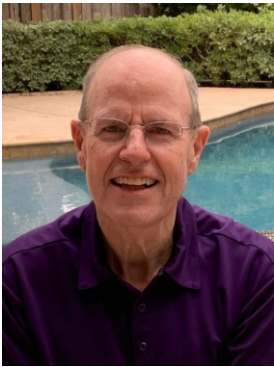


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Scott Baker
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POST COVID

Our Kairos Ministry has been under Covid attack for the past few years. We conducted a combined total of only 12 Kairos Torch, Kairos Outside and Kairos Inside Weekends in 2020. 2021 also languished at 20 Weekends. But in 2022, we commenced our emergence from Covid with 82 total Weekends. In 2023, we have plans to conduct at least 90 Weekends. And in the not-too-distant future, we will be delivering the blessings of Kairos in more than 100 Weekends per year in Texas. So the Covid era is beginning to fade from our memory.

Supporting the recovery of Kairos in Texas are many stories. I would like to share an actual accounting of one atypical "God's Special Time" Weekend written by the Weekend Leader, Jim Mouch, as recorded in his Weekend "Leader's Report" comments.

The complete article is on page 2.

NOTE:

KPMI distributes a monthly publication called, "God's Special Time." In their May 2023 issue, they asked all of us to identify ways that we are thriving in Kairos. I am confident that many of you reading this KOT Newsletter have powerful examples and can email them to marketing@kpmi.org and copy me at bettye.keefer@yahoo.com.

And if you see some things you feel I should know about, I would love to see them. Thanks for all you are doing and holler if you have any questions for me.

Lord of the Moment

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps. (PROVERBS 16:9)

Not long ago I was working on a construction project at my son's home three hours away. The job took days longer than expected, and each morning I prayed we would finish by sunset. But every evening there was more to be done.

I wondered why. Could there be a reason for the delay? An answer came the next morning. I was picking up a tool when my phone rang and a stranger's voice spoke urgently: "Your daughter was injured in an accident. You need to come immediately."

She lived near my son, so it took just fourteen minutes to reach her. If I had been home, I would have been three hours away. I followed the ambulance to the hospital and comforted her before surgery. As I sat holding her hand, I realized if my project hadn't been delayed, I wouldn't have been there.

Our moments belong to God. This was the experience of a woman whose son God had resurrected through the prophet Elisha (2 Kings 4:18-37). She left the country because of famine and returned years later to beg the king for her land. At precisely that moment, the king was conversing with the prophet's servant Gehazi. Just as Gehazi was telling the king how Elisha had restored her son, the woman walked in (8:5). Her request was granted.

We don't know what even the next second brings, but God is graciously able to use any situation for good. May God give us grace to walk with Him expectantly into His appointments for us today.



Jim Mouch - Wainwright #39

"I have heard many times in my faith journey the statement, "If God brings you to it -- He will bring you through it". This was certainly very true in my service as the Weekend Leader on the Wainwright Kairos #39 in Lovelady, Texas. In the fall of 2019, I began to assemble God's Kairos Team for a weekend scheduled for spring of 2020. During the course of the next three plus years, the Wainwright Kairos weekend would end up being scheduled six different times as various obstacles would prevent the weekend from occurring. Obstacles such as Covid, Ramadan, and two lockdowns as a result of a prison escape and a TDCJ directed lockdown of the Unit. In order to keep track of the changes of the Volunteer list, Talk Speakers and the multiple Team Meetings, I began numbering each scheduled Kairos weekend 39.0, 39.1, 39.2, 39.3, 39.4 & 39.5. Fortunately, around sixty percent of the team was able to remain committed to serving with each schedule change. The bittersweetness of these team changes was, during this three plus years, five of God's seasoned team members went home to be with Him. With each change and preparation for the next scheduled weekend more obstacles would occur. In fact, we actually started Kairos 39.4, having set up at our host church and having gone into the Wainwright Unit on Thursday. We lovingly met the 42 participants, went through introductions, and completed the Thursday afternoon Chapel Meditations. We returned to the Host Church to begin our Team meeting when the Wainwright Chaplain arrived to announce that the Unit was now on lockdown, and the Kairos weekend would have to once again be rescheduled. "Obstacles" - Yes. But as each would occur, I would offer them up to God and say, "Okay, God what do you want me to do with this one?" Through prayer, I learned that these "Obstacles" were really "Opportunities," Opportunities to strengthen my faith in God knowing that He was in control, and He had this. Opportunities for me to persevere and be a witness that no matter what came up -- God was with me. I realized that in spite of my disappointments, it was not "God's Special Time" yet. It would be a time when He would bestow abundant blessings upon His Kairos Weekend - "His Special Time" - and He did! On April 27, 2023, we watched as forty-two of our brothers-in-white came into the Community room on Thursday with hardened hearts and apprehension shielded in distrust; many who did not know God or had strayed from Him. We witnessed the Holy Spirit work through us and into the hearts of these men as we shared God's love and compassion. We saw

