

Shepherds of Love Ministries



A letter from the Shepherd Girl

Dear Friend,

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The time is 4:44 a.m. on July 17, 2019 and it has been years since the Spirit of the Lord has spoken to me in the early morning hours. I have had a series of life challenging experiences causing me to make changes in my daily life and my work skills during the last 5 years.

In 2014, I fell and suffered a head concussion that affected my cognitive thinking. For the next three years I went to weekly Brain Retraining and I praise God I recovered a lot of the skills I lost. This accident plagued me daily with headaches, confusion, the inability to focus, followed by depression and many days of unexpected crying that I could not stop. If you have ever had a brain injury you may understand. It is amazing how uniquely God created each one of us, yet in His Image.

Months went by when I simply could not hear my Shepherd's voice. If I did hear from Him, I was unable to write my thoughts on paper. I still have problems vocalizing and writing my thoughts, but with each day I continue to seek Him early in the morning. Praying, reading His word, and listening for a few words to journal. Because I can share with our SOLM partners how proud I am to see God's hands on this ministry during such a difficult time; one of my prayers is being answered at this very minute.

He has led this ministry almost 19 years and continues to keep us focused on the future. He continues to send the poor and needy to us daily. On those days when I think I can't listen to one more heartbreaking story, God says, "Yes you can. Just relax, listen to the heart of the caller and I will lead you by my Spirit." Every story is important to us and we take the time to listen, offer words of encouragement and prayer. Our callers are also created in God's Image. Single Parents, Seniors

living on \$700 a month, Veterans who suffer with PTSD and multiple physical problems, the Unemployed and Disabled in need of utility assistance. We are able to help financially as funds are available and daily with prayer which is the most important service we offer. We know and believe in the power of prayer and our clients hear us bring their brokenness to the Lord over the phone. We feel the Holy Spirit touch each of us as we seek His help. Many calls end with tears of relief as healing begins. We can sense joy and hope has been restored to this lost lamb.

We often hear the client say, “thank you for the prayer, I needed that”, “I did not know God still loved me I have felt so alone” or “Thank you for taking time to listen to me I needed to hear every word you shared.” Sometimes, they literally shout THANK YOU JESUS! Sometimes, there is silence followed by crying this leads us to ask questions.

What are the tears about? Do you know Jesus personally? Would you like to give all of this pain to Him right now and let him change your heart forever?

This is the moment we know why Shepherds of Love is a unique, personal ministry. We know why we get up everyday and answer the phones.

Why? Because we are His and He called us 19 years ago to live by this scripture:

“Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves how can I help?” Romans 15:2 NIV

In closing I am reminded of a comment I made in the video on our website made about 15 years ago that stands true today and comes straight from the heart of this shepherd girl.

“When my heart is heavy, I pray, and God does the most amazing things. If you support this ministry you will truly be blessed. Thank you for believing in our vision and walking with us.”

HIS Shepherd girl,

Teresa Rountree

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