

# February 2009

## Moments With Father

Keith Yoder

*Impressions received while listening to God in prayer*

I have sent My Son that you may know Me. This is what I desire you—and all--to believe.

My Son and I are one. I love you. He has sacrificed Himself for you. We are one—in complete harmony and concord in our love for you. We desire that you enter into the same love We have for one another—yes, the same oneness.

My Son was sent to gather into one those from all nations. He prayed for you that you would be one even as We are one. He prayed out of our oneness that you would be one with us and one with each other as My children.

In depending upon Him and yielding to His nature toward Me, you enter into union with Him. In union with Him you enter into His relationship with Me and I with you. My Spirit unfolds the truths of My Son to bring you near and to enter into our oneness.

Therefore, maintain agreement with the Spirit of truth until you come into the unity of the faith—the conviction to which you agree.

I call you first to oneness—the wholeness of union with Me. From oneness with Father and Son a unity forms that reflects harmony with all that I am. As people see your oneness with Me—and with each other—they will know that I have sent My Son for them as well.

(Confirming Scriptures: John 10:30; 11:52; 17:11, 21, 22; Romans 12:4; Ephesians 4:3, 13; Philippians 1:27)

# Walking Circumspectly as Children Native Born to the Light

## Leadership Development Learning Community

Having a desire to effectively equip leaders and to coach those who train leaders according to the ConneXions model of leader development, in early 2007 we set out to establish a local community of believers as a laboratory for leader development. Our primary reason was to have integrity by applying locally on a daily basis what we are coaching others to do in their training endeavors.



We envisioned developing healthy congregational ministry, and marketplace leaders in the context of a learning community, employing the principles modeled by Jesus, namely: Christ, community, character, calling, and competencies. In doing so, we employed the four transformational dynamics in designing learning experiences: Spiritual, Relational, Experiential, and Instructional—as Jesus did.

After two years, we have discerned to conclude this endeavor. A final meeting as a group was held on February 1, 2009, with opportunity to reflect on the growth and learning that had taken place for the participants. We have learned much in the process about community, the shifts going on in the hearts of believers today, and leadership. Our experience with LDLC helped us to assess our approach to community and leader development; we learned from our mistakes and shortcomings as well as our successes and fruitfulness.

We were able to make a difference in leader development in cross cultural initiatives-impacting leader development in India, Myanmar, and Turkey/Iran. We invested in micro finance projects to advance the creation of jobs and business opportunity in indigenous settings. We experienced the power of the four dynamics by which transformation takes place in individual lives as we learned to employ them in learning experiences. From what we learned in the context of LDLC, both Keith and Don have been able to effectively employ these dynamics in other contexts with life-changing results. In fact, we are seeing much evidence of this in LifeXchange which Don leads for owners of businesses.

It was very fulfilling to see the growth of individuals learning through participatory and interactive study of the Scriptures and their application. We were all enriched through our intergenerational activities with our young people. Creativity was a high value by which we were often edified and inspired.

We are very grateful for all the participants who gave a chapter of their lives to this endeavor. We are more convinced than ever of the efficacy of the principles by which Jesus developed His disciples (leaders), and we look forward to new venues in which to demonstrate the wisdom of His approach.

### Insight from Time of Prayer and Fasting



*"I really appreciated the time of fasting and prayer, I felt that it was very productive in my life. The Lord used it in many ways to simply draw me closer to Him. The discipline of fasting also*

*actually brought me joy which I did not expect. I know that I will approach the next season of fasting with great expectation because of what the Lord has begun during this time."* **Alice Brown**

*"I so appreciated the fasting devotional. I had felt such a quiet sense of God's providence and provision."*

**Cindy Riker**

*"I appreciated the promise scriptures that were given. I felt like it was so appropriate to read and pray over those. Several times while praying I was led to Jude 1:24-25- "God is able to keep us from falling. I felt like God was really speaking to us through this I also appreciated the prayer in regard to wisdom. My heart is just full of praise to Him who is able to give us all we need and to keep us on that path." Thank You, Jesus!"* **Char Yoder**

*"Several impressions are left with me regarding this passage relating the events around Elijah and the Widow in prayer guideline: I saw Faithful Obedience translated or manifest as Action or Response. They looked to God and not to His gifts. Because of this they were open to His provision in the Fashion and timing He chose. God sustains and nourishes."* **Bill Nis**

*"The impression I received is from Jeremiah 1: 9,10 The ministry during this fast and the people involved have gone through an uprooting, (torn down or dissected) destroyed, and overthrowing process. In fact you might be feeling this in body, soul and spirit. Now receive the building and planning. A fresh breath of the Father breathing through the debris and blowing it out of the way. Receive the wind of refreshing, renewing and bringing new life."* **Shirley Hampton**

*"I was greatly encouraged by the continual insight from the intercessors. It was truly a special time for us at Teaching The Word Ministries. We believe we will see great fruit manifest from all the prayers that went forth. We are very grateful for your sacrifice in prayer. We love you all!"*

**Pat Denlinger**