Jim Mouch
Wainwright Unit



tears flow abundantly as they realized that through a relationship with God there was forgiveness and hope. They could release the burdens and guilt that they had carried with them for years. We saw smiles and tears with each introduction of agape, love letters, wonderful food, placemats from children and a prayer chain that wrapped the walls of the Community Room (a gymnasium) two and a half times! One of the participants made the statement, "I have been imprisoned for over twenty years and this is the happiest weekend I have ever experienced during that time."

"The One Lost Sheep" - On Sunday afternoon during the Kairos Cross Ceremony, each table Family was called up to receive their Kairos Cross. They were instructed that if they did not feel they were ready to accept the cross, to place their arms across their chest and they would be given a blessing. All but one accepted their Kairos Cross and responded with, "I am counting on Christ." This one "lost sheep" had struggled all weekend long as he was wearing a Pentagram and had been involved in devil worship. However, with the help of the Holy Spirit through his table leader and his prayer partner, he asked me if he could change his mind and accept Jesus as his Savior and receive his Kairos Cross. At the Kairos Closing Ceremony, during open mic, he came up and told the community what had happened upstairs, stated that he had taken off the Pentagram and accepted Jesus as his Savior, now wearing his Kairos cross. Many tears were shared as almost all of the forty-two participants shared how this Kairos weekend had changed their lives and that they had never felt love in their entire life like they felt this weekend. God blessed this Kairos weekend in so many ways as he provided a wonderful set of tools to be used by the Master Carpenter. It was truly "God's Special Time," and it was an honor to serve our Lord and Savior as His Weekend Leader Servant on the Wainwright Kairos #39.

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Kairos of Texas is kicking off a major emphasis on expanding Continuing Ministry. I am part of a “Special Committee” composed of the State Executive Committee to change the current way most of the ACs in Texas are handling Continuing Ministry (Prayer & Share, Reunions, Retreats-KI); (SWAP-KO); (Reunions-Torch). Very few ACs are entering the required information of attendance at these events in Kairos Messenger. It appears that many volunteers have forgotten that, as exciting and important as the weekend is, the most important component of Kairos is Continuing Ministry. No doubt the weekend is a life changing experience, but without Continuing Ministry it is very easy for inmates to fall back to their pre-Kairos lifestyle.

Many volunteers seem to be satisfied that they served on the weekend and plan on showing back up to serve on the next weekend in 6 months. Perhaps, new volunteers do not realize the importance of participating in Reunions. Perhaps, the veterans have forgotten. If you serve on the Inside team on any of the three ministries, you are committing to attend as many if not all of the Reunions for the 6 months before the next weekend!

In many units in Texas, emphasis on volunteer participation in Reunions has dwindled. It is a challenge, no doubt, to devote a Saturday every month to keeping the flames burning, but it is worth it. Check out the faces of the inmates that light up when they see a group of volunteers at the door to greet them with smiles and hugs. The same can be said of the participants in Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch returning to a reunion.

The flavor of Continuing Ministry is different for Kairos Inside, Kairos Outside and Kairos Torch.

Kairos Inside - reunions are scheduled one day each month. As the Continuing Ministry Coordinator for your Advisory Council, it will be up to you to promote and remind volunteers of upcoming Reunion weekends. Two-day Retreats are normally scheduled every six months between the regular weekends.

Kairos Outside – reunions are normally scheduled quarterly. SWAP (Share, Witness, Accountability, Prayer) meetings are held between Reunions. Kairos Outside Advisory Council Continuing Ministry coordinators face the challenge of encouraging team members to attend, as well as previous participants. They must find available meeting places, and arrange baby sitting and refreshments, plus other important arrangements. (She definitely needs to form a committee to help get everything done.)

