



# HEART TO HEART



CONNECTING HEARTS......CHANGING LIVES

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“When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up” Ps 51:17

Dear Friends of Heart Care Ministries,

One of the greatest expressions we often hear from people especially boys and men is the desire to have the attention and affirmation of their Father. Fathers fulfill a significant role in the development of both girls and boys. When a Father is detached and doesn't show proper affection, it can have lasting consequences that children and teens carry well into adulthood. There are far too many instances where adults have been damaged as a result of a self focused, harsh or unaffectionate father. A teenager once shared the only time he could remember feeling special by his father was when he was around 6 years old and his dad asked him to ride along to the store to get a soda. He shared even though he didn't remember anything being said during the ride he felt special that he was asked to ride along. At 19 years old this boy was living on the streets and homeless. When asked what would be his greatest wish his immediate reply was "to have a father to love me." The importance of being affirmed by a father's love is illustrated in the account of Esau missing out on the blessing from his father Isaac. Once Esau realized he had lost his blessing, his reaction was one of hurt and disappointment. **“And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept” Gen 27:38**

This verse reveals the longing of a son to experience the blessing from his father, as well as the pain involved when this blessing is missing. Another contributing factor to Esau's pain was the humiliation he felt by first selling his birthright and now losing his blessing also. In just a few verses later he expresses the hatred he felt in his heart toward his brother Jacob because of losing his blessing and determines to kill his brother after the death of his father. **Gen.27:41.** While we recognize that God's sovereign will was at work in the lives of these people, we can't help but notice the dysfunction and favoritism demonstrated in this family. The anguish that a son or daughter may feel when they have been denied the blessing of love from parents is tremendous. God created everyone with the need to be loved. As in the case with Jacob and Esau, when love is replaced by manipulation or deceit the potential consequences often affect many generations. There is one Father who lives eternally and loves exceptionally and who can be trusted with all of our heart. He loves us so much that He sent His only Son who was willing to forfeit His rights, and completely surrender His life so that we could inherit His Father's blessing. There is no hidden manipulation to trick or betray us in this Godly family. If our earthly parents fail us there is one who never will. **Ps.27:10** Jesus came revealing to us the desire of His Father to offer us a Father's blessing. We can believe it or not, but it is true! He has prepared a special place for everyone in His house and desires to place His banner over us. **“He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me is love.” SOS 2:4**  
Your servants for Jesus sake

Danny and Shirley



“And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. Lk. 15:20

## MISSION STATEMENT

Heart Care Ministries exist to assist individuals and couples in identifying and resolving emotional and spiritual issues by utilizing the Infinite wisdom of the Word of God, trusting the Infallibility of Jesus Christ, and by relying upon the Inspirational power of the Holy Spirit



1 Cor 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” Ps 147:3

Hopefully we are worthy of your support. Heart Care Ministries is a “faith-based” ministry supported through the generous contributions of individuals, organizations and churches that share the vision to provide competent, caring, Christian counseling at no cost. HCM is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible. If God moves you to partner with us, please know your gift will be used to make a difference in someone's life. We would be unable to continue in this service without the prayer and support of the loving friends of this ministry. We appreciate your confidence and charitable contributions in our behalf. May God bless you for your generous and caring spirit

## HEART CORE ISSUES

Issues that lock a heart

### The Clarification (Definition) of being Humiliated

To disgrace, to shame, to degrade

### The Causes (Ways) of being Humiliated

One is humiliated when a person is verbally criticized or put down, when a person is laughed at or ridiculed, when a person is shamed, especially when a person is treated in any of these ways in front of others.

### The Concern and Characteristics (Affects) of being Humiliated

A person will tend to feel like giving up; it producing a feeling of shame or embarrassment; it crushes the spirit of a person; causes a person to become frustrated and angry toward the one who humiliated them; causes a person to feel rejected, anxious, and depressed; Causes a person to not want to be around the person who is humiliating them.

