



# Places In The Father's Heart

That reach out and touch, to bring times of refreshing...

## Refreshing Times

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### *Closing Our Hearts to Intimacy—By Gerri*

It is very common in prayer ministry to see hurting, wounded people that have closed their hearts to intimacy. Sometimes this closure occurs at a time of deep, emotional trauma. Other times, there are small, but significant times when one gets wounded repeatedly and little by little the heart is closed off vowing, I will not be hurt that way again.

The results of such decisions of the heart are that while we may self protect, we also self destruct! When the heart is closed to intimacy and love, our Father and His love are locked out of our hearts and there is no way to 'come home to Daddy.'

Often times we find those who have closed their hearts to their spouses because of the pain and wounding that has come about in the relationship. Remember, wounded people wound people. When we go through life wounded and in need of healing, we will inevitably wound others around us. The opposite is also true. Healed people heal others around them. This is why we must pursue our healing journey with the Lord at all costs. Marriages are failing today because hearts have been closed to intimacy.

We were created for intimacy with God and others. Relationship was His soul purpose for us at the time of creation. Think about Adam and Eve in the garden and the incredible, intimate relationship they had with their Father. They walked and talked with Him personally each day and night. They had sweet fellowship with Him. Until, that is, when sin came upon the scene and everything about intimacy with their Father changed.

Another important thing that happens when we close our hearts to inti-

macy is that we find it more difficult to 'come home to Father and His house.'

In prayer ministry we often ask the wounded one to be willing to forgive the pain that occurred in their earthly parents' home and release that pain to the Lord. We then pray with them to leave the pain of their earthly parents' home and come home to Father. It is there that we find true intimacy and love. It is there He wraps His loving arms around us and we find His embrace. It is there that our love hunger is fully satisfied and we become legitimately His child. If we continue to grow in our legitimacy, we then become His sons and daughters. No more do we walk in an independent, orphan attitude. We become who He has designed from the beginning of time for us to be. Destiny becomes a living reality in our lives. We become life givers instead of life takers and earthly relationships take on new meaning.

Our goal should always be to receive and then give away Father's love to the next person we meet, however we cannot give away what we do not have! How open to intimacy is your heart today?

I bless you with an open heart ready and prepared for the experience of the Father's love. I bless you to receive that gift of His love, regardless of how it comes packaged to you, and I bless you to give that love away to the next person you meet. It may be through a Father's hug—His touch. It may be through a look—His eyes. It may be through a kind word spoken—His mouth. I bless your heart to give away His love and change your world. I bless you in the name above all other names...the name of Jesus. Amen.

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### **Prayer Ministry**

#### **Closing Your Heart to Intimacy**

Closing our hearts to intimacy and love prevents us from experiencing the Father's unconditional, expressed love for us.

This will effect every area of our lives and cause our earthly relationships to be defiled.

Prayer ministry can help you identify the times you have closed your heart to intimacy.

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## *The Heart ~ Rhonda Oldland*

From time to time we like to feature articles by those we love, and who share our hearts in the message of Father's love. We have known Rhonda since we came to South Carolina in December of 2006. She loves pottery, gardening, photography and the way God expresses Himself through nature.

Roger and Gerri

### Where is your heart?

#### Is it positioned in Agape or Eros love?

When my heart is beating with His I can experience His Agape love wherein He is at the center of all that I do. I begin to listen to His voice and not the voice of my desires. I begin to see with His eyes and look for opportunities to make Him known to others by expressions of love. My needs become distant in light of others and my desires change from me-centered to Christ-centered.

In prayer I can worship Him instead of worshiping myself. My thoughts are on His majesty, His divine love and my heart is listening to the sound of His beat within me. My expressions become His expressions, and I no longer exist, I melt in His arms, His embrace, and His desires. Time stops and I linger in His presence and rejoice in the awesomeness of Him.

In my day-to-day activities I am moving by the prompting of the Holy Spirit and not my human spirit because my human spirit is in alignment with Him. We are one and in harmony and in this harmonious activity comes life in abundance where the simplest things become life giving to others and the mundane is marvelous. There is joy where sorrow used to rest,

and there is life where there was once death.

