your attractions
08 had already diminished or even were eliminated by that
09 time, but why did you decide to go to Journey into
10 Manhood anyway?
11 A. I decided to go to Journey -- well, I just
12 wanted to meet these other men that -- that were
13 struggling the same way I had, to feel that comradery.
14 And then the other part about it was, is that I
15 still -- a lot of the issues that led to SSA for me, I
16 still need to work on them. You know, there were things
17 I needed to feel more solid in myself. And --
18 Q. Would you say that, you know, the -- the
19 lessons and the tools that you gained from Mr. Godfrey
20 had to be put in practice, or is it -- is it an ongoing
21 process or is it just sort of a -- the information you
22 gained from therapy addresses the issues --
23 A. Do you mean ongoing --

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02 Q. Is the process of addressing your SSA ongoing?

03 A. It was until a certain point, like I said, I
04 didn't feel the attraction anymore. But I did continue
05 to go -- to see him after that for sometime, because --
06 to work on other things and also in relation to women.
07 Because I feel like because of this SSA tamped things
08 down and kind of detoured me, that I didn't have a
09 natural maturation process as far as women. And how --
10 you go through adolescence, and you learn about girls and
11 you kind of go through that whole thing, and as a young
12 man you date and you learn all these things. And I felt
13 like I missed all that. So I continued therapy for that
14 reason.

15 Q. How did the -- how did the Jim weekend in
16 August 2008 impact you?

17 A. It -- it was wonderful, because one of the
18 things that we did is we dealt with my brother, how he
19 treated me, and so we had a process where someone
20 represented my little brother, and I -- and I was present
21 as a -- as a protector to protect my little boy.

22 And what was awesome about it was is that the
23 process about -- I had to pick someone who represented
24 my -- my older brother who was taller and fit -- fit the
25 bill, and so part of the process was I need to protect my

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02 little boy and I had to push him outside, so I pushed him
03 and pushed him, and of course they had him come back in
04 again, so I had to do it more. But the whole thing about
05 it was is that I was -- I stood up for myself that way.
06 I was aggressive, I was -- I was -- I was loud, forceful,
07 protected myself. And those were things that didn't
08 characterize me at all.

09 So actually I -- assertive is a better word
10 than aggressive. I felt I could assert my rights,
11 protect myself.

12 Q. Did you participate in any anger transference
13 exercises, such as hitting pillows?

14 A. I did not do that.

15 Q. Did you participate in any processes that
16 involved nudity?

17 A. Not -- not on my weekend.

18 Q. At other weekends?

19 A. Yes. There was one -- this -- the -- the
20 attendees are called journeyers, and a journeyer had
21 issues with his identity. He looked like a man in every
22 respect, but he didn't feel like he was, for some reason.
23 He had a disconnect. I don't remember all the details of
24 the story, but that -- that was involving -- that had
25 involved nudity in that.

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02 Q. Was that a weekend that you staffed?

03 A. That's one I staffed, correct. It wasn't on my
04 weekend.

05 Q. Did you participate in the Golden Father
06 process?

07 A. Yes, I did.

08 Q. Tell us about that.

09 A. Yeah, it was really beautiful, too.

10 Actually, I did that with, like -- actually
11 before the weekend, but it was exactly pretty much the
12 same as -- as what happens on weekends.

13 Q. Well, tell us about the one you did with Floyd
14 first.

15 A. The one I did with Floyd was -- what we did is,
16 first we kind of -- I had to write a piece about my

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17 relationship with Dad. And then the other part of that
18 was to write a letter that he would have written to me,
19 and so all the things I would want him to say to me. And
20 it was really neat because I was able to -- he would
21 apologize for not being there when I needed him and all
22 those things, and how proud of -- proud of me he was now.
23 I choke up about it now, because it's still
24 very moving to me. Because I did know he loved me, but
25 all his vices kind of were more important, and that was
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02 part of it, too, that he apologized for that. And part
03 of it was that maybe he was a little scared, too, about
04 life, and maybe that is what the alcohol was about.
05 So it was really beautiful, and I cried a lot.
06 And it felt good. And even during the process, I kind of
07 transferred it to men in general, that, you know, here I
08 am, I'm a man like you, kind of thing. So it was really
09 neat, really helpful.
10 Q. And how was the process carried out at Jim?
11 A. It was very similar. Basically the
12 participants would all write letters of what their father
13 would have written to them, what they would want to hear
14 from him. And then another man would read -- they would
15 pick whatever man would represent their father energy,
16 and then that man would read to them.
17 Q. How many Jim weekends have you staffed, by the
18 way?
19 A. Six.
20 Q. Did you ever witness anything harmful from the
21 processes of the Jim?
22 A. I'm sorry?
23 Q. Did you ever witness anything harmful?
24 A. No, never. It was usually a matter of -- what
25 I always thought was joy and exhilaration when it was
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02 over, just the same way I felt. It was always -- always
03 positive, as far as I ever saw.
04 Q. Let's talk again about the Jim weekend that you
05 attended in August 2008. What other processes do you
06 remember that stick out that you haven't already talked
07 about?
08 A. For me I -- I don't -- I don't think there
09 was -- oh, as far as the whole weekend, there was a
10 different -- we did do carpet work. That is where I --
11 that's what I referred to earlier with my older brother
12 thing, where I became assertive, protected myself.
13 But there were other ones. Golden Boy, which,
14 you know, talks about your value, which is really
15 beautiful because it says you are -- basically the one
16 line is from a -- you're good and beautiful just as you
17 are. So it's not shaming at all. It's like, you know,
18 you just have a lot of value. You -- just as you are.
19 And so -- and in that one, I had done -- since
20 I did some father work with my -- I -- I did some brother
21 work with that instead. Most of the time, most men use
22 it like a father thing.
23 I'm sorry, Golden Boy. Yeah. Golden Boy is --
24 I'm sorry. I got mixed up with Golden Father. Golden
25 Boy has more to do with just your value, and that
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02 basically it talks about how you -- you kind of put up
03 walls because maybe you got hurt in the past, and now is
04 the time to just let those walls go and just -- and you
05 know, be yourself.
06 And then the Golden Father was more like I
07 described earlier, as far as reading letters. But when I

