



Loving God - A Note From Sharon

Valentines Day will soon be here and hearts and chocolate abound in the stores... but Valentines Day is a good time to stop and ask ourselves what is abounding in our hearts toward our true love, God Himself. As we endeavor to establish our steps in God's Word we can be certain the Word makes it clear we are to "love God with all our heart, soul and might." (Deuteronomy 6:5) God established that with His children from the very beginning. But when Jesus was speaking in Matthew 24:12, He said that on account of sin, many people's love toward God would grow cold.

You know Valentine's Day is about keeping love alive, and sometimes that takes purpose and intentionality. Our lives get busy and we can get distracted from our love. As my husband and I were recently talking, he was telling me about a new way to give a Valentine card that sounded alive and fresh to me. Instead of each purchasing one perfect card, a couple can go to the card store and stand there together reading cards and sharing the ones that are especially meaningful with each other. That way you get many cards and messages of love and you don't have to buy anything! It works with our thrifty ways too! Seriously, I thought it sounded fun and a great way to say the things that I often mean to say, or want to say, but I allow life to distract me.

Although our relationships with our spouse and other loved ones are important, they don't compare with our love relationship to God. The Bible says that He has loved us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3). No one else will ever love us like that. His love toward us will never grow cold. I encourage you to stop today and ask yourself how you can show your love to God in a fresh and new way. Perhaps these scriptures may help you to focus on His love for you... I have found when I get a glimpse of His love for me... my heart is rekindled to love Him more, in new ways, in warm ways, in true ways.

Psalm 13:5-6
Psalm 136:1-8, 23-26
Isaiah 54:10
Lamentations 3:22-24
Ephesians 2:4-7
Romans 8:38-39
Ephesians 3:16-19

Summer Intern Madeline Weiss



Established Footsteps is excited to welcome its first intern for the summer of 2010. Madeline Weiss, a talented and committed Christ follower at Westmont College in California will be joining our team this summer. We are excited about all that God will bring through Madeline as she offers her artistic and faith gifts to the Women's VBS mission and we are eager about our role in her life as well as we intentionally walk her through some discipleship steps during her 10 weeks with us. Internship is a new journey for EF, but one that God has distinctly ordained. What a great opportunity for a mission to be accomplished and for training for Madeline in God's Word. Welcome Madeline!

Ministry Prayer Needs

We value the prayers of God's people more than you know. Truly there are so many prayer needs, but we will zero in on several, asking you to lift these up in the coming months.

Pray for Sharon as she will be speaking at many retreats and events in the coming months in Virginia, Alabama, New Jersey, New York, Florida, and Iowa. Please pray for God to speak through her and for her good health. Pray for the women at these events, that God's Truth would

Women's VBS 2010



Details Coming Soon...

This August, Established Footsteps Ministry will host its fourth annual Women's VBS! We hope to have the venue and date finalized next week, so look for more details soon!

Letters of Encouragement

Thank you to so many of you who participated in our letter project this past year. For Christmas we were able to deliver a years worth of encouragement in the form of handwritten letters to two special young women...

Carrie - a missionary in an Asian country rescuing young women from human trafficking

Jan - a southern single mom endeavoring to walk with Christ

In their own words:

"Just want to say thank you for the thank you notes and letters that you sent. This is particularly a challenging time as I am in a waiting and preparing season which is always the struggle for me. Your note which I read today (Psalms 27:13-14) was right on and encouraging to me. God has been encouraging me to stand on His Word and get a word from His Word everyday and that is what I have been doing. Thank you for all the encouragement! I love reading the notes every day." **Carrie**

"I was so excited about the gifts... I can't thank you enough... Would you please tell everyone that was involved in it thank you for me? I will keep all of them all in my prayers and continue to prayer for them all during this next year. I have been so blessed this Christmas with new friends. I appreciate so much what ya'll did for me. That was so thoughtful... I pray that God will bless each one of you this next year like He has blessed me. Thank you! You all are very special gifts from God and the messages you sent were awesome and amazing. The letters are such a blessing and encouragement to me and what I have been doing is rereading the past weeks letters over again. And I am more encouraged and blessed. Please keep up the good work." **Jan**

We also hand delivered many notes to women in Romania and the women there were encouraged as well.

So... to all of you who penned letters for these special ladies, thank you! Your gift of encouragement and prayers for them will continue through this year!!

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draw them into places of greater freedom in Christ. **Pray for our upcoming summer VBS...**

that God would work wonders in women's lives.

Pray for our new ministry to the "dark places" for safety and open doors to share the light of the Truth.

Pray for God to continue to pour out His resources to Established Footsteps and for us to continue to trust Him and move forward in faith.

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