



**Jeremiah 31:3 I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself. Read Luke 15:11-32 Parable of the Prodigal Son**

Jeanine and I have been reading the four volume fictional series “The Secrets of Heathersleigh Hall” by Michael Phillips. I know I have mentioned this before in a previous newsletter, but woven through-out this story is deep theology that stops you in your tracks.

I couldn't help reading this particular chapter over and over! Imagine Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane crying out to His Heavenly Father, “Father, if it's possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet, not my will but yours be done.”(Luke 22:42) A Godly mentor in this chapter of the story says to another who is struggling with pride and rebellion against her earthly father, “Nothing else matters...laying down the right to self-rule is the business of life-the only business of life.”



It's only natural for us to seek our own will, the “old man” or “the flesh” still asserting his/her rights. I remember our daughter Hannah as a little girl saying, “I do it myself!” This self-focus attitude is what sin is all about. How many of us have said or thought, “I have the right to make up my own

mind, to make my own choices?”  
“No one is going to tell me what to do!”

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Why are we prodigals? Why are we obstinately deaf to our loving Heavenly Father's will for us? What's wrong with being independent anyway? What if what we call our rights are only illusions?

If you have ever read the story of Robinson Crusoe you picture him marooned on an island for years figuring out how to survive. But, how did he get there? Where did this story begin? In rebellion towards his father! Because of his desire to rule his own life, he proudly disregarded his father's advice and set off on an adventure to see the world by going to sea. His father counseled him to stay, work hard, learn a trade, earn his fortune at home in his own country. But he would have none of it! His father said, “If you neglect my counsel, you will have plenty of time later to reflect, with none to assist in your recovery.”

The author says, “It is only children who still think they have the right to self-rule. Grown-ups know better.” Do we??? What if learning to submit to His will is what Jesus came to teach us? What if, the years of our life, is for this very thing, to learn to lay down the right to rule our own life. What if giving

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up our independence and learning to depend on Him, moment by moment, is the key to stepping into the greater freedom God wants to give us?

The author says, "For this purpose was the Son of God born, and for this purpose did He die-to save men's wills from self-rule, and to show us how the Self might be yielded to God's highest will." Wow! I know I'm not there yet! Every day I face the question, my will or yours Father? Sadly, it's more often my will, my choice, my desire rather than His. But our Father's grace, mercy, peace, forgiveness and His overwhelming love draws us back to His will. Thank you Lord!

### *CFTH Zoom Webinar*

## **WE INVITE YOU TO OUR CARING FOR THE HEART ZOOM WEBINAR**

**November 7, 8, & 12, 2022**

Sessions will focus on specific  
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**Each workshop will have a limit of  
95 participants.**

**Registration for the Webinar sessions and the  
Saturday Workshops will open on our website,  
[www.caringfortheheart.com](http://www.caringfortheheart.com) October 24, 2022.**

### *Birdies for Charity*

Thanks to all who sent in pledges for the 2022 Birdies' campaign. We are so grateful to you for your gifts. June 27 is the cut off, so there is still time to send in your pledge! If you need a Birdies Brochure call or email and we will get one to you.  
**309-764-6881 or [freedomministries@att.net](mailto:freedomministries@att.net)**



**Thank you!**

### *Testimony*

I am so grateful for your ministry. You generously spent time with me, making the journey through the broken areas of my life. In just a few hours and many tears, issues became so clear ... so manageable after receiving the compassion and truth spoken in love. After many counselors, many years as a Christian, I believe the Lord was fully present as we prayed; and God opened the door to a breakthrough. It was for my good and God's glory!

### *Praise and Prayer*

#### **Praise**

- ◆ God that he is always at work to bring us to a place where we will trust Him more, obey Him more fully, and receive more of His blessings.

#### **Prayer**

- ◆ For God to open the hearts of each one who comes for help.
- ◆ For us to have compassion and understanding as we meet with people.

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