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Prayer for Today

Dear Lord,
Help me not to love others in my own capacity, but to love them through You.
Help me see them the way You do and then respond to them the way You would.
Pour Your love into my heart and then into the hearts of others.
May they see You through me.
Amen

YOU ARE LOVED

There is something in all of us that wants to be loved. It is that little part of our heart that responds to a gentle word, to a warm hug, to a smile, to an expression of acceptance. It was Mothers' Day morning and my 19 year old daughter came and climbed into bed with me. Mark had headed off to our local MacDonaldis to bring home pancakes and coffee [my favourite breaky] and Katie was using this moment to snuggle up. She jumped into bed, rolled over and said "I love you Mum". She then proceeded to remind me that 23 years ago I was pregnant with her brother, Daniel. Random thought! Not a particularly pleasant one at first, but I realised what she was saying was that I had experienced 23 years of being loved as a Mum.

Now the road of motherhood has not always been easy for me. I remember times when I locked myself in my bedroom and shed tears of not knowing what to do next; I remember the long nights of worry and checking the clock every few minutes to know my kids were home and safe; I remember losing my patience and saying things I regretted later. Yet, through it all, the overwhelming feeling that stays with me most, is one of unconditional love and gratitude that I got to experience one of the most amazing roles in life...that of being a mother.

We are actually surrounded by love. We just miss it sometimes. We need to open our eyes and look around and see the many ways God showers his love on us. We are truly blessed and have a God who loves us every step of the way. When we are let down by humanity, God is ever-present and ever-loving.

"Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 1:14 (New Living Translation)

Next time we are feeling a little 'less-than-loved", let's remember the source of all love and go back to Him. He is gracious and generous and will fill us to the brim with love and faith. It will sustain us and never disappoint us. It will satisfy every longing in our heart. What more could we want!

With love in Him

Karen Wilson
Baptist Women's President WA



INSPIRE May 28th 2011

For all country women in the South West WA...INSPIRE 2011 is just around the corner. If you do not have your place booked at this event, then get your registration form in soon. I know you will be greatly blessed by being part of this beautiful day in Busselton. I hope to see you there. Contact admin@cornerstonechurch.asn.au for more information.

Introducing Helen Meyer

Careforce Lifekeys Founder and Guest Speaker at Fresh 2011



Helen was born and raised in Melbourne, Australia. Her childhood years were profoundly impacted by the death of her mother, family separation and her father's struggle with chemical dependency. Her story of meeting Jesus at the age of 4 whilst being raised in an unchurched family demonstrates how profoundly He cares for people.

It was at senior high school that Helen first met Allan and they married in the following year. Both began their teaching careers: Helen as a primary teacher and then later as a high school teacher and curriculum co-ordinator. This ultimately led to them opening their home to students on Friday nights and over the next 5 years many students came to know Jesus. This was a busy time with the added excitement of the arrival of 4 of their own children.

Allan and Helen were appointed as the Senior Pastors of Careforce Church (Mt Evelyn Church of Christ) in 1983. Later Helen took on the role of Small Group Pastor in the life of the church, developing and training leaders.

In 1991 during a speaking tour of the USA Helen witnessed how small groups could be used to bring help and wholeness to the lives of people. After returning to Australia some financial miracles and other intersecting events occurred and from these Careforce Lifekeys was born.

Helen spearheaded the development of Careforce Lifekeys and coauthored the Lifekeys Facilitator Training program, which has established Lifekeys in over 2300 churches, in twenty countries all around the world. In Helen's capacity as Director and Co-founder of Lifekeys she has developed and in some cases, authored many of the Lifekeys programs.

It is Helen's desire to stay on the cutting edge of the latest research and best practice in the people helping field. In addition to her teaching qualifications, she has a Graduate Diploma in Human Relations, a Masters in Education and her Masters in Counselling. She is currently studying for her Masters in Sexual Health at Sydney University.

In January 2009, after 26 years of leading Careforce Church Mt. Evelyn and growing the church to the largest of the Churches of Christ in Australia, Allan and Helen stepped out from the roles of Senior Pastor. They have been released to travel and speak focusing on the ministry of Lifekeys both in Australia and internationally.

Helen spends her time as Director of Lifekeys, developing programs, and speaking at churches and conferences in Australia and around the world. Helen is a gifted preacher and teacher and speaks with passion on healing and wholeness and living the life that God intended for us.

Have you registered for Fresh 2011? Our special early bird rate is a great saving so be sure to register soon.

This year we have made a few changes that will go beyond what Fresh has ever done before! We would love you to be a part of it... and bring some friends too!

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