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08 did my Golden Father at the weekend, because I had
09 already done it with Floyd, I -- I did that with my
10 brother.

11 And I wanted it -- we were able to choose what
12 kind -- if you want to be held or -- or just make eye
13 contact or -- or -- and I chose a side by side. I
14 figured my brother would put his arm around me and talk
15 to me, and that was also beautiful, because he -- by
16 writing that -- he said all the things I wanted -- wanted
17 him to say to me. He appreciated -- he wrote about how
18 strong I was now and -- I can't remember everything I
19 wrote.

20 Q. Why did you continue to staff JiM weekends
21 after you attended?

22 A. Because I wanted to share the joy that I had my
23 own weekend.

24 Q. Let's talk a little bit about the defendants in
25 the case. You mentioned that you know Alan Downing,
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02 Arthur Goldberg, and Thaddeus Heffner.

03 A. Uh-huh.

04 Q. Let's start with Arthur Goldberg. How do
05 you -- tell us about when you first met him. Tell us
06 about your relationship.

07 A. I met him at the extra JiM weekend. And he
08 played a role, and it -- he was what they call an elder.
09 So there was a lot of father imagery there. So I really
10 kind of appreciated that part about him. And --

11 Q. What is your impression of him?

12 A. That he just really cares. He's just very
13 interested in helping every -- every man. He just puts
14 his all into it.

15 Q. Do you remember what process he facilitated on
16 your weekend?

17 A. He -- specifically to me, he was the one that
18 was leading the -- the Golden Father, I think. It's been
19 a while now. Either that or the -- or the Golden Boy,
20 one or the other.

21 No, I know what it was. For the Golden Father
22 I had -- had another -- another journeyer read that to
23 me. That's what it was. I picked a journeyer to do
24 that.

25 Q. Have you guys stayed in touch after the JiM
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02 weekend?

03 A. Yes. I staffed -- I staffed with him once.
04 The other things we did is -- I kept in contact with him.
05 I'd call him once in a while. We'd talk. The other
06 thing we did was -- I belong to these -- they're People
07 Can Change sites. There are like four of them all
08 together. There used to be more, but they consolidated
09 them. But there's four all together. And basically just
10 online Yahoo group, and men that are just first starting
11 this journey will go there and post. So this is the
12 first exposure to it, the first time opening up to
13 anybody. So it is kind of neat.

14 And also there was one that's for Europe. And
15 so Arthur knows people from all over the world. So
16 people would ask online, who can I go see? So I would --
17 I would contact -- I would forward those to Arthur, or I
18 would ask them if they would like me to. And they would
19 say, yeah. So then I would forward them to Arthur, and
20 then he would help locate people all over the world and
21 help them, if they were there in their countries. If
22 they weren't in their countries, then he would suggest
23 Skype. Lots of times these therapists would even waive

