



From our Heart to Yours

Call on me
in prayer
and I will
answer
you. I will
show you
great and
mysterious
things
which you
still do not
know
about.

Jeremiah 33:3

Mission

Freedom Ministries of the Quad Cities exists to help couples and individuals experience freedom in Christ through identifying and resolving spiritual and emotional conflicts thus strengthening, empowering and helping fulfill their relationship with Jesus Christ and others.

Simple Prayer

Freedom Ministries is essentially and simply, praying with people. It is so profound to think that praying connects us and our clients to the heart of the God of the universe. Our prayers are not eloquent, theological, or sophisticated, but childlike. "We share our hurts, our sorrows, our joys-freely and openly. God listens in compassion and love, just like we do when our children come to us. He delights in our presence."

"God receives us just as we are and accepts our prayers just as they are. We bring ourselves before God just as we are, warts and all. Like children before a loving father, we open our hearts and make our requests. We



do not try to sort out, the good from the bad. We simply and unpretentiously share our concerns and make our petitions. In a very real sense we are the focus of Simple Prayer."

"Simple Prayer is found throughout the Bible. It involves ordinary people bringing ordinary concerns to a loving and compassionate Father. There is no pretense in Simple Prayer. We do not pretend to be more holy, more pure, or more saintly than we actually are. We do not try to conceal our conflicting and contradictory motives from God-or ourselves. In Simple Prayer we

pour out our hearts to the God who is greater than our heart and who knows all things (1 John 3:20)."

"Prayer has many shades and nuances-the prayer of tears, silence, and simplicity. The troubled prayers of the forsaken, as well as praise, a few words of unceasing prayer, and some challenging calls for radical prayer."

"In the most natural and simple way possible we learn to pray our experiences by taking up the ordinary events of everyday life and giving them to God. Perhaps we have a crushing failure

and we pace the floor with God, telling Him of our hurts, our pain, our disappointments. Frustration, tears and anger are also the language of Simple Prayer. We invite God to walk with us as we grieve the loss of our dream. We

speak frankly and honestly with Him about what's happening and ask Him to help us heal from our hurt behind the emotion. Don't worry about 'proper praying,' just 'talk' to God!"

"In the beginning we are indeed the subject and the center of our prayers. But in God's time and way a revolution takes place in our heart. Slowly, we pass from thinking God is a part of our life to the realization that we are a part of *His life*."

(excerpts from *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard Foster)

Upcoming Events

August 11-15 We will be attending the CFTH In-depth Training in Colorado Springs.

August 29—31 We will be speaking at Family Camp, Grace Baptist Church in Chariton, Iowa.

October 17—Freedom Ministries Trivia Night, Grace Ev. Free Church, Davenport, Iowa

October 26—30 We will be attending and speaking at the CFTH Annual Conference in Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Birdies for Charity

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the Birdies campaign. We are so grateful to you for your gifts. 2,040 birdies were scored in this year's tournament!



United Way

Did you know that you can support Freedom Ministries through your company at work? Would you like your charitable donations to go toward a Christian ministry? Freedom Ministries is an approved charity for United Way. Just write Freedom Ministries on the line to show where you wish your donations to go. Our United Way number is #663708. We thank you!



Caring for the Heart Conference

October 26—30, 2014

Light in the Valley Chapel
Sugarcreek, OH
719-572-5550

Evening sessions are free
And open to the public.
Afternoon workshops for teaching and training will require registration and fee.

www.caringfortheheart.com

Praise and Prayer

Praise:

- For God's truth, patience and love that heals hearts and relationships.
- For God's lovingkindness that pursues us.

Prayer:

- ♦ For safe travel this summer and fall
- ♦ For wisdom as we prepare for speaking at camp and conference.
- ♦ God's provision for Freedom Ministries
- ♦ For couples who are struggling in their marriage and have to wait months to get in.

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