

God's

Special



Time

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

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+++ FREMONT #19 CLOSING +++

I found forgiveness. I couldn't think of anyone in here I hated more than me, so I kept that bag of forgiveness cookies for myself. I found love last night.

We came unsure, lonely, hurt, weak, hungry, thirsty, needing a boost. We found the TRUE love of Jesus, a way to fill the loneliness. We're taking with us a commitment to remain part of the Body and not isolate ourselves anymore, -- and 20 pounds of cookies!

We found a lot of love, freedom in sharing, forgiveness in our hearts. We saw Christ in each other.

We were lifted higher than we've ever been lifted. We can build each other up and share Jesus Christ's love. We're taking a piece of the Christ in each of you that you gave us.

They say there's no place like home, where you can find love freely expressed, and we found "home" here this weekend.

Kairos answered all our questions. There can be no bigger force in our lives than Jesus. We found all the keys to unlock the doors, how to make our own community and feed each other.

That bag of love (palanca letters) just tore me to pieces!

My soul has been lifted truly. The Lord is really in this place. Whether in this place or outside, I want to live for Christ. I'm taking back more Jesus.

I learned it's OK to cry. I found I'm not alone here, so many friends in here with me.

I was dying of hunger and thirst for Jesus. I cried all day yesterday and it cleansed my life. When things were low, Jesus picked me up. Thank you, Jesus, you set me free!

We learned one big 4-letter word here - LOVE!

I was like a train halfway derailed. Now I'm back on the track with Jesus. We found freedom in here with Jesus.

I'm never at a loss for words, but this has been too much! I found more than I hoped for. I always looked down on people who cried, but God showed me everyone hurts, even out there, and it's OK for me to cry. I'm taking hope for my future. I'm going to be a disciple for Christ.

There's no place in society for guys like me (big, burly biker) anymore, so I'm going to change. I'm going to get into this holy roller business.

I had lot of bitterness, anger, a lot for myself for how I'd lived my life. I'm taking peace and joy I found here. I really want to follow God from this day forward.

I came to Kairos without my home-boys, was put together with guys I didn't care about. But I found more love here than with those home-boys.

This was my first time with the Lord. I was always into gangs and drugs before. I know I'm somebody now, and I'm going to follow Jesus.

I was 15 days past my parole eligibility date and wondering why was I still here. I thought I knew all about God, but found I didn't. I have an out-date now and need your prayers to walk with Jesus out there. I never did that before. I know I'm not going to make it out there without Jesus.

What happened when I came around the corner into this room (for the Closing), I thought I was in heaven. We were singing coming down the dark hallway, coming toward what we thought was an empty room. It was overwhelming! A little ways back down that hall is NOT heaven. Thanks for giving us a touch of heaven.

+++ SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING +++

For many Christians the pre-Easter time called Lent is a time which reminds us of our continual need for self-examination. In all of the three-day Short Courses like Kairos, the first talk deals with that basic issue in our lives, and with our ability, unique to humankind, to make choices and decisions which affect the course of our lives.

God gives His wisdom and guidance to those who sincerely pray for it (Jas.1:5). He sends His Holy Spirit to teach us His ways, as Jesus promises in John 14 & 15. The Holy Spirit is also our Comforter, Helper, and our Source of Strength and Power to live that "life in all its fullness" (John 10:10) to which our loving God calls us.

No matter what persons or circumstances influence our lives -- past, present, and future -- ultimately WE are the ones who are responsible for our attitudes, decisions, actions, reactions, and behavior. Persons, including Christians, who do not learn, accept, and apply this fundamental TRUTH, often live lives of frustration, futility, and even failure.

Let's ask ourselves, am I truly satisfied with the present direction of my life? Yes, no, or partly, we may find it helpful to prayerfully reflect frequently on the following questions:

#1 What are my GOALS in life, short and long term?

- #2 Are my GOALS realistic, achievable, worthwhile, and satisfying to God, others, and myself?
- #3 What am I DOING currently toward achieving such goals?
- #5 Is what I am doing currently really EFFECTIVE toward achieving such goals?
- #6 Remembering that I alone am responsible, how might I CHANGE my attitudes, efforts, and behavior in order to more effectively move toward such goals?
- #7 Am I WILLING to make any changes indicated by these reflections?
- #8 Will I start making those changes NOW?

Yes or no, I must take full responsibility for the effect of my decisions on the course of my life. In any case, we can learn to walk closely with God and live in contentment (Phil.4:11) in the midst of our circumstances and choices. And that will bring us into "the PEACE of God, which transcends all understanding..." (Phil.4:7).

May we all learn: to live victorious lives guided by the Holy Spirit, to experience INNER HEALING through giving and receiving FORGIVENESS, and to truly know that which no earthly being or circumstance can either give or take away, the supernatural PEACE given only by our Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:27).

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FLASH --- FLASH --- FLASH ---

The Denver area monthly Kairos Reunions have started meeting again. The meetings are on fourth Fridays at the Bond of Love Church at 9th and Acoma. After a potluck supper at 6:30, there will be a program and lots of good fellowship. EVERYONE is welcome -- former inmates, team workers, and ANYONE else who has any interest in Kairos. This would be a good time to bring friends who are curious about Kairos. For information, call Bob or Collin St Clair 303-278-0032.

SO -- Y'ALL COME !!!

OUTSIDE SHORT COURSES ---

We strongly recommend this unique "Encounter with Christ" for all Christians. Such a spiritual experience is a prerequisite for Kairos team members. Here are contact persons and some dates:

- Catholic Cursillo, Colorado Springs: Colo Spgs Diocese 719-636-2345
- ~~Catholic Cursillo, Air Force Academy:~~
- ~~Bob & Sunni Reilman 719-472-6923 Colo Spgs~~
- Catholic Cursillo, Denver area, and Catholic Spanish Cursillo, Denver area: Sue & Frank Martinez 303-693-3726 Aurora
- Episcopal Cursillo, Men & Women, 1992:
 - May 7-10, Cedaredge, Western slope
 - May 28-31, Bethlehem Center, Westminster
 - Sep 10-14, Trinity Ranch, Wetmore
 - Sep 24-27, Cedaredge, Western Slope
 - Greg Green 303-939-4290 Arvada
 - Sue Morley 719-495-3135 Colo Spgs
 - Daphna Russell 303-856-7005 Cedaredge
- Koinonia, 2-day, Ecumenical, men & women:
 - Al Lowrie 303-794-7308 Littleton
 - Sallie Youngman 303-484-6329 Ft Collins
- Walk to Emmaus, Ecumenical: (Spring full)
 - Fall: Bethlehem Center, Westminster
 - Men: Oct 1-4, Women: Oct 8-11
 - Registrar: Sharon Matthew 303-799-3658 Littleton
 - Colo Spgs info: Jim & Peggy Strub 719-634-2821

As you read this, the Kairos Spring schedule is well under way. Delta #1 and Fremont #19 are behind us and they both were clearly "GOD'S SPECIAL TIME". Women's #18 (April) is halfway through team meetings, and Territorial #13 (May) is getting underway. There may still be time for interested persons to volunteer for the Territorial team, and there is definitely time to sign up to attend that CLOSING on May 17. Please note how vital the Closing guests are -- see the Fremont inmate's response, "I thought I was in heaven...", when he came into the room and saw all the guests. Contact Rector Jim Saunders 303-794-3623, or Facility Coordinator Gene Wilkowski 303-939-8171.

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