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24 their fees. It was just -- it was really nice.
25 Q. So you mentioned that you call him once in a
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02 while. Why do you do that? Why do you stay in touch
03 with him?
04 A. Why do I what?
05 Q. Why do you stay in touch with Arthur?
06 A. Because I -- I still appreciate everything he
07 does, and we're on the same page and we're kind of
08 working toward the same ends as far as helping people.
09 Another thing we did is, we did this film. He has a
10 website now called Voices-of-Change, Voices, dash, of,
11 dash, Change, I think it's dot-org or dot-com, one or the
12 other. And he has all kinds of testimonies there,
13 written testimonies and videos.
14 And we had this -- this gentleman came along
15 that he wanted -- the Netherlands TV wanted to do
16 something on the topic. And so they had, I guess,
17 somehow contacted Arthur about it. So Arthur got ahold
18 of me and said, you know, "Would you like to be
19 involved?" So I was. And I did this -- it came out
20 really well, I thought. It covered my life, and it was
21 pretty cool. It came out really well. So we cooperated
22 on that. It's available to be seen on Voices --
23 Voices-of-Change.
24 Q. How about Alan Downing? When did you first
25 meet him? Tell us --
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02 A. I -- I met him when I was staffing, and I did
03 work in his carpet group. I referred to that earlier
04 about the -- the nude thing, that he worked with -- with
05 the man on that.
06 Q. You mean the nude process you --
07 A. The process he needed to do -- the person was
08 having problems identifying with his gender. So they did
09 work around that.
10 Q. And Alan facilitated that?
11 A. And Alan facilitated that.
12 Q. Do you remember anything about that process
13 that you can --
14 A. I just kind of remember that the nude -- when
15 the nude part -- we just covered his lower half and had
16 him look in the mirror and -- I forget how it went, but
17 anyway, the point was is that he did not see himself as a
18 man. So he had to look at himself as a man, and was able
19 to connect himself with -- with his gender. It was a
20 major, major work on that.
21 Q. Is that a voluntary process?
22 A. Voluntary, yeah. I never saw anybody pushed to
23 do anything. And by the way, even, like, my process,
24 before any -- each carpet work, before each person goes,
25 he is always instructed, you know, if you don't feel safe
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02 about something, if you don't want to do anything, it is
03 fine, you don't have to. And -- and that also, if you
04 are in the middle of it, and you feel, like, physically,
05 you know, whatever -- whatever, emotionally, whatever,
06 you just say "safety," and everything stops. So --
07 Q. What is your impression of Alan Downing?
08 A. He's also a very caring person, not pushy about
09 anything. Just let's the process go. I think he's very
10 brilliant, because he can see what each man is dealing
11 with, and takes them to that process that fits them best.
12 Q. How about Thaddeus Heffner? How did you come
13 to meet him? Tell us about your relationship.
14 A. Thaddeus, I staffed with him, also. He was one

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15 of the more leaders in that -- I was the man who
16 organized the facility -- what do they call it, the
17 materials facilitator on that weekend. So I got the
18 supplies there, and there was other duties that I had to
19 do. And he was -- he was -- I forget what his role was.
20 He was co-leader. Anyway, he was above me.
21 But I worked with him, but I didn't do any --
22 too much process with him, but talk about a kind and
23 gentle person. He is just -- I was a little frazzled
24 myself, because there is a lot of -- a let going on. You
25 have to, you know, keep busy and get things done. And I
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02 get very nervous about those things. He was very calming
03 to me and helped me get through that. So --
04 Q. I want to take a step back and talk about your
05 goals and where your SSA is now. You said that -- well,
06 why don't you tell us. What is your same sex attraction
07 like --
08 A. Well --
09 Q. -- now, and how has it changed since you
10 started?
11 A. It -- well, like I said, it -- it's pretty much
12 gone now. And what I did notice is that once that was
13 lifted, then suddenly I did feel an attraction toward
14 women. It was kind of interesting, because it was like a
15 rapid adolescence, because I kind of missed out on that.
16 So I was so excited about it. I just had to have sex
17 with a woman. I was really excited. The attraction was
18 there.
19 And so my first thing about -- even joining the
20 site, it was like, "No Strings Attached," just so I could
21 experience it. So I started doing that. Then I just got
22 to thinking, "This isn't right, either. This is not
23 love." And in some ways it kind of harkened back to my
24 gay stuff. It was like, there was no love there. Now
25 you're going to this this way? And then my own religious
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02 beliefs, too, it just didn't fit that.
03 It was like, what I need is that one special
04 woman, and that's when I'm going to have sex. But it was
05 kind of interesting, because I went through that, like,
06 in a matter of weeks. It was like I fast-forwarded my
07 whole adolescence. So it was really -- anyway --
08 Q. Have you started dating women?
09 A. Yes. I actually started online dating first.
10 And then I dated a few, one -- one pretty seriously. We
11 were talking about, you know, possibly marriage. In the
12 end it didn't work out, because I don't think I was
13 really in love with her. Also, she was completely
14 infatuated with me. In fact, it was almost uncomfortably
15 so. You know, it was really neat, though, to be found
16 that attractive. But I thought I should tell her about
17 my past, even though it's -- as far as I'm concerned,
18 that is gone, it didn't really affect us, but it's always
19 good to tell everything. So I did.
20 And she was kind of good at first. But I don't
21 think she really understood, and I think her biggest
22 worry was that I wouldn't be a whole man for her. And
23 this is kind of a Catch-22, because she was very strong
24 in her faith, also. So we couldn't have sex for me to
25 prove it. So it was a Catch-22.
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02 And I knew I'd be fine. I -- I was looking
03 forward to it, you know. I was very excited about it.
04 So -- but that kind of changed it for her.
05 But like I said, in the end I -- there were

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06 things about her that I didn't really like that much. I
07 was kind of, like, trying so hard to make this work, and
08 it wasn't going to anyway. So I was kind of relieved
09 when she decided that she would end it.

10 Q. So tell us about your life now. Are you
11 happier? How would you describe your life?

12 A. Much happier. I don't feel like I'm conflicted
13 all the time. I just enjoy being with men now, just on a
14 platonic level or bonding. And I think -- I still think
15 I have the opportunity to do that. Any chance I get, any
16 invitation I get.

