



Heart Line

Caring for the Heart New England

Why Pray? Part 3

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Startling Statistics on Suicide:

- ❖ Suicide is the 7th leading cause of death for males in the US.
- ❖ Almost 4 times as many males as females die by suicide
- ❖ The highest death by suicide rate is by older Americans over the age of 65.
- ❖ The 2nd highest death rate is by young people ages 20 to 24.
- ❖ On average there are 11 nonlethal suicide attempts for every suicide death.
- ❖ Firearms, suffocation and poisoning are the most common methods of suicide.
- ❖ Every suicidal threat must be taken seriously.

In the last two issues of *Heart Line* we have been looking at the importance of prayer in the ministry of *Caring for the Heart New England*.

- We saw that prayer is essential for a person to experience healing for his or her emotional pain. It is through prayer that a person releases that pain to Jesus and receives His healing in his/her heart.
- We also saw that prayer is an essential weapon in our spiritual battle against the enemy. It is through prayer that we find out if a person has enemy attachments in his/her life. It is also through prayer that he/she is delivered from those enemy strongholds. Prayer is essential for us to experience victory in our lives and overcome the enemy.

In this issue I would like


to finish explaining the importance of prayer in the ministry of CFTHNE.

Occasionally we work with a person who is not a believer. We still care about that person and seek to understand him/her just like anyone else with whom we work. We also pray with that person like we do everyone else. We usually share the gospel first, so that he/she understands the only way we can come to God is through Jesus and because of His death for us. Then we simply pray with that person. Through prayer Jesus reveals Himself to that individual and shows him/her that he/she needs Jesus as his/her Savior. For the first time that person connects with Jesus. Through prayer an unsaved person comes to have a relationship with Jesus.

When we work with a believer, we want to make sure that no

unconfessed sin issue will block the person so that he/she can't connect with Jesus. So we lead him/her in prayer to Jesus to confess any pride, moral failure or occult involvement. Prayer is essential for each person's confession and forgiveness of every sin issue. Through prayer each one experiences God's forgiveness and cleansing from his/her sins.

Many times as we lead a person to connect with Jesus in prayer, Jesus tells him/her that they need to forgive someone. Then we lead them in a prayer to forgive and release that person who wronged them. For many this is the first time he/she has truly been able to forgive someone who hurt him/her and experience the Lord's healing for his/her pain.

I hope this helps you to understand why prayer is the heart of our ministry here at CFTHNE. 

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The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 34:18

We are called to care!

From the Director's Desk

In this issue, I would like to continue looking at Matthew 18. In the last issue we saw that God doesn't want anyone to be damaged. However, we live in a fallen world and all of us are damaged. God cares about each person's pain.

In Matthew 18:15-20 Jesus talks about the importance of relationships. You see God cares about our relationships. God wants us to value relationships as much as He does.

For those of us who are married, no relationship is as important as our relationship with our spouses.

In these verses Jesus

gives some important guidelines for dealing with conflict in the marriage relationship.

v. 15 - We must each humbly do our part to restore the relationship with our husband or wife.

Steps to Resolving Problems in a Marriage Relationship

1. Recognize that there is a problem or problems in the relationship.
2. Humble yourself to admit your part in the problem.
3. Focus on caring about your spouse & his/her pain.

The prophet Hosea is a good example of a husband humbling himself to care about his

wife. Even though his wife was unfaithful to him and ran away. He humbled himself to go purchase her freedom and bring her home. Hosea set aside his desires to focus on and care about his wife.

v. 16 – We may need to get help to restore the relationship. Sometimes there are so many walls in the relationship that 2 people need help to restore the relationship. We shouldn't be afraid to ask for help when necessary. Someone outside of the situation may be able to help a struggling couple resolve conflicts and break down the walls in their relationship. Helping couples is why CFTHNE exists.

To be continued

Prayer & Praise

Special Request: Our 17-year old Oldsmobile is beginning to show its age. In the last year, we put over 12,000 on our car. Please pray with us that Lord would provide a different vehicle if it is His will. Thank you.

PRAYER:

- The individuals/couples we counsel
- Regular financial support for this ministry
- Wisdom in scheduling the many individuals and couples who want to meet with us.
- Wisdom in following up with those who have met with us in the past.

PRAISES:

- God continues to send individuals and couples to us.
- God is healing hearts and changing lives.
- God continues to provide for the ministry.
- We had a wonderful time at the CFTH Directors Retreat (Hesston, KS) in February.