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YOU THOUGHT IT WAS TOO LATE

“My mother left us all alone



and since I was the oldest, at the age of 10, I had to look after my younger brother and sister. How could she have done such a thing to us?” “All I could think of was getting high. I did not think of what my drug addiction was doing to my children. Now they won’t even talk to me.” You may not be able to identify with the above statements, but many of the women I minister to can.

God placed in us all the desire to be loved, and when we do not get that

love, our lives become fragmented. Children need to experience God’s love through the love of their parents. Unconditional, nurturing, affirming love from the mother helps them to appreciate and accept God’s love.

How do you begin to heal from a broken heart? How do you mend a broken heart? In order to begin the healing process you must first be willing to forgive. The events of the past can not be changed, neither can you control the actions of others. However, with determination, you can forgive. It is necessary to accept responsibility for your actions, acknowledge your mistakes, ask forgiveness, and expect nothing in return if you desire to mend a broken heart. Whether you were the neglected child, or the mother that neglected

and hurt your child there is hope.

There is something very special about a mother’s love. The power of this love must never be taken for granted or misused. As you begin to show that caring, unconditional, nurturing, and affirming love to your son and/or daughter, you will find, in time, a common ground by which to get a fresh start in your relationship.

“Many years were squandered, I was not there for you before. I ask that you forgive me. May we please begin anew?”

“Mother I forgive you. Let us leave the past behind. Let us begin to create new memories. To start, my gift of flowers just for you.”

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

Memories

Tucked away in the memories of my childhood is the smile of a loving face, A gentle hand that led me- No other could fill its place.

When childish woes oppressed me, And I was filled with terrors and tears, That loving hand caressed me while she shared the wisdom of years.

Now years have grown upon me- Both joy and sorrow I have known; But the memory always lingers of that wonderful mother at home.
By Mary Bond Weber



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THE IMPORTANT THING BY KTASHA CARTER

The important thing about my mom is that she loves me.

She is nice and not mean.

She teaches me a lot of things and she is pretty.

But the most important thing about my mom is that she loves me.

Ktasha just turned 10 years old. She is a gifted and talented student in the Pflugerville school district. When asked what was special about her mom she said, “She cooks for me, puts a roof over my head, and signed us up for this real cool camp.” When asked who her role model was, she said God and her mom.





"I will teach my son your Word, Oh Lord."

We are totally, completely, and wholly committed to a Christ centered life. We are wholly committed to submitting to the will of God, to serving and leading others to Jesus and to working with other believers to reach out to the hurting and the lost.

A WARM WELCOME
TO THE NEWEST
MEMBERS OF OUR
VOLUNTEER STAFF

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CATHERINE DUNN



*"Her children stand up and call her blessed. Her husband also rises up, and he praises her."
Proverbs 31:28*

WHAT DOES A FAMILY GOOD?

family is a God idea, and the mother plays a crucial role in the family. The following was taken from the book, "Parenting Clues for the Clueless" Published by Promise Press.

A crucial quality in rearing healthy, happy kids:

"Instruction in the things of the Lord. - In recent years we've seen the widespread acceptance of the idea that children should not be given any sort of religious instruction. This, so goes the theory, keeps them from being unduly indoctrinated and allows them "to make up their own minds about spiritual

matters." The poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once encountered a man who held to the idea, and after listening to the man expound his child rearing ideas at length, said, 'would you like to see my garden?' The man said he would. Coleridge then took the man out to view a large plot of weeds. 'why, this is not a garden!' the man exclaimed. 'There is nothing but weeds here!'

'Well, you see,' replied Coleridge. 'I didn't want to infringe upon the liberty of the garden in any way. I decided to allow the garden the opportunity to ex-

press itself and choose its own production."

While our children are not plants, they do thrive or wither according to the influences around them. The Bible says for parents to train up a child in the way they should go, and when they get old they will have a anchor to depend on. They will not depart from the truth.

What does a family good? Parents that love each other and loves God. Parents that are willing to not only pattern a godly life before their children, but teach them from the Bible.

INSPIRE FOR THE GOOD

Popular culture has little tolerance for hard work. The word self-control has little meaning. Discipline and commitment has lost its value. Not to worry, though, the word inspire has come to the rescue. The more the word inspire is put into action the more of our society we will be able to influence in positive ways.

The more rebellious teenagers can be inspired to do the right thing, or a parent that can be

inspired to take responsibility for his/ her life and the lives of each of their children, the stronger families will become. The more we encourage, once thrown away boys, now grown men that they can accomplish great things through hard work, the more we will see how important it is for us all to look for opportunities to inspire.

Inspire - to motivate, stimulate, prompt, cause. Encourage, give confidence, cheer, support,

persuade, promote. Instigate, initiate. Enthuse to fill with enthusiasm, show enthusiasm, stir up. Arouse, to provoke, awaken.

We all at various times in our lives need to be inspired. Find someone and arouse a talent, or cheer on the accomplishments of a teenager. Begin today to influence your community in positive ways. Go out and find ways to inspire for the Good!

OUR GIFT FROM GOD

I was awoken early in the morning with great anticipation as I felt my first contractions. Could this be the day that my precious one make her entrance into the world?

The hours passed and my contractions increased. I knew it was time, so I called my husband and waited for him to come from work. As I waited I prayed. Lord I thank you that we were given this opportunity to bring a precious life into the world. Please

help us to be godly parents. Help us to make sound decisions for our family, to put you first, and to teach our baby Your ways.