17 Also, being more open about things, too, or, I
18 mean, as far as being more open to receiving interaction
19 with men. I also did that with the families, too. They
20 had a lot of little kids there. I was holding babies, it
21 just felt great. And the ladies there were so nice to
22 me, and it just -- the whole family atmosphere we had at
23 that church is just awesome.

24 Q. Had do you think it would have impacted your
25 life if PCC's work wasn't available and Dr. -- or

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02 Mr. Godfrey's work wasn't available?

03 A. I'm sorry, what was --

04 Q. How do you think it would have impacted your
05 life if the therapy that you went through was
06 unavailable?

07 A. Oh, I would still be stuck where I was. I
08 don't see -- I would be in the same unhappiness and
09 pointlessness. That was the biggest word that always
10 stuck in my head, what is the point of all this, the gay
11 sex? I didn't see any end to it. I didn't see the point
12 of it at all.

13 Q. You testified earlier that you're voluntarily
14 choosing to be a witness in this case. Why are you
15 willing to do so?

16 A. I'm willing to do so now because I have this
17 fear that all the benefits I have received from it will
18 be denied others.

4. PAGE 46:18 TO 47:03 (RUNNING 00:00:20.000)

18 Q. Just to back up for a second, you participate
19 in Yahoo groups that are organized by PCC or relate to
20 PCC?

21 A. Yeah, People Can Change, correct.

22 Q. Do you participate on the JONAH list serve?

23 A. No, not really.

24 Q. Not really or not at all?

25 A. Not -- no.

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02 Q. Never?

03 A. Never. I actually -- no.

5. PAGE 50:21 TO 50:23 (RUNNING 00:00:06.433)

21 Q. And you consider Mr. Goldberg a friend?

22 A. Yes, more like a substitute father kind of --
23 kind of thing.

6. PAGE 51:06 TO 51:13 (RUNNING 00:00:08.200)

06 Q. You said that your religious background was
07 Catholic?

08 A. Correct.

09 Q. Were you raised Catholic?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Have you consistently been Catholic all your
12 life?

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13 A. Yes.

7. PAGE 53:17 TO 53:22 (RUNNING 00:00:13.366)

17 Q. As a Catholic, do you have beliefs about
18 homosexuality that are informed by your religion?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. What are those beliefs?

21 A. That the attractions themselves is not sinful,
22 but acting on them is.

8. PAGE 54:12 TO 55:04 (RUNNING 00:00:54.500)

12 Q. You said that you're employed as a caregiver
13 for disabled people.

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. And that you started in that role around
16 somewhere between 2005 and 2007?

17 A. Yeah. I'm just trying to think what -- in --
18 yes. In 2005 what I did is I started being a caregiver
19 for my mom. And she didn't have an income. So what I
20 ended up doing was working through an agency, and then
21 the State would help her pay for her care. And at first
22 I had people come in. Prior to that she actually
23 needed -- needed someone to come in, but I had --
24 somebody else was doing it. But in 2005 is when I
25 started to -- to take care of her full-time. So I did

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02 that until she passed in 2009. And so I really enjoyed
03 the work and decided to stay in it. So I've been doing
04 it ever since.

9. PAGE 56:25 TO 58:03 (RUNNING 00:01:15.800)

25 Q. So thinking back to when you were in high
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02 school --

03 A. Okay.

04 Q. -- looking back on your experiences then, how
05 would you rate your SSA and OSA at that time?

06 A. Again, I didn't recognize it as SSA. It's hard
07 to rate, because I -- I -- I think the whole time I was
08 still thinking about marriage and wanting to be married,
09 and that was attractive to me as far as the sex, but I
10 don't think I felt energized about it.

11 So I don't know. It's difficult to put a
12 number on it. Because I -- I think at that point I just
13 thought that this was just something that wasn't
14 important in the way as far as how I was going to live
15 the rest of my life, the SSA part, so I didn't -- I
16 didn't see it as SSA. So it's hard to put a number on
17 it.

18 Q. It is a bit of a crude scale. Sort of setting
19 aside how you understood it and how you explained it to
20 yourself, and thinking more about the pure experience of
21 it; so, for example, you -- when you see a person that
22 you are very sexually attracted to, you might become
23 aroused, you might fantasize about that person, you might
24 become emotionally excited by that person, those are all
25 the kinds of experiences that people commonly associate

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02 with desire.

03 A. Okay.

10. PAGE 58:05 TO 58:16 (RUNNING 00:00:39.767)

05 THE WITNESS: See, the -- I think the issue I'm
06 having with -- I -- I didn't see -- through most of that
07 high school time I didn't see myself acting out with

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08 anybody, having sex with a man. There may have been a
09 point at which that changed, and I started thinking that
10 way, but it was more identifying with this muscular man.
11 I was excited about my own growth and change through
12 adolescence and how I compared to it. So it did leave --
13 I did masturbate to these pictures, but it wasn't -- to
14 me it was about all the energy there. It wasn't about
15 being attracted to them, like I wanted to do something
16 with that man.

