

County-Wide Chaplaincy

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Meet Me Here

With respect to the Lord, these three words, “meet me here,” have most often directed my thoughts to “meeting” the Lord through a scripture or a study or simply time spent in quiet with Him. It is as if the Lord were saying to me, “meet with Me here”. Although those times are important and we really do want to carve out time to meet with Him, I have recently been reminded that the Lord wants to meet us where we are. Possibly that means meeting us in our sorrow or in our questioning or even in our joy. I recently had a personal experience of the Lord meeting me. In sharing this sweet moment, please know that I am not making a theological statement. I am simply revealing how I believe God met me in a personal way. I was sitting in church and singing along with the praise songs. I was thinking about the recent loss of my brother and what he might be experiencing in heaven. All of a sudden I got the very vivid vision of my brother, my Dad and our little Mikey. They were looking through a window and my brother was standing between my Dad and Mikey. It was as if they were giving my brother a tour of Heaven. Mikey was doing the talking and he said to my brother, “You can look through this window when you want. Look, there is my Mama! See her singing! It’s Mama!” My heart was overflowing with joy in that moment. Again, we are not talking theology here, I am just talking about the Lord meeting me and comforting me and encouraging me in a way that I believe only He can do.

With respect to our daily lives, I also believe the Lord wants us to meet people where they are. This involves loving them where they are, meeting genuine needs when possible, and letting God work through us to help others. Wait a minute! Isn’t that what our chaplains do over and over as they are called out to help the hurting?

They love these people right where they are; in their pain, their grief, their agony.

They meet genuine needs in so many ways; offering a listening ear, providing needed information, helping with clean up or preparation or even food items. They truly allow the Lord to love these people through themselves and their offering of assistance.

It seems it is a full circle kind of thing. We take time to meet with the Lord, He ministers to us by meeting us in our need and then we are filled full in order to turn and share that love and encouragement with others. Wow! How amazing is the God we serve!

Thank you as always for the support of this ministry. Your support allows our chaplains to be helpful in situations the rest of us would not be privy to. It allows them to be the hands and feet of Jesus in those situations and be there to help when it hurts so much. In this month of February, where we are reminded a lot about love; I believe this is true love.

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