



HEART TO HEART



CONNECTING HEARTS...  ...CHANGING LIVES

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“Let every heart prepare Him Room”

“He came unto His own, and His own received Him not” Jn 1:11

Dear Friends of Heart Care Ministries,

I recently read an account of a lady that came from a large family where her father ruled over everyone. At the age of 19 she became pregnant by a man of a different racial background and her father disowned her. She described her experience of her father as being dominant and emotionally controlling of her mother and all of her siblings. She was kicked out of the house and left to fend for herself with the new born baby. She expressed that she has been happily married for 16 years with four children and having the most accepting in laws ever. That she had been very successful in life with a beautiful home, great job, and the most loving, happy children she could ever have asked for. While in many ways this account has the appearance of turning out well, she concluded by saying “to this day she sometimes feels herself getting upset about her past and hurts as she wonders why her parents were unable to love her with the same love that she feels for her children...It never goes away”

I have heard people share many experiences of pain, but some of the saddest is hearing of those who have been disowned by their parents. Indeed sometimes it becomes necessary to ask a child to leave home because of disruptive behavior or disrespecting the standards of the home, but to disown a child is something completely different that carries deep emotional consequences that are difficult to overcome.

In just eleven short words the verse above describes some of the most traumatic emotional pain a person can experience. Jesus felt the pain of being discounted and disowned by His own people. “He came unto His own and His own received him not.” Consider Jesus observing from heaven and suffering the emotional pain of grief by watching His people continually turn their back against Him through wickedness driven by their evil imaginations. Gen. 6:5-6 Even though He experienced the pain of grief, He chose to “...GIVE His life a ransom for many.” Mk. 10:45. Jesus offers to not only include a person in His household, but to adopt them as part of His family. There is tremendous security given to a person when they come to realize the Gift of Jesus offers them a “place” where they are loved and accepted. Let every heart prepare Him room so the Gift of His Grace would cause us to be secure in His love and remove the fear of ever being disowned. One of the most comforting verses I hear quoted by those who have been rejected or disowned is “... I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Heb.13:5. It isn’t difficult to understand why. God knows exactly what we need!

It has been a tremendous blessing to be available to care for people throughout this year. It is with gratitude in our hearts to all of you who have been a vital part of this ministry. We pray that every heart would be open to prepare “Him” room, not only during this wonderful Christmas season, but throughout the whole New Year. That each of you would feel at “home” abiding in His presence forever!! Blessings!!

Danny and Shirley



“And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn” Lk 2:7

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 has put a desire within your heart to partner with us, please know your gift will be used in making 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 of being Disowned

Not wanted, discard, disinherit, throw out, retract, refuse

The Concern and Characteristics of being Disowned

They will find it difficult to trust anyone completely; a person will fear other's pulling away from them and disowning them; They will feel rejected by others that do not respond to them; They will feel like no one really wants them around; They will seek to find someone secure they feel they can trust

The Causes of being Disowned

Parents disinherit a child because of his behavior; child is unwanted because of unwanted pregnancy prior/after marriage; parents have goals for work/education they want to achieve; Child reminds a parent of the spouse they hate; A previous child is aborted and the parents guilt causes them to disown the next child conceived; Parent becomes self-focused and despises the child for interfering with their life.

The Care for those Disowned

Speak affirming words directed toward causing them to feel secure; Can I care about a person who has been discarded and left out in the cold? Can I love you with a genuine love? What do you need from me, and can I provide a place that is safe and secure for you? The pain and hurt caused by being disowned or unwanted has affected your ability to trust anyone...can I care for you in a way that others never have? What would happen if I open if I opened my heart to love the person that wasn't wanted? I want you to feel loved by me.

The Character Example of being Disowned

There are several instances in scripture of people who were disowned. I would like to consider Mary as an example of someone who could have easily been discarded or disowned because of the public shame associated with being with child out of wedlock, at least from a human perspective. It was God that provided the security and approval that she needed. There is much conveyed in the words Fear not". Lk. 1:26-28 God answered all of her questions and she was willing to take Him at his word. Lk. 1:38 Even Joseph was convinced by God in a dream and protected her. Perhaps you have struggled with the fear or reality of being disowned. God's word still speaks with power to persuade us with Mary to say "Be it unto me according to thy word" The promise of His word still comforts today by removing our fears and replacing them with security and acceptance.

"I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb 13:5

Heart Thanks

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

Shirley and I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you that have graciously supported us financially and for prayerfully partnering with us in the ministry. It is because of your commitment HCM exist to serve the needs of hurting people and we are blessed to continue in this work. We thank God for all of you and for faithfully providing the means for us to be involved in this type of care ministry.

As we once again celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we give thanks to God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ who has enabled us and counted us faithful to serve the broken, cast down, suffering and wounded, through the ministry of Heart Care Ministries.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift"

Heart Testimonies

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

In 2003 we were privileged to attend a CFTH (BCC at the time) training conference. Little did we know the impact this would have upon us personally or more importantly how this would be vitally used to help us through a challenging dark period in our lives. It is through this experience God taught us to look at people from a different perspective and inspired a passion within us to reach out to those who struggle.

We are amazed at how someone whose identity has been altered by pain can be transformed when a person is available and willing to walk with them. We are amazed at how God is able to change a life. We are even more amazed how God uses ordinary people in the process.

Heart Prayer Request

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

1Thes 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

*First of all we feel to make our prayer request in behalf of each of you that have stood by and supported us throughout the past year. There were times throughout the year when an encouraging word was shared just at the right moment or an inspiring note arrived at a crucial time, or you contributed financially at a point when we had a need and certainly helped us in ways only God knows through supplications, intercessions and prayer. Our prayer for you is found in the following verse:

I (We) pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1Thes 5:23

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