Driscoll Tubbs Chair - Continuing Ministry



Kairos Torch – Mentoring occurs as soon as the weekend concludes and continues for 6 months. At the conclusion of the mentoring period, the participants are given the option to join a Kairos Study Group that focuses on Bible and related learning activities. Mentoring Coordinators are responsible for encouraging the full Kairos Torch community to attend regularly scheduled Reunions. Mentoring Coordinators also ensure that the Mentors are trained and follow the guide laid out in the Kairos Torch Mentors Guide.

As important as Continuing Ministry is to the Kairos Prison Ministry program, it is important to measure how well Kairos in Texas is doing. Kairos Messenger is designed to collect and report data about every Continuing Ministry event. Unfortunately, only a few Advisory Councils are updating Messenger with current data. The remaining Advisory Councils are either not inputting the data at all or the last update was in 2021 or 2022. Part of the responsibilities of the Continuing Ministry Coordinator will be to establish a process for collecting and posting the Event data into Kairos Messenger.

A training program designed for the Continuing Ministry Coordinator and Advisory Council Chairs will be offered shortly. Successfully expanding Continuing Ministry in Texas will require the full backing of the Advisory Council, but the ability to measure the health of Continuing Ministry in Texas will come from data collected in Messenger.

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A Wide Sweeping Grace

I have swept away your offenses. (ISAIAH 44:22)

Alexa, Amazon's voice-controlled device, has an interesting feature: it can erase everything you say. Whatever you've asked Alexa to do, whatever information you've asked Alexa to retrieve, one simple sentence ("Delete everything I said today") sweeps it all clean, as if it never happened. It's too bad that the rest of our life doesn't have this capability. Every misspoken word, every disgraceful act, every moment we wish we could erase--we'd just speak the command, and the entire mess would disappear.

There's good news, though. God does offer each of us a clean start. Only, He goes far deeper than merely deleting our mistakes or bad behavior. God provides redemption, a deep healing that transforms us and makes us new. "Return to me," He says, "I have redeemed you" (Isaiah 44:22). Even though Israel rebelled and disobeyed, God reached out to them with lavish mercy. He "swept away [their] offenses like a cloud, [their] sins like the morning mist" (v. 22). He gathered all their shame and failures and washed them away with His wide, sweeping grace.

God will do the same with our sin and blunders. There's no mistake He can't mend, no wound He can't heal. God's mercy heals and redeems the most painful places in our soul----even the ones we've hidden for so very long. His mercy sweeps away all our guilt, washes away every regret.



Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the Heart.

Brian Gibson - Hightower Unit

Brian Gibson



Over a decade ago, a small group of dedicated servants of God who were active in Kairos Inside at the Polunsky Unit in Texas felt called to begin a new Kairos Inside chapter at the Hightower Unit. When they began their efforts at start up several of those men said a prayer that one day a Kairos Inside weekend at Hightower would have a formerly incarcerated man serving at each table family.

After having been actively serving at the Briscoe Unit for Kairos Inside, I received a call from a friend who asked me to serve on the upcoming Hightower weekend. We both had spent time at the Hightower unit and were Kairos graduates from that unit. It was an opportunity to bring my Kairos journey full circle. The chance to give back where my journey began was a God moment I simply could not deny.

When I walked into the training and looked around the room, I was amazed. The weekend leader, Tom Morrison, who had also been incarcerated, had managed to recruit a team where that prayer from many years ago could come to fruition. I was proud to serve as an assistant table leader for Kairos Inside Hightower, TX #25 with 6 other formerly incarcerated brothers. What made this answered prayer even more remarkable was the fact that each assistant table leader for that weekend was a former participant at a Kairos Hightower weekend. We all began our Kairos journey in the same gym where we now served, helping to guide others through their spiritual journey to experience the unconditional love of God.

As God does with every weekend, He moved mountains. I saw brothers in white truly experience the unconditional love of God for the first time in their lives. I saw the restoration of hope through faith. I saw men accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. I saw men turn away from pagan worship. And, I saw men lay down their gang affiliations and say yes to Christ.

I thank God for all those obedient servants who said "yes" to His call and allowed us many years later to be the tools to answer a prayer – in God's Special Time!