11. PAGE 61:14 TO 64:13 (RUNNING 00:03:46.433)

14 Q. At that time in your early 20s when you began
15 acting on your homosexual desire, how would you rate your
16 SSA on a scale of zero to ten?
17 A. That was probably nine, yeah.
18 Q. And how about your OSA at that time?
19 A. Very low, two.
20 Q. Okay. What about in your 30s, how would you
21 rate your SSA in your 30s?
22 A. I think that was pretty much the same.
23 Q. And in your 40s?
24 A. The same.
25 Q. Okay. And it was in your 50s that you began to
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02 decide you no longer wanted to engage in that behavior?
03 A. Correct.
04 Q. Do you recall how old you were?
05 A. Well, let's back up a little bit. I mean as
06 far as wanting to do that, I -- there was a tug of war
07 between my beliefs and, you know -- which I -- I firmly
08 believed in my faith, and I mentioned earlier how that
09 was a struggle between that and that -- that maybe God
10 made me this way, and if he made me this way, how can I
11 do it? And it went back and forth. So I would say that
12 that was present through that whole time, through my
13 whole life. That is partly why I wanted to do something
14 about it, because it was driving me crazy, so --
15 Q. So you said you started to cut back on the
16 activities that you were engaging in around 2006, 2007.
17 A. Correct, around that time. That is another
18 estimate, too. So many things are gradual with me. You
19 know, to pinpoint the actual time when it started, it
20 wasn't -- yeah. Since it was a gradual phasing out,
21 even -- I didn't -- and I didn't phase out entirely until
22 I started therapy, but it was less and less frequent.
23 Q. In the 2006, 2007 approximate time frame, how
24 would you rate your SSA?
00063:01 A. Still very strong, nine. HENNIGAN
02 Q. And your OSA?
03 A. Two.
04 Q. You started therapy in 2008?
05 A. 2008, correct.
06 Q. At the time that you started therapy, how would
07 you rate your SSA?
08 A. The same as always, nine; two for OSA.
09 Q. And you said that it was a very rapid change
10 for you that happened over a matter of months?
11 A. Uh-huh.
12 Q. How many months, approximately?
13 A. I'd say from March until about August.
14 Q. In August of 2008, how would you rate your SSA?
15 A. I rated it a ten -- SSA I rated zero.
16 Q. And OSA?
17 A. Ten.
18 Q. And has that been consistently the case from

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19 August of 2008 through the present day?
20 A. Yes.
21 Q. No changes?
22 A. No changes.
23 Q. When is the last time that you acted out?
24 A. I actually acted out last time about February
25 of 2008.

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02 Q. When was the last time you looked at gay porn?
03 A. The last time was -- about the time I started
04 therapy, I stopped.
05 Q. When is the last time that you masturbated to
06 thoughts of a man?
07 A. Before that, before I started therapy in 2008.
08 Q. How long before?
09 A. It couldn't have been but a month, a month
10 before, or maybe right up to that time when I started. I
11 can't remember exactly when I stopped, either. That's
12 another guesstimate. Except that once I started therapy,
13 I was -- made a decision I would not.

12. PAGE 64:14 TO 66:09 (RUNNING 00:02:32.567)

14 Q. In your time living the gay lifestyle, for
15 example, how frequently would you act out with other men?
16 A. Well, that varied according to the year. There
17 was a period somewhere in the middle there between when I
18 first started acting out -- actually, probably it was
19 close to the time I first started acting out. In my
20 early 20s there was probably more activity. I was going
21 to bars and parks, and meet people in both those places.
22 So -- yeah.
23 Q. How frequently?
24 A. There was a period of time probably for about a
25 year that I went every weekend to bars.

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02 Q. And was there some period when you were not
03 very active?
04 A. Later on there were more periods where it
05 became less frequent. It would be kind of like a binge
06 thing. I would kind of stay away from it, and then I
07 would talk to men online and still kind of -- like, I
08 didn't really want to hook up, but then just at some
09 point we just -- I just thought, I guess I'll go ahead
10 and do that.
11 But I think as time went by it was less and
12 less likely that I would hook up. Part of what was going
13 on, too, is that -- there was a period of time -- now
14 that you sparked my memory, there was a period of time
15 when I wanted to meet gay people as friends and not have
16 it be sexual.
17 Q. When was that?
18 A. Let's see. Probably around 2005. That's a
19 guesstimate, once again. And it was being very important
20 to me suddenly to -- and I guess that is what later led
21 to my working on this, is that it came to the
22 realization -- I was very close to this one man, I think
23 I mentioned that earlier, his name was Kevin, and I
24 decided to make that nonsexual. But I did act out with
25 others at that time, but not as frequently.

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02 And that was part of the issue, too, in that --
03 and then when he died, I -- that's when I realized I had
04 no friends. So I was still trying -- my idea was is
05 that, oh, a gay person would at least understand me,
06 what's going on, and -- but I wanted to make friends. It
07 was extremely important for me to make friends with them

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08 and not be sexual. But almost every case that man that I
09 thought could just be my friend turned it sexual.

13. PAGE 69:04 TO 69:08 (RUNNING 00:00:06.900)

04 Q. Would you say you feel less lonely now than you
05 have in the past?
06 A. Oh, much less lonely.
07 Q. Has that made you happier?
08 A. Much happier.