My husband, so excited about what was about to happen, grabbed up the luggage and gently took my hand. He said, "You are my precious wife that I promised to love and cherish all the days of my life. Today we will see enter into this world our gift from God." His words were so loving and comforting that for

a moment I forgot about the pain.

My husband drove through the city as gently as he could, he drove over every bump, and as he did I prayed one more prayer. Lord help me be a loving mother, help my husband and I take responsibility for the welfare and upbringing of this precious gift of life.

VOICES FROM PRISON

“Dear God, Direct my path and give me a new way to live. Teach me to love myself and teach me to stop backbiting and gossiping, and saying cruel things to others. I’m not happy with whom I’ve become over the years. Who am I God? I certainly don’t know. Please show me who I really am. Please deliver me from each and every one of my addictions and please forgive me for all my sins knowingly and unknowingly, intentional and unintentional.

Give me strength, wisdom, and knowledge, and teach me how to fight Satan back with the armor of God. Guide me and protect me and lead me in the right direction, Lord.” Catina

“It Took Prison to Find Freedom. Actually it took God, lets get that straight first! It took me coming to a point where I wasn’t just saying empty words, but was really serious when I asked for His help. And He gave it to me,

He saved me. How? That’s where the prison thing comes in. Of course I had to be locked up, I wasn’t just going to stop on my own. Addicts don’t do that. And this wasn’t the first time I’ve been incarcerated either, but it was the first time as I was sitting in the holding cell at the county jail that I was relived...I had come to hate what my life had become, to hate myself.” David



“He that the Son sets free is free indeed.”

All articles written by Sheila Green unless otherwise stated.

SOMEONE TO NOTICE US

There was once a little eight year old girl, who, years ago, lived in the housing projects in a large metropolitan city with her mother and two year old little brother. Her mother worked the afternoon shift at the hospital. That left the little girl home alone to baby sit her little brother until her mother’s return each day after midnight. The little girl was often terrified of someone breaking in, so she would sit for hours watching the front door to their apartment, as her baby brother slept peacefully in his bed. Often debilitating fear would make her think the door

knob was being turned by a would be intruder. One night, as she sat at her nightly post, in front of the ominous door while anxiously waiting for her mother’s return, she cried out, “Won’t someone come and help us. All we need is someone to notice us!”

This is my story. As the founder and director of Wholly Committed Ministries this story is what motivates me to work so diligently in the community. The cry of the little girl can still be heard “Won’t someone come and help us. All we need is someone to notice us!” But in-

stead of my voice, it is now the voices of little girls and boys, women and men. All they need is just a little encouragement, a little hope, a little assistance.

We work with families suffering from the affects of drug addiction, incarceration, absent fathers, gangs and poverty. We provide support groups, workshops, and outreaches to the community. We go into jails, rehab facilities, schools, hospitals, and in the homes, to look for those who just want a little encouragement, hope, and help.

WE WANT HURTING PEOPLE TO KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE. SOMEONE CARES ABOUT THEM. WE ARE SHARING THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE WHILE PROVIDING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING. WE ARE MINISTERING TO THE NEEDS OF THE HURTING AS WE SHARE GOD’S LOVE. WE ARE WALKING WITH PEOPLE THROUGH THE CHALLENGING TIMES OF LIVE, ONE STEP AT A TIME.

UNCOMMON LOVE

Sometimes people can not see the value in the little things they do for others. Often they do not recognize that their actions translate into uncommon love. It is uncommon love that gives rest to a weary soul.

A women just released from jail, is attempting to take back the responsibility of raising her children. The children are having behavioral problems at school

and it was just discovered that one is a gang member. Her having to coup with the pressures of family, finding employment and a stable place to live has become overwhelming. Along comes you. You pass her down the isle in the grocery store, not knowing her situation or the depth of her despair, your eyes meet hers and you smile. Later you find yourself behind her in the check out line of the store.

The woman staring down at the food placed on the counter hears the announced total. She has to decide what food to have taken off the bill. Instead of you looking in disgust at her, you quietly tell her that you would like to pay the difference. She looks at you and barely says thank you for trying to hold back the tears. Uncommon love.



Our uncommon love for others often helps people see God clearer!



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How You Can Help us Help Others

We need your help. For two years we have helped children through our Back To School outreach. Much of the money to purchase the school clothes and supplies has come from 3 or 4 people. We can not expect to keep helping the children with donations alone. We want to try to help raise some of the money to help more children. We expect this year, to help over 100 children. In addition to the Back To School outreach we want to bring to various communities, this summer, activities that will compete with the lure of gangs and other troubling activities pulling at the children. We are in the streets giving a reason for our hope. We hope to have 2 more fundraisers, Christmas in July, and a play "Telling Stories". Please consider helping in the following areas:

- Please contribute monthly to help with the gasoline expense, food for youth and children's events, and other outreach expenses
- Donate educational books (Many of our children need tutoring)
- Donate books on phonics (Many adults and children can not read)
- Donate construction paper, paints, canvas and materials to make crafts
- Donate or loan to us portable tables and chairs, sound equipment, children's music CDs
- Attend and help spread the news of our TBA Christmas in July, and Play "Telling Stories" fundraisers
- Sponsor our website (Renewal due in June)
- Donate used furniture, and household items (We have families in need)
- Volunteer to transport donated items and/or children to events
- Volunteer to help at an event or for long term (Many areas of need to choose from)

We know that our building is coming soon, but until then we will do what we can, and use what we have to touch the hearts of minds of people. It would be so much more easier if we had your help. Please call Sheila Green today at: (512) 636-1381. We look forward to hearing from you.

We Can Accomplish Great Things Together!



Walking with people through the challenging times of life