

The Sharing Org

Ministry to the Adult Foster Care Community

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Ministry Moment...

I was all set to go to my services but my heart did not seem to be into it. I wondered if I wasn't feeling well or if I was hungry or something. Maybe I was just tired. None of those things, however, were actually the case. Then, it dawned on me that Gary wouldn't be there.

Gary was my buddy. His attendance in the services was on-again off-again for the past couple months or so. I went to his room and he told me that he didn't have much energy as of late. I sat with him for a while and visited. Beside the fact that he was more tired than usual, he seemed fine. I got ready to leave and prayed with him and told him that I looked forward to his coming to services again soon.

The next week Gary was there and all was good again. But the following week I noticed he wasn't there again. So I made comment to the fact, and I was informed that he had moved out and to another location that was better suited to meet his physical needs. Upon that remembrance, I realized that I really wasn't looking forward to going to my services that day because my friend wasn't going to be there.

Gary didn't die, but I guess it really doesn't matter because I know that I will never see him again. I am quite aware that this could be the case for everyone that I see each week in the homes, but it is ironic how I don't seem to value the times that I have with them as though it could be the last time I see them. I guess life is like that, isn't it? We don't fully appreciate the time that we do have with those we love.

~John

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone.
I will make a helper suitable for him."

(Genesis 2:18)

While the context of this verse is specifically about man and wife, I believe it points to the fact that we all were created for relationship: first with God, then with each other.

Prayer Letter...

Dear Prayer Partner,

Happy July! Are the neighborhood fireworks waking you up yet? It's been pretty peaceful here, but I know that it is going to get loud soon.

At this point, Kayla still has not had her baby. She is off bedrest but still under orders to be easy. Keep praying that all goes as planned and while I don't know the exact date that she is due, I suggest that we all pray that she will have the baby on July 2nd because everyone knows that is the day that all of the smart, funny, and beautiful people are born. *I'm just saying.* (Yes, that happens to be my birthday, as well as that of our son Ian, who is turning 1 already!)

Please pray for me too as I am in the home stretch of editing the 10 year anniversary book that I have been working on for the past two years or so. Who knew that editing was such a process? I have (just today) completed the final edits for the book's formatting and made the final changes to the cover image. The plan is that I will get it all shipped off to the editor this weekend and that should be that. We'll see. Please pray.

As we go into the 4th of July weekend, please be safe and have a great celebration of our nation's 239th birthday!

Blessings,



John

THIS JUST IN: Jenn and Drew are coming home! Drew's job in California is ending so they are on their way home and will be conducting services again. More info when I get details.

⁷ For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

⁸ And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

(1 John 5:7-8 KJV)