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Michelle Edwards
KOT Vice-Chair

Anticipation, that's the word that comes to my mind when I think about Kairos weekends. Our teams usually meet 4-6 times prior to a weekend, and I know for me, I get excited right before that Saturday Team Meeting. Do I have my agape ready? Do I have prayer chains and meal tickets. Did I get all of the things done that my position is going to require of me? Do I have a full tank of gas. If I am staying overnight anywhere, how much money will I need for meals or even the team snacks? Those are things that run through my mind. Most of my travel the last two years has been at least a 2-hour trip one way. That's a LOT of mileage!

But wait... did I pray first? Did I ask for peace and calmness as I prepared my heart? Are my thoughts on what I'd do differently or what I don't like? Or... are they on the Leader and all that they are going through? Am I praying for him/her? Can I do anything to eliminate any stress coming from me? If I'm doing my part and having the state of mind that a servant "should," all of this will work beautifully.

As the weekend is approaching in just a few days, have I prayed for each guest/participant? I know when I was a guest, I was a nervous wreck. I'm pretty sure it's the same for the ladies attending a Kairos Outside, and I know from talking to the men and women inside, some of them have been trying for years to get in. They are anticipating the weekend as well. Can you imagine the joy and fears that they are going through? Will I get shipped out? Will I get into any trouble between now and then? Is there anyone who might try to sabotage this for me? Did I tell my family not to schedule a visit. That's a hard one there, I've seen it firsthand where visits were denied because they didn't want to miss their chance to complete a weekend.

For the Outside guest, she's possibly been hiding her secret, getting drilled from other family members about what may happen. Perhaps she's scared to death to share about her loved one because of retaliation from someone. These fears are real so we in turn pray harder.

So, as you are all preparing for your weekends, know that you are so appreciated. Thank you for your patience as problems arise. Thank you for your words of encouragement to others. Most importantly, thank you for being servants to this ministry and the glorious God we serve.



During the Kairos Prison Ministry Annual Conference July 25-29, 2023 in Indianapolis, Indiana, there will be a Memorial Service for all those Kairos Volunteers who have gone to be with God during the past year. We are now gathering names so they can be remembered and a candle lit for them.

If you know of anyone please send the info to: Bettye Keefer at bettye.keefer@yahoo.com so I can send them a memorial card.

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Clements Weekend #51 - Ben Emanuele



Ben Emanuele Clements Unit

"First, I must say that I am a graduate of the Kairos program, and have been dedicated and faithful to the Ministry since 2012.

It's been an AMAZINGLY Blessed couple of days!!!! March 23 -26, 2023 * Kairos Clements Unit * Walk #51

This past weekend I had the honor and privilege of being chosen to lead this Walk #51 at the Clements Unit in Amarillo, Texas. When I was first asked, I said "No," because "I couldn't do it." But after lots of prayers, God said, "Yes, you can, and Yes, you will, and I will be with you at every step," and beside me He was!!

Building the team I needed, with the help and guidance from many friends and veteran Kairos team members who I've come to know, love, and respect, without reproach, over the years and with my amazing wife, Tawnya, beside me, dealing with all my uncertainties, stresses, and frustrations was quite a journey in itself. 60+ people have come, to show their love of Jesus Christ and expose their servant's hearts to do whatever had to be done. Men and women that have been doing this for YEARS, newbies, and people that "just want to know more about 'This thing called Kairos.'" People who, out of their love of Jesus, have taken time out of their lives and careers, maybe just giving a couple of hours, or being there for the entire 4 days. From the youngest, Caleb, the son of one of my dearest friends, Jerry (also a Kairos graduate) to men 70+ years of age. Even with an injured wrist, Caleb gave his all in serving Our Lord and the team. A team had come together to do whatever had to be done, from baking and donating cookies (we devoured over 12,000 cookies this weekend!), to cooking the food, washing dishes, shopping, mopping floors and taking out the trash. The team that went inside the prison, the men who sat with the 42 chosen, who ate with those men, loved on the men, and bared intimate details from their own lives, to show what a "Friendship with God" was all about IF they made "Choices" to "Open the Door" and let Jesus into their lives and into their hearts.

I know, without a doubt, that lives have been changed over this Walk weekend and will continue to change as the Holy Spirit continues to soften the hearts of these men. I know, my life has been changed by this experience!!!