14. PAGE 72:06 TO 72:11 (RUNNING 00:00:12.400)

06 Q. When you spoke to the pastor at the church that
07 you now attend about your issues, was that the first time
08 that you had told somebody about the issues you were
09 having around your sexuality?
10 A. Yes. I had already been to a therapist and
11 talked to him about it.

15. PAGE 73:02 TO 74:08 (RUNNING 00:01:03.966)

02 Q. Right, okay. So first you talked to your
03 pastor, then you found Floyd Godfrey?
04 A. Yes, correct.
05 Q. When you spoke to your pastor, did you tell him
06 about the struggles you were having surrounding your
07 sexuality?
08 A. Yes.
09 Q. Was that the first time you had told somebody
10 that you were having these issues?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. Okay. And can -- I'm sorry, I know you said
13 it, but can you remind me when that was, the conversation
14 with the pastor?
15 A. It was probably the end of -- since I started
16 therapy in March, it must have been either the beginning
17 of 2009 or end of 2008. I think it was all around the
18 same time.
19 Q. Okay. Prior to starting therapy with Floyd
20 Godfrey, had you ever had any form of counseling or
21 therapy from anyone else?
22 A. No, I had not.
23 Q. You never sought it out?
24 A. No.
25 Q. And is Floyd Godfrey the only therapist that
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02 you have seen?
03 A. Correct, yes.
04 Q. Alan Downing never provided counseling to you?
05 A. No.
06 Q. Did Arthur Goldberg, would you say?
07 A. No. He -- no, not -- not in a professional
08 basis. It was just more a social support type thing.

16. PAGE 82:09 TO 83:20 (RUNNING 00:01:34.200)

09 Q. At some point Mr. Godfrey recommended that you
10 attend Jim?
11 A. Actually, I think I read about it. He said
12 that's one of the resources. And I was very excited
13 about it. So I think his -- his thought was is that it
14 would be better to have more preparation before going.
15 And so -- I think I'd missed the one in Arizona. It was
16 in February, anyway, so that was before it started. So I
17 missed that one. There may have been another one in
18 between.
19 But at any rate, he decided that that's
20 perfect, that August would just be a good time, just

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21 enough time to give me preparation. He thought it would
22 be better to have a better understanding of what the work
23 involves before I went. So it worked out perfectly. The
24 timing was really good. And I was very excited. That's
25 why I asked him, "Can I do this?"
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02 He said, "Yeah, sure." So he approved.
03 Q. Was Jim the first experiential weekend that you
04 attended?
05 A. Yes.
06 Q. Have you attended other experiential weekends?
07 A. Yes.
08 Q. Which ones?
09 A. It is called Warrior Weekend for Mankind
10 Project.
11 Q. Any others?
12 A. That's it. Oh, no. I'm sorry. I did attend
13 another one that was -- it was called -- called Journey
14 Beyond, and then I attended a Noble Man weekend, which
15 is -- which is really -- was really helpful. Because it
16 has to do with relationships with women. For any type of
17 man, SSA or OSA. It didn't matter.
18 Q. Were there any other experiential weekends that
19 you attended?
20 A. That's it.

17. PAGE 84:10 TO 84:25 (RUNNING 00:00:56.600)

10 Q. When did you attend the New Warriors Training
11 Adventure?
12 A. I attended it shortly after I -- Jim. I think
13 it was the following -- I think it was, like, in
14 February. Yeah. It was in February. It was winter. It
15 was cold.
16 Q. February of 2009?
17 A. Yes.
18 Q. Why did you attend?
19 A. I -- because at that point I wanted to move on
20 to kind of, like, relationships with men, bonding.
21 Q. How did you learn about it?
22 A. I learned about it through -- let's see. How
23 did I hear about it first? Probably -- I think -- I
24 think it was recommended to me by -- by Rich Wyler, who
25 is the head of People Can Change.

18. PAGE 85:06 TO 85:08 (RUNNING 00:00:08.766)

06 Q. Can you describe the New Warriors Training
07 Adventure?
08 A. Yes. I remember a lot of nudity at that.

19. PAGE 85:11 TO 85:17 (RUNNING 00:00:25.667)

11 Q. Did anything else about the New Warriors
12 Training Adventure weekend stand out to you?
13 A. Yeah. I -- at that point I determined I was
14 going to work on relationships with women, and my mom and
15 things like that. So we did something called a gauntlet
16 at that. And it was amazing. I just felt so high from
17 it, it was just awesome, an awesome experience.

20. PAGE 86:20 TO 87:03 (RUNNING 00:00:33.800)

20 Q. Understood. Can you give a sort of big picture
21 overview of what Jim is and how it works.
22 A. Big picture overview? Yeah. It is just mainly
23 to -- to deal with -- talk about same sex attraction, but
24 actually it isn't really entirely about that. It's just
25 about being authentic as a man and not feeling ashamed

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02 about anything. It's a -- the overall theme is just love
03 and comradery and being surrounded by people who care.

