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"I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO ME." Matthew 25:36

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## SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

In times of stress -- in times of trials and tribulations -- we often get the feeling that the Lord has deserted us. These feelings are natural and very normal. Of course we know that the Lord hasn't deserted us, but the feelings are real and very much a part of us at the same time.

So how do we get past feelings like this? How do we avoid the sometimes helpless and hopeless feelings that often accompany situations like this? We know we should pray and spend time communicating with God, but even that can be difficult. So what's the answer?

That's where ministries such as Kairos have a lot to offer their people. When we can't seem to pray for ourselves, there are others that are ready to pick up that prayer burden for us. This seems to happen even when we don't make our needs known. Just think then, how much stronger the prayers would be and how much stronger we could be if we really did share our needs.

Isn't that what our Share and Prayer Groups are all about? We are all familiar with the fact that Jesus told us that when two or three are gathered together in His name He is there in the midst of them. The likelihood of all members of a group feeling depressed and deserted at the same time would be pretty rare. Actually, there is a much greater chance of all members of the group feeling good and positive at the same time. When someone has the experience of Jesus being real, vital, and ever present in their life, they have a tendency to want to share this with others. If the others present are close friends and fellow Christians, such as you find with a small Share and Prayer Group, they are usually much more open to receiving and experiencing Jesus for themselves.

Whether it's an inmate looking forward to spending the rest of his or her life in prison, or a person on the street who will never see the inside of a prison, their need is the same -- What they need is Jesus, there is no better way to experience Jesus than through a friend we can trust.

How about you? Are you supporting others -- and being supported -- in a small Share and Prayer Group?

Father Dave Jones †

## A CLOSING VISITOR

--- Excerpts from a Bishop's column

"On a recent wet Sunday afternoon I sat in the congregation listening to the inmates as they told their stories about the power of Christ in their lives and the power of community and love and friendship. So many of them had experienced a society that had rejected them, not only because of what they had done, but for many it seemed because of who they were as people. To spend time with a community that cared for them as they were cared for by the Kairos Community was transforming in and of itself.

"Surrounded by the walls of a prison this past Sunday evening I experienced the power of Christian community. I experienced the reality that Christ's resurrection can happen both in individual lives and in communities -- that the love that is offered in the most unlikely of environments can bring honesty, depth, commitment, acceptance, joy. In that place a week after Easter Day I could see that Christ was risen in some of the inmates who saw themselves as society's rejects. I could see that Christ lives in the young inmate who walked out with us and thanked us for the time we had spent (in prayer support and in coming to the Closing). It demonstrated to me once again the power of the Resurrection Community.

"I spend my time travelling around this diocese sharing and participating for short periods of time in so many different ministries. I often leave visits to many communities inspired and lifted up. It is important in this column to tell of one such occasion that occurred on a rainy Sunday evening."

## A CLOSING VISITOR ---

--- gives a special gift of taking the time to come and show prayer support and Christian love to the inmates. Closing attendance requires forms and lists submitted long before a Closing date, so we urge you to contact the leaders of our Fall Weekends at least 6 weeks ahead so that your name can be on the admission lists when the times come. The Weekend dates and leaders are listed in the "Bulletin Board" elsewhere in this newsletter.

Come and VISIT!

BULLETIN BOARD

- The Colorado Kairos Board of Directors has appointed two new Facility Coordinators -- Bob Shields for Arkansas Valley (Ordway) and Gene Wilkowski for Territorial. Congratulations, Bob and Gene! And thank you very much for volunteering.
- The Board (especially Dave Jones) is still seeking a volunteer to be Facility Coordinator for Fremont. Please contact Art Wise or Dave Jones (who is serving as Acting Coordinator).
- The Board has approved Delta Correctional Center's request through Bill Potter to begin Kairos Ultreyas at that facility. Bill will be conducting training for Western Slope "Cursillistas" who are interested in becoming members of the Kairos community at that facility. If you have been through Koinonia, Emmaus, Tres Dias, Cursillo, or any other similar experience, and are interested, please contact Bill soon at 303-874-4781, P O BOX 1013, Delta, CO 81416.
- The Kairos fund raiser is now scheduled for Saturday evening the third of November at the Lakewood Elks Club. Please mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend!
- The Territorial 2-day Retreat is scheduled for 18/19 August. If you were on the Territorial Kairos #9 team and are interested in serving on the Retreat team, please call Paul Garcia at 303-433-3115.