Many times I had been told of the Blessings I would receive for leading a Kairos Walk, but just believe me, I just cannot put into words how this experience has already changed me and changed my life.

God is good! All the time!"

Who's Behind It?

Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. (JAMES 1:17)

At a cultural show in Bandung, Indonesia, we enjoyed a wonderful orchestra performance. Before the finale, the two hundred people in the audience were each handed an angklung, a musical instrument made of bamboo. We were taught how to shake it in rhythm with the conductor's timing. Soon we thought we were performing like an orchestra; we felt so proud of how well we were doing! Then it dawned on me that we were not the ones who were good; it was the conductor who deserved the credit.

Similarly, when everything is going well in our lives, it's easy to feel proud. We're tempted to think that we are good and that it is by our abilities that we've achieved success. During such moments, we tend to forget that behind it all is our good God who prompts, prevents, provides, and protects.

David remembered that truth: "Then King David went in and sat before the LORD; and he said: 'Who am I, LORD God? And what is my family, that you have brought me this far?' (1 Chronicles 17:16). David's heart swelled up in appreciation of God's goodness.

The next time we are tempted to take credit for the blessings we enjoy, let's pause and remember that it is the Lord who brings blessing.



Praise the Lord



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My Kairos Journey - Mary Powell



Rev. Mary Powell

Before my husband Duane died in April, 1995, we had planned to do Kairos together since most team members served as couples on that form of Emmaus. Kairos is designed to bring the Lord to people in prison. The women would be at the church in prayer for team members and for specifically named prisoners who were the pilgrims for the weekend. Since we had already committed to serve on the one not long after Duane died, I decided that I would go ahead in spite of my singleness and fulfill our commitment. Perhaps there would be some closure there for me. There would be plenty to do besides pray, as the outside team did all the meal preparation for the team and the pilgrims for the whole weekend. Most of the incarcerated men hadn't had a home-cooked meal in years.

I found it difficult to be single among all the loving couples on the team, but God reminded me that I was to focus on serving, not myself. Specifically, I had two prisoners to pray for besides my team member, plus all those involved. We also had special prayer requests such as for a fellow who had been especially violent to not impose his confession on any of us of the outside team at closing worship. I found it strange that I was praying for people I didn't know and might never meet face-to-face. Little did I know!

The end of the weekend involved a celebration time to which the outside team was invited. The clanging prison doors sent a chill down my spine as we walked further and further into the bowels of the prison. The huge gymnasium was soon filled with more than 700 men in white. We were told they had all been to Kairos in the past and that there were only two guards needed since they had become model citizens after that. Then the team and their pilgrim participants filed in. We all sang "Amazing Grace." Let me tell you, I know what heaven will sound like: like 740 prisoners singing to God at the top of their voices. I was moved to tears.

The Huntsville Ferguson Unit is full of the most violent prisoners in Texas. Most of them will never leave that sad place ever again. Yet, there was such joy on many faces. One fellow, a team member, who had been a prisoner when he attended Kairos before, delivered the sermon. I knew in my heart that God had him where God intended him to spend his days in ministry to other prisoners. Finally, at the end of the service we were told, "You may now greet your brothers and sisters in Christ!" Suddenly, we were swarmed by all the pilgrims from the weekend. The two for whom I had prayed found me (I had on a nametag with my first name) They thanked me profusely and we hugged. They were handsome towering black men, so incredibly young. It broke my heart.

Leaving the prison was especially poignant. We would probably never see those men again this side of heaven unless we returned to serve on another Kairos. When we finally got through the last metal door, our team paused outside the prison gate to hold hands in a circle and sing "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place." Looking across the circle we saw behind us God's men in white lining the prison fence with their fingers twined in the wire, singing the words along with us. I have never sung that song since without remembering, tearing up, and lifting a prayer for our men in white.

I went on to serve on two Kairos events in Lockhart at the women's prison. Those times I hosted teammates in my home and served as one of the clergy at each of the tables. There was such joy on their faces when our pilgrims had what was for many of them their first ever birthday party. We sang a traditional Kairos birthday song that said, "God danced the day you were born..." About that time then Governor George Bush called together the wardens from across the state in order to tell them that the recidivism rate for prisoners drops by 50% when they accommodate Kairos events. Only 10% of those who then serve in an additional event repeat their crimes. In 2019 there were over 500 communities in ten countries and 37 states with 30,000 volunteers involved in Kairos. Go God!!!

