



## From our Heart to Yours

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II Timothy 1:12

### **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.

### *Entrusted To Him*

Wayne and I were recently reading II Timothy and came across the verse printed in the left column of this page. I remember singing this verse in a song at church growing up. I'm not sure I understood it's meaning back then, but now as I ponder this verse, an overwhelming peace comes over me.

Paul is writing this concerning the churches he had planted stating that he is entrusting them to God as he puts his trust in Him. He is in prison and is not able to go there to see what is happening but wants to encourage them, not worry about them.

As I think about applying this verse to my situation, my loved ones come to mind. Often I think of them and the tendency to worry comes up in my mind. What if they get into trouble, what if they make poor choices, what if??? Then I remember this verse and realize that I know whom I have believed and am convinced that HE is able to keep them BUT, I must entrust them to HIM! I have the tendency to think it's up to me to keep them and must fight this urge. When I believe it is up to me, I end up making things worse by getting too involved and controlling or imagine horrible things that might happen but never do. As I entrust my

loved ones to Him I can relax, step back and let God be God. Ask Him if He wants me to do anything about the situation.

This also happens in our ministry at times. Remembering that it is God who prepares hearts, convicts hearts, and heals hearts takes the pressure off of me. When I pray and ask God to show me where He wants to go and what He wants to do, I see more effective ministry in a person's life.

Sometimes we get caught in the trap of wanting a person to get help more than they do! Someone may call and

pour out all of their problems to us. When I am in fix-it mode, it feels like bait hanging in front of me waiting for me to snatch it up.

That leads us to trying to rescue, which puts all the responsibility on us. When I

remember to pray first, care about the person's problems and submit them to the Lord, I am on the right track.

When we take our hands off and let the Lord prepare and work in their hearts, the outcome is very different. It is God who restores, not us!

Why is it that we need the constant reminder that we are not God??? We are to trust God! God is good to show us our weaknesses and his strength. It is a big relief to take that heavy weight off our shoulders, because we were not designed to carry it. God is.



## *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 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. July 7 is the cut off, so there is still time to send in your pledge!

**Thank you!**



## *Praise and Prayer*

Praise:

- ◆ For the Board of Directors who volunteer their time and talents to direct Freedom Ministries
- ◆ For our secretary, Kim who so faithfully serves here at Freedom Ministries
- ◆ For God's provision for our every need

Prayer:

- ◆ For healing for Wayne as he is "doctoring" with esophagus issues
- ◆ For safe travel this summer and fall
- ◆ For wisdom as we prepare for speaking at camp and conference.

## *CFTH Annual 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.

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## *Update on Lauren*

Our granddaughter, Lauren, had scans on May 7th. We are praising God for the report that there was no evidence of disease! Thanks for praying. She will have scans again in 4 months.

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