- Here is the Fall Weekend schedule and names/numbers/addresses of the Rectors/Rectora. Teams are already forming, so if you are interested in serving on one of these teams, please let the leader know -- SOON.

Fremont #16: September 13-16  
 Bob Reilman, 719-472-6923  
 Quarters 4510 C, USAFA, CO 80840  
 Womens #15: September 27-30  
 Peggy Strub, 719-634-2821  
 2821 N Chelton Rd, Colo Spgs, CO 80909  
 Territorial #10: November 15-18  
 Tom Guidera, 303-730-2148  
 5106 S Perry St, Littleton, CO 80123

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- And finally: WHERE IS THE PODIUM? Where IS that beautiful Kairos podium that we used for so many years in Womens, Fremont, and Territorial? You know -- the one with the Kairos fish on the front of it. It has (had?) a built-in amplifier, speaker, and mike connection. There is (was?) a mike that goes with it. It was last seen at Territorial and is now believed to be at somebody's house or repair shop for repairs. But WHERE? If you know or have ANY idea where, please call your nearest Board member right now -- PLEASE!

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SHARINGS FROM "INSIDE"

-- from FREMONT ----

LOOK UP!

Oh you who love the Lord  
 Look up -  
 The battle has been won.  
 No matter what befalls you here,  
 The best is yet to come.  
 Though pain may rack your body now,  
 And all earth's comforts cease.  
 Lean on God's everlasting arms  
 And He will give you peace.  
 Look up beyond the shadows, friends,  
 To Christ - God's shining Son.  
 Remember that on heaven's shore  
 The best is yet to come!

-- from FREMONT ----

"ALL I NEED NOW"

All I need now is God's good book  
 To show me how the heavens look.  
 All I need now is to find a better way  
 Than to keep my life in Satan's tray.  
 All I need now is to keep on striving,  
 And share these feelings that I keep  
 on hiding.  
 All I need now is to ask forgiveness  
 from my heart,  
 And to keep the good Lord forever  
 in my heart.

-- from WOMEN'S ----

LET ME TOUCH YOUR ROBE

You pass so often in front of me,  
 Yet in my blindness I do not see,  
 The blue of the skies, the smell of a rose,  
 For walking alone was what I chose.

The Song of the lark, the wetness of dew,  
 In everyday things, I failed to see you.  
 Then came my loss -- when I saw no way  
 To pass through my pain to the light of day.

The hand that reached out was different than mine,  
 A hand that was loving, and to color was blind.  
 The texture of skin was not that of my own,  
 But a warmth was there I have never known.

Your robe, Lord, is woven of softness and tears,  
 The hug of a friend to relieve my fears.  
 Sometimes a stranger in prison green  
 is wearing that robe -- and is YOU unseen.

-- from FREMONT ----

LOVE belongs to those who can reach  
 beyond themselves, to whom giving is  
 more important than receiving.  
 LOVE is doing everything you can to help  
 others build whatever dreams they have.  
 LOVE is the first to encourage and the  
 last to condemn!

OUTSIDE WEEKENDS

The blessings offered by a Kairos Weekend are also available outside and go by various names. One of these Weekend experiences is a prerequisite for Kairos team members. Here are some dates and contact persons for your information:

- Catholic Cursillo, Colorado Springs area:
  - Women: Spring 1991, contact person in future newsletter
  - Men: November, Gary Love 719-594-9532 Colorado Springs
- Catholic Cursillo, Air Force Academy:
  - Fall dates, Rita Seeley 719-599-0728 Colorado Springs
- Catholic Cursillo, Denver area, and  
Catholic Spanish Cursillo, Denver area:
  - Next dates, Sue & Frank Martinez 303-693-3726 Aurora
- Episcopal Cursillo, Men & women: Greg Green 303-939-4290 Arvada
  - September 6-9 (near Grand Junction)
- Koinonia, Northern Colorado (open to all):
  - Men & women, next dates, Sallie Youngman 303-484-6329 Ft Collins
- Koinonia, Denver area (open to all):
  - Next dates, Al Lowrie 303-794-7308 Littleton
- Walk to Emmaus (Methodist sponsored, open to all):
  - Men: September 20-23 Bethlehem Center, Westminster
    - Steve Barnett 303-773-8018 Englewood
    - Dick Evans 719-597-3426 Colorado Springs
  - Women: October 11-14, Bethlehem Center
    - Debby Young 303-470-0872 Highlands Ranch
    - Julie Culbertson 719-472-1342 Colorado Springs