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You shall have no other gods before me...You shall not bow down to them or worship them. (Exodus 20:3, 5)

As he awaited his baptism in Togo's Mono River, Kossi stooped to pick up a worn wooden carving. His family had worshiped the object for generations. Now they watched as he tossed the grotesque figure into a fire prepared for the occasion. No longer would their choicest chickens be sacrificed to this god.

In the West, most Christians think of idols as metaphors for what they put in place of God. In Togo, West Africa, idols represent literal gods that must be appeased with sacrifice. Idol burning and baptism make a courageous statement about a new believer's allegiance to the one true God.

As an eight-year-old, King Josiah came to power in an idol-worshipping, sex-obsessed culture. His father and grandfather had been two of the worst kings in all of Judah's sordid history. Then the high priest discovered the book of the law. When the young king heard its words, he took them to heart (2 Kings 22:8-13). Josiah destroyed the pagan altars, burned the vile items dedicated to the goddess Asherah, and stopped the ritual prostitution (chapter 23). In place of these practices, he celebrated the Passover (23:21-23).

Whenever we look for answers apart from God--consciously or subconsciously---we pursue a false god. It would be wise to ask ourselves: What idols, literal or figurative, do we need to throw on the fire?

Continued from page 3 - Driskoll Tubbs

Please note that these changes are not adding more tasks to the role of Continuing Ministry Coordinators. The Advisory Council Operating Procedures call for the Continuing Minister Coordinator to actively encourage participation but also to collect, report and maintain Event data in Kairos Messenger. The idea is to provide the environment for long lasting changes in the lives of participants.

Make the effort guys. Make plans to participate in the most important component of Kairos – Continuing Ministry. Here are my email and cell phone number, so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this article.

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Be sure to visit our website at www.kairostexas.org. Our webmaster is Cheryl Glasgow. The schedule and location for State Board meetings for 2023 are included here. We have a calendar showing when all the weekends will be held. Check your weekend - we depend on you to keep your calendar updated.

On that same website you will find the current state officers, state meetings and minutes, map of state meetings, committees, and the weekends dates. You will also find this current and past newsletters there. If your unit does a newsletter, we would love to add it. There are links to KPMI and TDCJ.

There is information about Kairos Outside, including structure, forms and information, newsletters, and mission field. The minutes for KO meetings can also be found there.

Please take a look and see if we need to change, remove or add anything.

KO STATE Reps. Meetings 2023

Dates: Feb. 11, May 13, Aug. 12, Nov. 11

Time: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Location: Hill Country Bible Church

12124 RR 620 North

Cedar Park, TX

Meeting Minutes Archived

KO Executive Committee Meetings

Date: Feb. 10, May 12, Aug. 11, Nov. 10

Time: 5:00 pm Kairos of Texas Board

Time: 7:00 pm Kairos Outside Board

Location: Hill Country Bible Church

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The Process of Forgiveness. (EPHESIANS 4:30-32).

ALL OF US HAVE, AT SOME POINT, BEEN HURT by someone we love and trust. When that happens, we have a choice; to wallow in self-pity and anger or to forgive. Forgiveness means giving up both the resentment you may have and the desire to retaliate. Doing so involves three important steps.

1. SURRENDER THE GENERAL ATTITUDE OF RESENTMENT. That is, make a decision not to languish in your pain. This can be hard! Many people almost seem to enjoy a mindset of self-pity or martyrdom. But you can choose a different posture and move past your suffering.

2. GIVE UP SPECIFIC FEELINGS OF RESENTMENT TOWARD AN INDIVIDUAL. It is important to let go of the anger that was brought on by hurtful actions----and to try to restore the broken relationship.

3. LAY DOWN ALL CLAIMS TO RETRIBUTION. You cannot forgive someone with your words while secretly wishing him or her harm. True forgiveness seeks the other person's good, not punishment.

Forgiveness says, "Though you hurt me, I choose to pardon you. I won't dwell on this, nor will I allow it to destroy my life or attitude. I won't spend one minute plotting revenge. You are God's precious child." Truly forgiving another person is difficult, but the rewards are worth it.

The Best Is Yet To Come!!!!!!

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