21. PAGE 87:15 TO 88:18 (RUNNING 00:01:01.866)

15 Q. And you've described some of the processes that
16 you participated in at various JiM weekends. Generally,
17 what kinds of activities take place at JiM weekends? Is
18 there a structure to it?
19 A. There is a -- there is a protocol for it, yes.
20 Q. Have you ever seen that protocol?
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. And you've read it?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. Was it distributed to you when you participated
25 as staff?

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02 A. Yes.
03 Q. Is there a new one for every weekend?
04 A. There may be changes, but they are pretty
05 generally much the same. I think it changed over the
06 years. I forget what year it started. 2002, I'm
07 guessing. I don't really know. I'd rather not say. But
08 it has changed over the years.
09 But not -- yeah, I guess in the very beginning,
10 you know, it being all new, there was probably more
11 change at the beginning. But I hadn't been part of it
12 back then. So I'm not rally a hundred percent positive
13 on that. But there are subtle changes from year to year.
14 Q. In your experience, does the script get
15 followed closely?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Are there deviations from the script?
18 A. Not generally.

22. PAGE 100:09 TO 100:11 (RUNNING 00:00:07.500)

09 Q. Did the man who you were holding or being held
10 by become aroused?
11 A. No, not that I was aware of.

23. PAGE 111:17 TO 111:24 (RUNNING 00:00:37.566)

17 Q. Can you describe the Noble Man weekend.
18 A. Yeah. You do some -- some similar processes.
19 It's more -- it's staffed entirely by women, pretty much,
20 and there's a couple men that are kind of like mentors,
21 and so you basically work out your issues with women. It
22 is just -- I don't know how to describe it. There's
23 things like hugging and things like that, and helps
24 you -- yeah, helps you with women in general.

24. PAGE 116:18 TO 116:24 (RUNNING 00:00:21.667)

18 Q. And the insecurity that you felt contributed to
19 your experience of homosexual desire?
20 A. Right, and that -- there was in my mind that I
21 felt like if I was intimate with that person I would be
22 like them, or I would be -- I would have some of what
23 they have. And of course, it's not true. I was the same
24 person after the sexual thing happened, so --

25. PAGE 119:04 TO 119:17 (RUNNING 00:00:29.567)

04 Q. Do you believe that all people are born
05 heterosexual?
06 A. Yes.
07 Q. What is the basis for that belief?

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08 A. Because we're born as men and women, and we're
09 obviously different, and biologically there is no point
10 in two men entering each other. There is no -- it
11 doesn't result in birth.
12 Q. Does your religion inform that view?
13 A. It has the same view, yes. But it's also a
14 biological thing for me.
15 Q. Men and women are different in terms of their
16 bodies.
17 A. Correct.

26. PAGE 120:13 TO 120:24 (RUNNING 00:00:43.833)

13 Q. You have experienced SSA in the past, and you
14 currently experience OSA. Are SSA and OSA the same, but
15 just directed at different genders, or are there
16 differences?
17 A. There are differences as far as the overall
18 feeling. I -- I've heard it described as -- as SSA in
19 some ways is more intense because it is bound up with so
20 many other -- other emotional issues that you're working
21 with, so you're kind of like churned up; whereas
22 attraction to women is exciting, but it's also a calmer
23 feel, that you're assertive and that you're on your --
24 you know who you are as a man.

27. PAGE 121:04 TO 121:15 (RUNNING 00:00:51.300)

04 Q. Can you explain in your own words what it feels
05 like to have OSA? What is the experience of having OSA?
06 A. Oh, it's just a sexual energy that you want to
07 experience and you want to enjoy it. I also think it's a
08 complimentary thing, I think. In fact, I think that's
09 what really sparked my -- my -- I say "revived" actually,
10 was the -- the contrast between the masculine and the
11 feminine, the masculine power and the feminine, and just
12 the melding of the two. It just -- it just sounds --
13 it's like I could feel strength with a woman, and
14 envelope her and protect her. And so that was actually
15 sexually exciting to me, too, that -- that concept.

28. PAGE 121:22 TO 122:06 (RUNNING 00:00:38.433)

22 Q. And you would describe SSA differently?
23 A. Yes.
24 Q. How would you describe it?
25 A. I would describe it as trying to -- a sense
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02 that you don't have everything you need. You may not be
03 conscious of that, but that somehow you are getting
04 absorbed into somebody else, that you are not adequate in
05 yourself. And I do believe that all men are. They just
06 have to come to believe it themselves.

29. PAGE 122:14 TO 122:25 (RUNNING 00:00:30.300)

14 Q. Is it possible for someone to be gay and happy?
15 A. That's -- that's a judgment call. They --
16 they'd probably say they were. I couldn't.
17 Q. It's not possible for you.
18 A. No.
19 Q. It's in conflict with your deeply-held
20 religious beliefs?
21 A. That's part of it, and part of -- like I
22 mentioned earlier, it just never made any sense, even on
23 a biological, psychological, in any way. Even when I --
24 even when I was engaging with men, it just never made any
25 sense to me.