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KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND  
c/o Peggy Strub, Treasurer  
2821 North Chelton Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

-- THE LEAST OF THESE --

PROGRESS REPORT #9 --- MAY 1990 --- \$6,500 TO GO

PROJECT: CHAPEL at COLORADO WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Thank you very much for your generous support of this special project. Your tax deductible gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, received in \_\_\_\_\_ 1990, greatly assists us in paying the \$32,500 cost of the modular Chapel building we placed at Colorado Women's Correctional Facility in Canon City in July 1988. Since then the Chapel has provided space for regular Sunday worship, Chaplain's offices, some weekday classes, 5 Kairos Weekends, 5 Kairos Retreats, and 3 Prison Fellowship Seminars.

Please ask your church, church groups, and friends to help this cause, too. Then we can complete repayment of our \$23,500 no-interest loan, for which we still need about \$6,500. We will keep you informed through our Progress Reports, so you can continue to rejoice with us for God's provision for His children, including those behind bars.

Again, in Christ's name, we thank you!

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Have you received a letter similar to the sample above? If so, you are among the 23 persons, 17 churches, 25 church women's groups, 3 foundations, and 1 other who have donated to this fund during its two years of efforts. Besides coins in a special offering, so far donations have ranged as follows:

- persons \$15 to \$1382 (one pledger)
- churches 15 to 500
- women's groups 10 to 1250
- foundations 150 to 3000
- building's previous owners - \$4000

HAVE YOU GIVEN YET?

If you not yet received such a letter, we pray that you will give us the opportunity to send you one SOON. Our need can be met by:

- 65 donors averaging \$100
- 100 donors averaging \$65
- 130 donors averaging \$50
- 163 donors averaging \$40
- 260 donors averaging \$25.....

Please ask God at what level He wants YOU to give. Any and every amount is gratefully received. Let's finish the job, and rejoice in hearing our Lord say

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!

Make checks payable to: KAIROS PRISON CHAPEL FUND

Send to: 2821 North Chelton Road  
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

PRAYER WARRIORS FOR PRISONERS  
P. O. Box 1574  
Canon City, CO 81215-1574.

We want to inform our readers about a prison ministry coordinated by Jan McLaughlin in Canon City. Jan gets specific prayer requests from inmates in the various prisons and passes them on to Prayer Warriors, more of whom are ALWAYS needed.

Although not required, some Prayer Warriors correspond with or visit their inmates. As one Prayer Warrior shared in the PWFP newsletter, "We can never do a kindness too soon, for we never know how soon it will be too late."

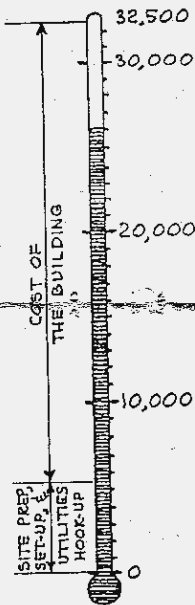
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-- but not everyone is able to do that, for various reasons. As one donor wrote to another prison ministry: "I cannot visit people in prison as I'm not near one, but the Bible says we should visit. So this check is to help you visit more prisoners in my place. May God bless your efforts to help them."

Will you help Kairos volunteers visit more prisoners in YOUR place? Please see the Kairos SPONSOR form on the back page.

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Jim Waters, 2411 North Nevada, Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Order for KAIROS LAPEL PINS

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KAIROS needs prayers, people, and SPONSORS -- PLEASE HELP!

\$100 \_\_\_\_\_ will SPONSOR one inmate/candidate.

\$60 \_\_\_\_\_ will SPONSOR one Weekend team member.

\$40 \_\_\_\_\_ will SPONSOR one Retreat team member.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ helps SPONSOR meals (\$150 - \$200 each).

\$\_\_\_\_\_ PLEDGE per month \_\_\_\_\_ quarter \_\_\_\_\_ year \_\_\_\_\_.

Please print: NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: KAIROS TREASURER, P.O.Box 25004, Colo Spgs, CO 80936 THANK YOU!!!

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money and keep our address file up-to-date.

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