

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of October 25, 2015

When a Loved One is Pushing You Away

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers. The current focus is on loved ones. That focus will change several times as we work through selections from the book.

READ: Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

Luke 23:34

REFLECT: My fourteen-year-old son’s greatest delight seemed to be teasing his sister Jana, who was eleven. The taunts and comments led to bickering and frequently to tears.

One day when the teasing became too much for her, Jana screamed in a voice loud enough to be heard throughout the house, “I love you, Alan. Sometimes you try to keep me from it. But you can’t stop me from loving you.” With tears streaming down her face, she fled to her room, leaving Alan speechless.

Sometimes God speaks loudly to us so that we stop and listen. I think of the death of Jesus on the cross as a silent scream of God in which He says, “I love you that much, no matter what you do.”

Ruth Dinkins Rowan

PRAY: *Thank You, Father, for people who love me even when I give them every reason not to.*

DO: Do something kind for an unkind loved one.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. *The full version used on Wednesday evenings is on the table in the lobby and on the website (see Archives).*
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Nim Tica’s message “Comfort My People...Behold Your God” (Isaiah 40). Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ, as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services, and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.

** A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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