



CHANGE IS HARD!

As we are talk with parents about their kids who have made unwise choices, we tell them, "The choices your kids make are theirs alone and no matter what you did or didn't do you are not responsible for their choices." It is a change of perspective that is hard to absorb.

I was recently talking with a Pastor whose daughter ran away when she was 16, got involved in drugs and now was living back home but whose presence was tearing the family apart.

I said to him, "Do you think about the proverb 'raise up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it'?"

Instantly his eyes filled with years as he said, "There is not a day goes by but that I am reminded of that verse."

We spent time talking about the choices his daughter was making and how the enemy is using those choices and that verse to damage his ministry.

Finally I saw a light go on in his eyes when I compared his experience with that of God who was the parent of Adam and Eve in the garden. He was the perfect parent - gave them everything the needed and only had one rule, don't eat the apple. (Yea, I know it probably wasn't an apple, but that is the way I learned the story.) With all that they still managed to make the one bad choice that removed them from the presence of God.

We had this same conversation every week for over a month and finally after weeks of hearing the same thing over and over again he started to change his perspective from the one that says 'it is all my fault' to one of 'I did a good job and it was her choice'.

Change is hard, but truth can overcome and change even long held beliefs - - especially beliefs that are based on lies used by the enemy to damage us.

Happy Thanksgiving!!! We are so grateful for your prayers and your financial giving. You make it possible for truth to change the lives of adults and through them the kids that will make up this next generation!

In His grip,

John
for John and Sheryl Emra

The Rest Of The Story

The rest of the story is easy to tell - not so easy to live through.

Somewhere deep down inside he had always been asking God "why?".

Why did she do this? Why didn't I do this or that differently? And God, why are you allowing this to happen to me?

The more we talked about the concepts of Life Is Full Of Choices, and the truth of scripture, the more his attitude changed toward his daughter, his ministry and God.

Eventually his daughter started seeing the change too. She started asking questions about his change of outlook. As a result, their relationship started to heal.

I am not saying their relationship is now perfect - but is has started to heal. Over years, it may return to a healthy father/daughter relationship.

You can be a part of healing relationships!

This father/daughter just needed some help. Someone to listen, share some knowledge and be persistent enough to keep asking questions.

By supporting our ministry you can be involved in praying for people and watching what God will do. By financially supporting us, you make it possible for us to be there, to care and share and stay in touch.

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Your financial support makes this ministry possible. Your prayers make it powerful!

Answered Prayer

Last month we asked for prayer for the SAY Yes Training. That training was canceled and will be rescheduled in the new year. Thank you for your prayers.

Sheryl has been dealing with a stomach infection this past month. She finally went to the Doctor and got some medicine. She is now getting better. Thank you for your prayers for our health and our recovery from being on the road this past summer.

Prayer Requests

On November 12th we will be leading a LIFOC Training here in Dallas.

On November 19th we will be participating with Cru in Boxes Of Love.

The Holiday Season is a busy time for us all.

Please pray for:

- safety as we travel
- those around us who have no family with which to celebrate
- that this year we all would be able to celebrate a closer relationship with our Father.



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