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The Cooler

Refreshment for a Thirsty Soul
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Dear Jon,

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Galatians 6:1-2, "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Part of being a family is engaging in confrontation and resolution, though generally, we do not like to do this! Prayer and love must be the filter through which all confrontation passes. Jesus never intended us to brow-beat each other with the Gospel, and we're warned that temptation could be right around the corner for us, just after "correcting" someone else. Nevertheless, "speaking the truth in love" to each other is absolutely essential and our "right word" at the right time can be a matter of life and death to those around us.

Domino Idea:

Read some of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' miracles. Notice how He had compassion for the needy.

Not sure if this is the place to share but I just had to tell you about my experience last evening.

I was listening to a teaching CD and the thought came that since I was listening on an I Pod I could keep listening and go for a walk. (Not my favorite thing to do) however I started out. Planning to walk toward my daughters I got halfway around my block and realized I didn't have my phone so I decided to walk clear around the block and stop off to get my phone. Half a block on down the street there was a "huge German Shepherd" standing in a yard. I looked to find an owner only to find that the front door of the house was wide open and no person visible. OK , I started praying and the dog came bounding toward me, I could see he was just a puppy and he wasn't growling. I spoke to him kindly and pointed to his house and said "GO" he did but then he came right back as if returning a ball.



I had kept walking and was almost past his yard when he decided to jump on me. Well, I lost my balance and fell down into the street. While laying there with the dog bouncing all around me I was asking the Lord what's this all about. Just then the owner, a lady about 40, came racing out, full of concern and sympathy. She tried to control the dog but couldn't for a while, I just lay there with my arms over my face and head to fend off the affection of the dog. When she finally got the dog in the house and came to help me up she began to tell me how her husband had just left her for another woman, she had lost her job etc. I began to laugh to myself, "Lord if you wanted me to talk to this lady you didn't have to knock me down." However it did make my new friend willing to listen as I shared with how much the Lord loved her and wanted to help her with all the things going on in her life. We talked for over an hour. Then she said, " I like you, can we talk again?" Of course I gave her my phone number and got her number. I know it is the beginning of a very special project Father has given.

She wasn't ready to make a commitment to the Lord yet but I know and so does she that the Lord sent me last night. Her name is Deborah. I will keep you informed on our progress to bring this dear one into the kingdom.

Roberta

"If you are thirsty, come! If you want life-giving water, come and take it. It's Free!"

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