His love brings forth freedom to abide in His presence instead of working for His approval and affirmation. I co-labor with Him. I am his daughter affirmed, and approved because He is in me and I am in Him. We co-exist in this human body but it is not I that lives but He that lives in me. (Galatians 2:20) I participate in this divine mystery with Him and celebrate the unknowing.

If your heart is not beating with His heart, not at rest, cluttered with unholy images, striving to have it's own needs met, call upon Him and He will give you rest. Draw near to Him, and stop believing the lie that Abba should supply all your needs according to your standards (riches and glory). Take life from His word and let it penetrate your innermost being. Find nourishment in Him and He will abide in you. He is perfect rest, perfect love, and the harmony in our relationship with others.

Is your heart focused on your gifting and calling or is your heart centered in His? Has your personal journey become what you can get from God and not how you can worship Him? Is your heart on who you are in the Kingdom or who you are serving in the Kingdom? Does your heart drift away from God when He doesn't meet your needs or do you get angry and fall into to the lie of disbelief?

Is God your rabbit foot, lucky charm, or worse, is He the God you only call on for the things in life that will pass away? Where is our heart centered in self or the Father ?

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**The more a victim submits to or cooperates with abuse or oppression from a predator, the more it encourages the predator in the abuse. Any rebellion against the predator can cause increased abuse or the 'bring on the fight' mentality if you will. The perfect option is healthy boundaries. ~ Roger Taylor**

Eros love-self love

Agape love-God's love

Grasps  
 Self at center  
 Human love  
 Sinner finding God  
 Profit and loss mentality  
  
 Needs and wants at center-always  
 wanting it's own needs met  
 Controls the object of it's love  
 Pride ( sense of self-sufficiency)  
 Talks  
 Rebellion  
 Unbelief  
 Strives to justify self  
 Not stopped by sin  
 Finds it's own eternity/salvation  
  
 Counterfeit truth  
 Thinks they are good

Surrenders  
 God at center  
 Divine love  
 God finding sinner  
 Worships God without  
 expecting a return  
 Desires to meet the  
 the needs of others  
 Free and spontaneous Love  
 Recognition of self's insufficiency  
 Listens  
 Submission  
 Belief  
 Accepts responsibility  
 Convicted by sin  
 Salvation by God's  
 grace in 3:16  
 Authentic truth-God's word  
 God is good

Find the heart of Abba and you find perfect peace.

Rhonda Oldland ~ 7/17/08

Chart: accumulation of writings from Benjamin B. Warfield (1851-1921?), David F. Wells, and Rhonda Oldland.



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## *Last Things ~ from Roger and Gerri*

### Two new books!

We have been hard at work on our next two manuscripts. Gerri has finished writing hers—Invitation to Intimacy. It is about her encounters with Father at His house and in His garden. She is now in the process of recording this on CD in conjunction with Melanie Hulsey, her pastor's wife. It will simultaneously be released on CD and the website in an mp3 download. As finances permit, we will be releasing it in book form.

Roger is currently working on a manuscript about the marriage relationship. It contains many lessons learned through our 45 years of marriage and he is passing on to you our wisdom gained during those years. It contains new revelation on the entire subject of Godly submission in the marriage relationship.

### A Word Concerning Todd Bentley and the Lakeland Revival ~

No doubt, most of you will have heard by the time you receive this newsletter that Todd Bentley, leader of

the Lakeland Revival, and his wife have separated.

- 1) Please pray for Todd and his wife and family.
- 2) Be slow to judge and quick to forgive. No one but Todd, his wife and Father know the entire truth here.
- 3) The revival is **of God**, not Todd Bentley.
- 4) There are no poopless cows! Revival always creates a mess! Like Bill Johnson says, we must be ready and willing to clean up the messes as they come if we want revival.
- 5) We here at P I T F H want to be known as healers to all in the Body of Christ and we hope that you will desire that pathway as well. We do not need more judgment and criticism in the Body.
- 6) Many have been healed as a result of the outpouring of Father's love in Lakeland. Let's focus on that, while we wait to see how Father will use ALL the circumstances coming out of these events.

Blessings & Love, *Roger and Gerri*



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