

~ Kevin's Kolumn ~

When Connection is painful

Sometimes the deepest pain we receive comes from those of whom we love the most. Life's battles have a way of testing us, shaping us and (at times) even hardening us to life's difficulties. Peter reminds his readers that they shouldn't be surprised when faced with difficulties this side of eternity. 1 Peter 4: 12-13 says, ***"Don't be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange thing were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed."*** Jesus reminded his disciples in John 16:33 that in this life we will have tribulations, but to be of good cheer because he has overcome the world. I don't know about you, but I'm not one who generally rejoices over heartache. Even if I were to try to fake it, I'd fail miserably because too often I wear my emotions on my sleeve. It's not that we've been called to "pretend" all is well in the midst of our trials. Jesus wept in the midst of his. What makes us think we're stronger than he is? The only way he could endure the cross was to look forward to what awaited him once the cross served its purpose. Jesus wasn't a masochist. He didn't enjoy the humiliation and shame of the cross. He DESPISED it. But, joy awaited Jesus after Satan had his day. Soon the Son of God would be reunited with His Father in heaven. The joy we experience must be of such that we look forward to what awaits us once this life is over. That doesn't mean we can't experience joy in this life. It only means that the joy that we have to look forward to in the life to come isn't even worth comparing to the life we have now. (Rom. 8: 13).

Have a blessed day and remember the One who gave it to you.

Kevin

Hello & Welcome!

Prayer Requests

♥Pray for each of the following: Pam Jackson, Gerry Wyer (Dianne Tonkery's mother), Joann Hall, Margret Brand, Phil Phillips, Darrell Freeman, Noah Miller Jr., Marsha Kisner, Sharon Little, Dallas Shaffer, Kaylyn Lipscomb, Buck & Kim Osborne, Asher Deaton, Edith Gull, Robert Moore, Edwina Summers, Jimmy Securo, Rolly Sullivan, and Nicholas Lough. ur prayers on Todd's behalf.

♥Joan Lough continues to suffer with dementia and sundowners. Please pray for Joan, and her daughters and sons as they care for her

♥Prayers have been requested for Janet Anderson (friend of Phil and Jean). Janet has fallen and has incurred broken bones.

♥Buck Osborne is soon to begin dialysis treatments in the near future. Pray for Kim and their family as well.

♥Please lift up Sharon Little in your prayers as she goes through her cancer treatments

♥Pam Jackson began her cancer treatments this past Thursday. Pray for her, Tim and their children as she moves toward remission.

♥Erika Lough is having terrible morning sickness with her pregnancy. Keep her and Caleb in your prayers.

Thank You

Gerry Wyer, (Dianne Tonkery's mother), would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and the beautiful Sunshine Basket during her cancer treatments. They were greatly appreciated! Thank you so much!

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be held the week of June 4th. Please mark your calendars for this event. If you would like to help, please see Mary Lough. More info will be coming soon!