### The Care for those Humiliated

Speak words communicating care for those who have been damaged by someone who has humiliated them and crushed their spirit; Ask them how would it feel if you respected and honored them? Ask them to wonder what would happen if I cared for you and focused on your heart? How would you like it if I listened to your heart and took pleasure in hearing you express your thoughts, dreams, and desires without criticism or ridicule? What does it cause you to feel in your heart when you have been humiliated by someone? What if I began to understand the pain you experienced when someone humiliated you and started to care about that? What would cause you as a person to feel happy inside? Has anyone ever taken an interest in you? I would like to protect you from anyone who might humiliate you. Will you tell me if anyone ever causes you to feel humiliated again?

### The Character Example of being Humiliated

Jesus certainly comes to mind when we think of humiliation. Scripture records several instances of others that were humiliated as well. In **2 Kings 2:23-24** the Bible records an account of Elisha the prophet experiencing the pain of humiliation. The passage reveals in **vs. 23** that as Elisha was going up the road he was mocked by some youth when they made sarcastic remarks directed toward him. In **vs. 24** the prophet turned back to look on them and cursed them in the name of the Lord. Immediately there came two female bears out of the woods and mauled 42 of those young people. Humiliation obviously had an effect on the prophet and caused him to react in a negative way. Jesus understands the affects of being humiliated. He could have called down angels from heaven just like Elisha called for the bears, but he chose rather to lay down His life. He understands how it feels and someday will make it all right.

**Acts 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.**

### Heart Thanks

Below are things we are grateful for:

*In Everything Give Thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you 1Thess. 5:18*

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We were blessed immensely for the privilege to assist with a CFTH Conference for a week in La Crete, AB Canada. It was such a pleasure to share the evening teaching sessions with Merv Tuplin. Praise God for gifting him with a caring heart and a gentle spirit. It was also nice to have Craig Hinman along to help us manage all of the request for counseling and for his loyal support. Thanks to Pastor Peter Fehr and George Froese along with the congregation of the Countryside Community Church for their effort in planning and hosting this conference. It was an inspiration to witness God moving in the lives of people and transforming hearts in a miraculous way. To God be the Glory.

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We are grateful for the invitation to participate in a local ministry fair exposing us to many networking opportunities. We were also glad to meet with the diverse spectrum of people that stopped by our booth with interest in what this ministry is all about.

### Heart Testimonies

Below are brief comments people have felt to share:

*"...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Luke 6:45*

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"I always thought no one noticed me and that my life really didn't matter. Everything I did seemed to always turn out wrong. I became isolated and felt that no one even cared about me. I went to Church but it was hollow and I felt so frustrated at the person I had become. I knew the truth but it didn't seem to set me free. Then I met a counselor who gently led me in prayer. I became frustrated at first because nothing seemed to happen, but he patiently suggested we continue...at some point in prayer I felt an overwhelming sense of Jesus love to me...I immediately wanted to confess my bitterness, pride and clean up my moral failure...thank you so much for not giving up on me...PTL Jesus has made me alive again."

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We want to tell you Thanks for spending time with us. Neither of us have ever experienced anything like the way you had us talk to each other. It is amazing how something so simple can touch a person so deeply. We still have many areas to deal with, but it gave us hope to see such positive results in just the few hours we spent with you...May God bless you richly."

### Heart Prayer Request

Below are some ways you can pray for us:

*"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil 4:6*

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This month I am going to use this section to open our heart to you in one area that is affecting us and ask for your prayers as we diligently seek to determine God's direction in this decision. We are confident that God has called us into this ministry and have been amazed at how He has miraculously opened the way for us to continue now for over two years. Obviously we deal with daily challenges that accompany anyone who is involved in full time ministry. Our current issue is that our house that we left in Ga. has not sold in the 5 years we have been in Montana. This continues to be a tremendous burden for us. It is becoming more apparent we may have to consider the possibility to relocate back to Ga., at least for awhile. We are open to this and own this as our burden but to those desiring to support us in this ministry we invite you to pray with us as God prompts you regarding this specific area of our lives. **"That we would not be unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."** Eph. 5:17

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