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30. PAGE 123:14 TO 123:23 (RUNNING 00:00:30.834)

14 Q. When you were living as SSA, did you feel you
15 were being true to yourself?
16 A. No.
17 Q. But at that time did you identify as gay?
18 A. There was -- yeah -- well, there was -- yeah,
19 I -- I guess. Well, I never cared for the labels,
20 necessarily. I never wanted to be part of the gay pride
21 or -- none of that was -- appealed to me, either. So --
22 but I did acknowledge I was attracted sexually to men.
23 That was -- that was a fact.

31. PAGE 124:03 TO 124:06 (RUNNING 00:00:05.366)

03 Q. Have you ever kissed a woman?
04 A. Yes.
05 Q. But you never had sex with a woman.
06 A. Correct.

32. PAGE 130:13 TO 131:06 (RUNNING 00:00:50.267)

13 Q. You mentioned at one point in your description
14 of JiM that it wasn't a shaming environment.
15 A. Uh-huh.
16 Q. What did you mean by that?
17 A. Well, part -- one line I took from there --
18 well, I guess I could look it up, but anyway, you're good
19 and valuable just as you are. And it -- it always seemed
20 to me it was to do with letting go of the shame that you
21 feel to -- to do your work. So --
22 Q. Did Mr. Godfrey ever shame you?
23 A. No.
24 Q. Do you think it would have been helpful if he
25 had?
00131:01 HENNIGAN
02 A. If he had shamed me? No. No one would ever
03 intentionally shame anyone during any process.
04 Q. Did Mr. Godfrey ever try to scare you with
05 harsh realities about the gay lifestyle?
06 A. No.

33. PAGE 131:13 TO 131:15 (RUNNING 00:00:05.600)

13 Q. Did anyone at JiM try to scare you with the
14 harsh reality of the gay lifestyle?
15 A. No.

34. PAGE 132:02 TO 133:03 (RUNNING 00:00:44.100)

02 Q. I want to ask you whether you know the
03 plaintiffs in this case. Do you know Chaim Levin?
04 A. No.
05 Q. Have you ever met him?
06 A. I -- I don't believe so. I was trying to
07 figure out is it -- if he was at my weekends or -- maybe
08 you can refresh my memory. What -- do you know when he
09 attended JiM?
10 Q. I don't recall offhand. Do you have any memory
11 of meeting him?
12 A. No. I don't have any memory of meeting any of
13 them.
14 Q. Bella Levin?
15 A. No. No.
16 Q. Benjie Unger?
17 A. No.
18 Q. Michael Ferguson?
19 A. No.
20 Q. Sheldon Bruck?

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21 A. No.
22 Q. Jo Bruck?
23 A. No.
24 Q. Have you ever met Elaine Berk?
25 A. Elaine -- no.
00133:01 HENNIGAN
02 Q. Have you ever had any contact with her?
03 A. No.

35. PAGE 134:03 TO 134:19 (RUNNING 00:00:23.600)

03 Q. You were asked to describe the defendants in
04 this case earlier. Would you describe Arthur Goldberg as
05 an honest person?
06 A. Yes.
07 Q. A truthful person?
08 A. Yes.
09 Q. Would you describe Alan Downing as an honest
10 person?
11 A. Yes.
12 Q. A truthful person?
13 A. Yes.
14 Q. Would you describe Rich Wyler as honest and
15 truthful?
16 A. Yes.
17 Q. Would you described Thaddeus Heffner as honest
18 and truthful?
19 A. Yes.

36. PAGE 143:15 TO 143:21 (RUNNING 00:00:12.000)

15 Q. When you staff Jim, are you compensated?
16 A. No.
17 Q. Do you have to pay?
18 A. They -- they do recommend that you help defray
19 the costs.
20 Q. And how much do you pay?
21 A. A hundred.

37. PAGE 146:25 TO 148:05 (RUNNING 00:01:27.366)

25 Q. Would you say you've completed your journey?
00147:01 HENNIGAN
02 A. As far as SSA goes, but as a man, I don't think
03 anybody ever completes their journey.
04 Q. But with respect to SSA, the answer is yes?
05 A. Yes.
06 Q. Earlier when I asked you to roughly identify
07 where your SSA and OSA were on a zero to ten point scale,
08 you described your SSA at various points in your life as
09 being around a nine, and you said that currently you
10 experience OSA at around a ten. At the time that you
11 were experiencing SSA around a nine, you were engaging in
12 sexual activity with other men, right?
13 A. Yes, and actually, right up -- probably -- I
14 probably considered that to be true right up to when I
15 started therapy.
16 Q. I'm sorry. You considered what to be true?
17 A. Well, I considered it to be a nine even when I
18 first started therapy, the first meeting I had with Floyd
19 Godfrey, I considered it at that level. Even though I
20 wasn't acting out, I think the attractions were probably
21 as strong as ever. I was just avoiding the acting out.
22 Q. How do you currently avoid acting under
23 heterosexual desires?
24 A. How do I avoid it? Just by not engaging in it.
25 I mean I'm not looking for hookups with women, things
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02 like that.
03 Q. It is not a problem for you?
04 A. No, because I'm determined to find the right
05 person that I will marry and be committed to.

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