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POSITIVE PAIN by Carol Gordon

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."¹

Our Master endured an enormous amount of pain to purchase our freedom from the sin nature and all the corruption it brought into our world. We will never have as much pain to suffer as He did. Can we see pain as a positive challenge in our lives, one that keeps us from ignoring trouble?

Have you ever been encouraged by a testimony of healing of a relationship? Are you excited when one works out for you? How do you feel when you reach an understanding with someone, suddenly seeing what is in their heart? Perhaps you have been in pain because of something said and then you see that you totally misunderstood that person and their intent!

Why do you think there is such pain in broken relationships? Does it hurt your heart when a marriage breaks apart, or someone dies and their family is bereft?

How does this look from Father's perspective? What can we learn from pain? I used to run from pain as hard as I could. I read a book sometime back, "PAIN, THE GIFT NOBODY WANTS," by Dr. Paul Brand. Dr. Brand was raised in India, by missionary parents. After becoming a physician, he returned to India and spent many years caring for lepers. They discovered that it was the neuropathy, or damage to the nerves, that caused the lepers to lose parts of their bodies. A wound would occur and pain couldn't

register. Because of infection, a toe, a finger, an ear, or a foot would be lost. All because they could not feel pain! He later worked in the USA with diabetics, who suffer the same kind of neuropathy.

Pain locates our heart issues. Have you ever created more pain trying to avoid pain? I certainly did. Change is often painful. The only way to evaluate our choices is by seeing them from Father's viewpoint! Does our pain echo His?

The Bible is about His story of painful loss and what He is doing to win back His rebellious lost love. All through the Old Testament, He uses the comparison of His relation with Israel as a marriage. In many Scriptures He refers to her rebellion as adultery and unfaithfulness. He also speaks of His desire to draw her back to Himself!

John the Baptist described Jesus as the Bridegroom, and Jesus referred to Himself that way. Paul says he betrothed us to Christ (II Cor. 11:2), and uses the marriage relationship as an example for Christ and the church.

It is a great comfort to a single person that the Lord is our husband, because a husband is "one who takes care of."

The pain we experience in our daily relationships should send us directly to Father's arms for wisdom and healing. He alone can show us the root issues and heal our deepest wounds. Without the pain we would never know there was something wrong we need to deal with. What a blessing to feel pain! Only our wonderful Creator would equip us so thoroughly!

1 - Heb 12:2

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

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RADIO OUTREACH

Heart Menders broadcasts on KTOK every week, the "original" and largest talk radio station in Oklahoma. The program airs on Sunday morning at 7:00 am (CST) and can also be heard on the Web at www.KTOK.com at the same time. We are also in the process of uploading some of our best radio programs to our website.

"HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS" UPDATE

Our new outreach ministry, "Hope for the Hopeless" (H4H), has been growing and expanding. Here is a list of our current projects:

- The OKC Faith-Based Social Services Directory
- The "No Promises" Project for Prisoner Re-entry in OKC
- The OKC Storehouse Project

There is so much LIFE in this ministry. Please visit our website at www.H4Hweb.org to read more. And you can see current updates at our blog, www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com. We are now part of the Oklahoma Partnership for Successful Prisoner Re-entry as well, and are pursuing getting "badged" to be able to go into local prisons and minister to the hurting folks there.

"HEART MENTORS" UPDATE

Our Monday night men's ministry is now in its sixth year – praise the Lord for His faithfulness! We meet at our leader's house at 7:00 for sharing and prayer. Please call ahead at 405-615-6648 if you need directions. All men are welcome, but especially those that are hurting. We have a [full schedule of activities each week](#), so be sure to check out the new Heart MENtors web-page on our website for details.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

We're kicking into high gear our efforts to have Heart Menders be well-funded and a ministry of excellence. We need more businesses to sponsor our Radio Program. Call (405) 495-HOPE to help, especially if you know of a business in OKC that is doing well and wants to help sponsor this ministry and gain exposure for its products or services at the same time.

NEWS AND NOTES

Dearest Partners and Friends:

Summertime means I get to go a few places. I was blessed by the Faith Christian Fellowship Conference in Tulsa. I also was able to go to Denton when Todd Bentley was there for one evening. Such a blessing to be where the Lord was evident. I had several divine appointments along the way.

My grandson, Sam, is here with his dad this month and is in and out. Chandler, in the Air Force, was here for the Fourth of July.

We are experiencing some wonderful times with the Lord in Heart Menders meetings and in our early morning prayer group. We had a Heart Menders Healing Intensive in June.

We are in high anticipation for our POWERHOUSE MARRIAGE SEMINAR, July 12. Dave and Linda Crites, dear friends from Moreno Valley, CA, will be the guest speakers. This is not just for couples, but all interested in better marriages. Even intercessors who pray for families. There is a free lunch, if we know you are coming. I am excited about the new format for the Heart Menders Radio Outreach. Dave and Linda are with me on July 6 and 13.

We appreciate our financial partners so very much! Gifts of any amount, larger or small, make it possible for us reach out to touch a broken world. The Lord wants to include you in the blessing! Thanks again for your support!

Our purpose is reaching out with the message of wholeness. Pray for *Heart Menders*, *Heart MENtors* (the men's ministry), and *Hope For The Hopeless*. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE." Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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- Prayer Requests for Needs for healing
- Prayer for me and Heart Menders
- Prayer for the Radio Ministry

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