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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Reformed Expression April 2007

Dialog Sharing

Quite often Carol & I reminisce about the poster that was placed on our door on our weekend. It has been hanging in our bedroom for most of the time since that weekend. We decided to dialogue on the words on our poster, "Happiness is Loving Your Best Friend."

Dear Carol,

I vividly remember coming to our room after the first presentation on our weekend. The words on that poster on our door were like darts that struck the bull's eye. Each one had found its mark where it had been aimed. Those words were what God had wanted for me to see. The poster was one of many ways throughout that weekend that convinced me that God had a purpose for us being there. He began to reveal that purpose when He had that poster, with those words on it, on our door.

In the busyness of life, I had forgotten who my best friend was and I felt lonely at times. I had made choices that kept me from having a really close, intimate relationship with you. I felt annoyed with myself for making choices that allowed our closeness and intimacy slip. The weekend helped me see where I needed to make choices to help us back to where I judged we should be.

I still need to fight over commitment. It is still easy for me to make choices that take time away from my best friend. I feel dismayed about that. I need to make choices, which help us spend time together enhancing and strengthening our marriage and friendship. Dialogue has taught us how to communicate. I still feel confident dialogue can be the tool to help me stay close to you!

All My Love
Cal

Dear Cal,

That statement has become more meaningful for me over the last twenty-one years. I remember before our encounter weekend giving you a Father's Day card with that statement on it. Little did I know the impact that statement would have on our relationship. As we began our weekend, I wasn't sure you were my friend. Then the first time to our room that weekend revealed the poster with those words. Each time I entered that door, I read that poster. As the weekend progressed I discovered I was married to my best friend. I became filled with more self-confidence and feelings of happiness and joy as the weekend progressed. My love for you grew by leaps and bounds that weekend as we worked through each question we were given. I learned that loving you was a pleasure and that you truly are a gift from God. Over the years that gift has become more treasured and I feel enthusiastic about our relationship. You are my best friend! I pray that our friendship and love will continue to be like a beautiful flower that sends off a fragrance that radiates through every part of our lives. Loving you has been the happiest thing of my life!

All My Love
Carol

Additional Sources for Dialog Questions:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: <http://www.wvme.org/already.html>

Lifetime List of Dialogue Questions: <http://www.cs.bgsu.edu/maner/dialogue/>

The Dialog Companion: <http://www.wvme.org/companion.html>

Start inviting your friends and family to the weekends scheduled so far for the next ME season:

United States

October 12-14, 2007 Holland, MI
February 8-10, 2008 Holland, MI
March, 2008 Sioux Falls, SD
April 18-20, 2008 Holland, MI

Canada

September, 2007 London
November 2-4, 2007 Peterborough
February 2008 Vineland
April, 2008 London (clergy)

Register ON-LINE for these great weekends by going to www.reformedme.org or see the area contact information for registration couples below.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Reformed Marriage Encounter Events:

United States

Circle: We are in the process of organizing a Circle in the West Michigan Area where you can continue to meet with other couples who share your ME values. If you would like to be a part of this circle please call Mike & Beverley Rannow @ 616-392-3417. The first meeting will be May 12 @ 7 PM at Mike & Sharon Davis' home at 4266 60th St. Holland, MI.

Canada

Watch the next addition for upcoming events in Canada.

Are you willing and able to fill the following ministry needs?

West Michigan

Here in West Michigan we have an urgent need for people to fill the following positions to help with the smooth execution of Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. We need a Prayer Couple Coordinator and Supply Couple. Please contact Kevin & Christine Sall if you are willing to help out, 616-772-5658.

Reformed Expression Contact Information

North American Executive Team

Open at present- Lay Executive Couple
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