



Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

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Scars

I've been thinking about scars lately because I have added some new scars to my old scars, from having open heart surgery just a few weeks ago. My first scar was when I had a wreck on my tricycle when I was 4 years old. That scar is visible on my right leg to this day. We all have scars, whether visible or invisible..... but they are there.

The definition of a scar is: a lasting effect of grief, fear or other emotions left on a person's character by a traumatic experience. I would also add the scars of betrayal, rejection, and abuse. We have heard of the saying, "they are scarred for life." Everyone on this planet has been wounded in some way or another which left us scarred. If there is a scar there had to be a wound first and the question is.... have those wounds healed?

Scars are a testimony of wounds that have healed. How did the healing come? **Psalms 147:3, "He (Jesus) heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."** That's my testimony of not only many physical wounds in the process of healing but also emotional wounds healed from the inside out. One side note: unforgiveness and bitterness hinders all healing! The wounds will simply scab over, but when brushed up against the pain will be there all over again making it a fresh open wound. Jesus paid a high price for our total and complete healing through the power of the Cross!

No one can deny that our Jesus suffered more than any man! Are we willing to enter into fellowship with Him in His suffering?

The Apostle Paul wrote in **Galatians 6:17, "for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus"**...the wounds, scars, and other outward evidence of persecutions - these testify of His ownership of me.

2 Timothy 2:12, "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him."

1 Peter 4:12-13, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial, which is to try you, as though something strange happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may be glad with exceeding joy."

1 Peter 4:19 "Therefore, let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator."

In this world we will suffer. If we make stupid mistakes leaving God out of our lives..... we will suffer. But if we suffer for doing what is right and trusting the Lord with our lives, we will be blessed. Most of the time we don't see the purpose immediately, but if we trust Him... **"what Satan meant for evil.... God turns for our good and His glory! (Genesis 50:20) I believe that "ALL things are working for my good and for His glory" Romans 8:28**

I am not in the jail! I am not in the hospital! I am not in the ground! So, God is not through with me yet! I am leaning on my Beloved! **"In my weakness He is strong!"**

Thank you for all your prayers and love! I love and so appreciate you all! *Rhonda*

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SCHOOL is OUT !!!

**We serve an average of
350 people per meal in
the summer... and
LOTS are children!**

We try to plan activities for them each day
to teach them more about God through
coloring pages, reading bible stories,
arts & crafts, or games

OUR GREATEST NEEDS FOR SUMMER:

- *Toys for our toy box*
- *Children's Books*
- *Stuffed Animals*
- *Juice Boxes*
- *Small prizes...for learning bible verses*
- *Volunteers to help with reading
to the children, arts & crafts activities,
and helping little ones with their trays*



For the Children in our Community

**Friday, June 20, 2024
@ Grace Place
1600 Jackson Street
10:30am-1pm**

**water slide, obstacle course, hot dogs,
cotton candy, sno-cones, and lots more!!**

Just a few
of our precious
children ...
Please help us
make summer a
special time
for them !!



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