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FATHERING

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."¹

When Jesus came and began to call God "My Father," it caused a great furor. The religious folk thought that this was way too personal.

Since He is our Creator, it is just the next step to describe the closer relationship Jesus came to show us. Each of us was designed and planned specifically. **"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."**² Our Savior wanted us to know how special and how intimate we could know the Lord. He still does.

One thing we have learned in Heart Menders is that the enemy tries to damage or destroy us as soon as he can. If Father is active with us before we are born, the enemy will try to damage us at that point also.

We are learning to let our Father re-parent us as we study the seven levels on which a father impacts a child. I will share some here on what we have learned so far. I do not know how completely I can share this in one edition of the Heart Beat. We are recording our discussions at the Laboratory of the Spirit on Tuesday evenings. We will make them available.

The first stage of fathering is before birth and in infancy. This is when the father is to speak life to the child. We could say he is to "prophesy" the child's life and declare him blessed. In fact, if there is no blessing of the father during this time, the child's human spirit will not be strong, and may likely be wounded and damaged. Think what your life might have been like if your father had known how to speak blessings over you before and after you arrived! Many of us have actually had the opposite!

Listen to the heart of our Father: **"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."**³

This is how our Father wants to care for each of us, so that we can confidently rest in Him all the time. Just as a baby is snuggled up in its parent's tender care, so does the Lord nurture us. Fathers are to bless the child so that he is connected to his parents and to God at a deep level. Then he can walk in wholeness.

Without the proper fathering, the enemy will sow shame, doubt, insignificance, and fear into the child's human spirit. These will cause deep wounds.

It is never too late for our Heavenly Father to touch and heal every degree of this wounding. We learned this long ago and have ministered to broken Child Hearts for years. Many were reached by the Father's Blessing that Louis gave so freely.

The second stage of fathering is seen in the toddler stage. At this point, the father provides a safe place

to explore his world and to learn about himself, what he likes to do and what he doesn't. Father provides a boundary that keeps him secure and also raises his horizons by encouragement. "You can do it!" "Try again!"

Children at play want someone to see and appreciate their "work." By the father taking time to see and appreciate whatever the child is showing him, there is a very necessary affirmation of value and identity. He finds himself again, safe in his father's love.

Without this vital confirmation of who he is, a child will portray insecurity in his goals and will only day-dream of accomplishing things. He will be uncertain of his purpose, always seeking to "find himself." He is not likely to be grounded in reality, and always living in a fantasy world. If there was fear instilled during this period of our lives, we will find no freedom to be who we were created to be.

This second stage of growth corresponds to the second day of creation, when the atmosphere and the oceans were formed. Both of these bring cleansing to the earth and its surrounding envelope. This represents the child's need to learn how to discard that which is inappropriate and embrace that which affirms his identity. Healthy boundaries are one of the first lessons the father imparts to the toddler.

There were several Biblical characters who were able to find their purpose and fulfill their destiny because they were well fathered or mentored. Isaac, Elisha, Esther, and Timothy, to name a few. Jesus is the MOST outstanding example!

As we carefully consider what we experienced as children, we will see things we need to go to our Heavenly Father to receive now that we missed then. He is so glad to do this. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide in forgiving your earthly father and/or father figure for the blessings you did not receive. Let your Heavenly Father fill in all the gaps and blanks, affirming and loving you as only He can! Soak in His wonderful peace and love. Trust him to bring forth your giftings that He designed, and the strength and stability to reach your divine destiny.

1 – Ps 139:13-16 NIV

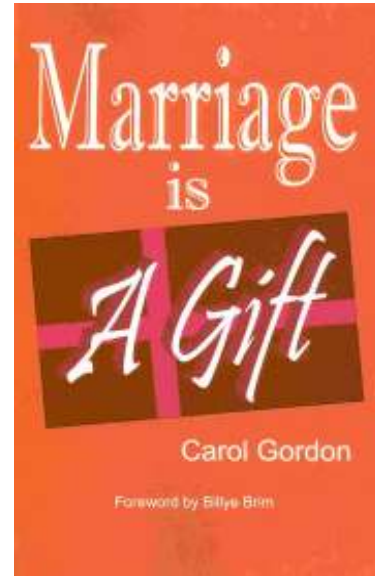
2 – Jer 1:5

3 – Ps. 23: 1-6

(All Scripture references are from the New King James Version unless otherwise noted)



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RECENT EVENTS

- Carol and Chrissy minister once a month at Hand Up Ministries' Women's Facility. We met at their new location and had a great meeting in January. Faithe went along this time.

CAROL'S SPEAKING SCHEDULE:

Please contact Heart Menders to schedule **Carol Gordon** to speak at your women's conference, luncheon, women's group, home group, etc. She brings a fresh and powerful word about the healing of families through the outpoured rain of the Holy Spirit in these last days. List of topics on website.

You can hear Carol's weekly radio program on KTOK 1000 AM at 7 Sunday mornings locally or on the web at www.ktok.com.



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NEWS AND NOTES

My dearest Friends and Partners:

The year of "fullness of blessing" is off to a running start. The Lord is indicating new things ahead for Heart Menders and me.

Please consider signing up for the Radio Ministry Prayer Team. More are needed. I want to acquaint you with the need we have for more funding for the radio. We are required to run six spots a week to advertise our Sunday morning program. This adds about \$33 a week to our cost. If four people would each underwrite one week a month, this would cover this expense. We also run one-minute spots on Oasis Network at about \$70 a week. We need underwriters for that also, at whatever you would pledge. Thanks so much!

Steve did an outstanding teaching on **DISAPPOINTMENT**. We are offering that this month also. Call for the "outside US" price.

Thanks to those of you who are financial partners with Heart Menders. Your faithful gifts of \$5 to \$15, \$25 to \$30, or \$50 or larger, make our work possible. It is amazing how the Lord brings in just what we need all the time! It is exciting to know that He is speaking to people to partner, so that they can be credited with what we do here! Thank you again for being a part!

The Lord is giving more and more vision to address our culture with the message of wholeness in the Lord. Please pray for Heart Menders, Heart MENTors (the men's ministry), and Hope For The Hopeless (www.H4Hweb.org). Also, please continue to pray about a facility to serve and heal the very deeply wounded. Please do your part and pray! It is a pleasure to pray for you regularly. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE."

Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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