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Well here I am, late again. I apologize to those of you who have asked where this month's Newsletter is. I have too many irons in the fire! Please forgive me. And ask God to help me do better!

How to Help Others Who Are Hurting

I have good news for those of you who have written, asking me about training in counseling. Many of you feel a call to the counseling ministry and did not know where to get training. Wisely, many of you decided to forgo the traditional training and have waited for God to provide. Now He has.

Bro. J.R.Ensey, a noted author and pastor of many years, has put together a wonderful course. Its primary purpose is to help you learn the biblical principles that apply to our various hurts and problems—and then how to apply those principles to find the healing and solutions you, and those you are working with, need. The course was originally designed to be taught by a pastor to a group of future preachers and/or counselors in the local church setting. However, it is now available in correspondence form. If you think you would be interested, check it out on my website—<http://www.awpministries.org> Click on the left side button, “Helping Others.”

Schedule

This month I will be in Sacramento, California. Then I leave on the 24th, and will be in St. Louis, and Tupelo. We are all planning an awesome General Conference this year in Birmingham. If you plan on being there, please stop by the Publishing House booth and say HELLO. I will be there signing books and meeting many, many wonderful people. After leaving Birmingham, I will be in Columbia and Cayce, South Carolina, then in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. I will wind up the month of October in Abbeville, Louisiana.

Paying for Parents Sins

Have you ever wondered just why it is we have inherited Adam and Eve's “Original Sin?” Why should that be? After all, we're not the ones who ate that dreaded piece of fruit. There were times when I used to think it was very unfair. Especially when I would look at an innocent newborn baby—I'd think, “How can this infant be guilty of sin? He is so innocent!”

And yet the fact of the matter is—not only were we born with the stain of sin—we are living in a world that has gone crazy because of sin. The ugly things that happen to us—the rape, the incest, the abuse—are all the result of sin.

I know a brand new baby whose mother was addicted to cocaine. This little girl was born addicted, also, and she had never even had the “pleasure” (so-called) of using the drug. Yet

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how that little infant suffered! Hooked up to tubes and wires and grossly underweight! Who could know if the child would live or die? Who could know the fate of the little sweetie? Who could know what pain lay in store for this little one—innocent, yet paying for her mother's crime.

As I thought about this, I saw the parallel to a world of sinners for whom Christ died. We were all born in sin. David said in Psalm 51; 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. That is the fact of the matter.

As I continued to ponder the short life of this little drug addicted baby, I saw all the intervention that went on in an effort to save her life. All those tubes and wires were for that purpose. Doctors and nurses worked round the clock. Her life was the priority of that entire floor of the hospital. And I thought—that's what Christ did for us. Our life became His priority. He intervened. His intervention consisted of going to Calvary and giving up His life that we might live. Because of that, we now have life and have life more abundantly.

We are all born in sin, and we are all in the need of a Savior. Jesus is that One who stands ready to give us life. Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Because Jesus loves us, He has already made all provision for us. His precious blood was shed, that we might live.

As I meditate on that, and think of how much He loves us, my heart grows full. Many of us had fathers that were harmful, but here is a Father Who loved us enough to die for us. He is truly our Heavenly Father and gives us only the very best. Why not spend the next few minutes thinking about that? And giving Him thanks for what He has done?

Crawl up onto His big lap right now. I love to do that! On my travels, I often cuddle up against the window of the plane and pretend I'm on His lap. Pretty soon, His presence is so strong! He is there, and we are communing one with another—speaking of secret things that bring us both such joy. He is there for you, too. You can tell Him ANYTHING. And He always understands.

God bless you,
Your friend,
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