



Isaiah 6:8: “Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here am I! Send me.’ ”

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The Lord is greater than our trials



THAT IS what we all must do each and every day as we live for Jesus, remember His word, and hide it in our hearts so we don't grow weary in well-doing.

Over the past few weeks at the ministry part of our fence

blew down, the forklift broke, the walk-in freezer failed, and we faced various other trials. Our enemy the devil tries to discourage us, but greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

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Don't lose hope and don't give up. The Lord is still working.

Keep praying. Pray without ceasing. The Lord brings beauty from ashes.

The Lord brings those from down in the pit and sets them amongst princes. The Lord heals the brokenhearted. He sets the captives free.

JESUS DEFEATED the grave. Because He lives, we can face tomorrow.

That is what we have to remind ourselves each and every day as we serve the Lord at The Father's Heart ministry.



A brother in the Lord preaches the gospel on Lyell Avenue.



Those in need line up for groceries at ministry headquarters.

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Along with those trials, though, we were able to pray with so many who came up to the Soup and the Savior Shed and we even got a man into detox. Can you pray for him? The Lord knows his name.

The Lord sees each and every person to whom we minister out on the streets of Rochester. He knows what they need, He knows what they need to hear, and He knows their every thought.

ALONG WITH sending a man into detox the Lord brought into our path at an outreach a young man who loves the Lord but hasn't been in fellowship for quite some time. The Lord put it on our hearts to tell him that the Lord sees him, knows his thoughts, and not to neglect the gift that the Lord has given him.

We encouraged him to get

back to a Bible-believing church where he will be surrounded with other believers to encourage and build him up in the faith.

HE SEEMED amazed when we told him that the Lord has a calling for his life. We prayed with him and encouraged him to seek the Lord in all things. As he walked away from the outreach he was smiling and shining for Him.

We say these things to tell you that the Lord is far greater than any of the trials we go through. Although we face things that are meant to discourage us and prevent us from doing the Lord's work, the Lord shows up and shows us that He is the victor in this battle that we are in.

VICTORY IN Jesus, only Jesus! Thank you for the victory!

Love In Christ,
Pastor Russ and Anne Loria

The Father's Heart

Our mission is to share the love of Christ with as many people as possible and try to enhance the quality of life for all whom we witness to on the streets.

We share the word of God and feed and clothe people of the streets of Rochester, bringing hope that Jesus will grab hold of their hurting, lonely, hopeless hearts to be His hands and feet extended in love!

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'A blessed time'



Women of the Redeeming Love Retreat on the final day.

Redeeming Love

By Anne Loria



Redeeming Love is a branch of The Father's Heart ministry that focuses on addicted and/or exploited women on the streets of Rochester.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 says, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not

fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit."

"Being Deeply Rooted" was the theme of our third annual Redeeming Love Retreat. It was a weekend filled with being surrounded by God's creation, being encouraged in the word, being in His presence, and lifting up sisters in the Lord who go out with the ministry and share the same hearts for the women and men on the streets of Rochester.

IT WAS amazing. Three women off the streets attended this retreat. It was great to be able to see the fruit before our eyes.

I am going to share with you what one volunteer said about the retreat online. Cheryl Cleary wrote, "There's this unspoken bond between the hearts of women who share the same ministry. One that can't be understood unless

you've been warring in the trenches where few are willing to go.

"LAUGHTER WAS shared. Burdens were carried. And tears fell. Fragile and precious moments that make me ever so grateful for the genuine hearts of these women and their desire to see the lost be found. I can't think of anyone else I'd rather run this race with.

"A blessed time that's hard to say goodbye to. Until next year, ladies."

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-10 says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up."

That was the retreat. I think of the verses in Mark 2:1-12 and Luke 5:17-26, where men were trying to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus to be healed and they couldn't get to Him. So they went to the roof, literally took it off, and lowered their friend to the feet of Jesus.

That is what I felt at this retreat. Friendships were solidified and many grew closer to each other through this weekend.

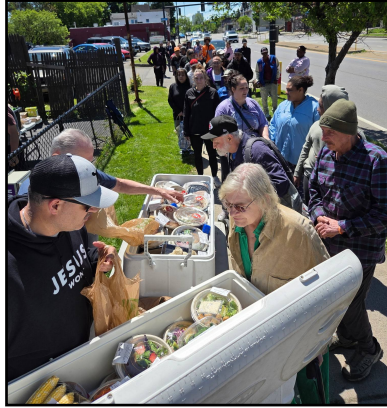
I LEFT there thanking the Lord that at the ministry of Redeeming Love and The Father's Heart we have women who are hearing the voice of the Lord just like in Isaiah 6:8 and saying to Him, "Here am I! Send me."

Love In Christ,
Anne Loria

We need to expect the unexpected

God Speaks
Through The City
Part 74: Revelation 5:11-13
By a servant in Christ

A key part of The Father's Heart ministry is for servants to work together as a team leading the lost to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. It is a blessing to connect with servants from so many churches and



A long line for groceries.

denominations as we share the word of God.

ALTHOUGH OUR theology may not always be exactly the same, we come together during outreaches to serve Him. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). As a result of The Father's Heart ministry, I have met and connected with many godly men and women who have become my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

The story that follows involves a lady, "Simone," who was passionate about sharing the word of God with the lost. I heard Simone state key verses from Revelation while ministering to street people, focusing on how salvation comes from the Lamb of God.

"AFTER THESE things I looked and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the

throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' " (Revelation 7:9-10).

I was really impressed with Simone's knowledge of Revelation and how she was able to memorize countless verses to address key topics during her evangelism. In doing so, she emphasized how people in this broken world are blessed by having a relationship with Jesus. Given her passion, I became curious about what church she was affiliated with, and how she used the Book of Revelation during evangelism.

WHEN PASTOR Russ concluded his teaching asking people if they wanted to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, Simone reached out to those who raised their hands to minister and pray with them. As I spoke with people in line, she continued to quote verses from Revelation stating that "... worthy is the Lamb who was slain."

As people began walking to the tables for groceries, I approached Simone and introduced myself. She told me that this was her first time at The Father's Heart ministry and what a blessing it had been.

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Outreach needs

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I said to her: "Hopefully you will be back and continue sharing God's word. Your knowledge of Revelation is amazing."

Simone explained: "The Book of Revelation is key since it reveals how God wins the final battle over evil. Although we may be struggling with life, sin, and problems, Christ ultimately rises victorious. It is crucial to accept Him as Lord and Savior."

WHEN I asked Simone which church she came with, her answer was totally unexpected: "I didn't come with any church. I live in that apartment over there ..."

Needless to say, I was shocked by her answer. Here was a lady with an amazing ability to evangelize while not being part of The Father's Heart ministry. We often encounter skeptics in the streets or people who just want groceries, clothing, and meals.

IN THIS case, Simone was not only a walking encyclopedia of



Prayer at the mobile kitchen.

the Book of Revelation, she was also a powerful evangelist wishing that all would come to repentance and accept the Lamb of God as their Savior.

Like the Samaritan woman at the well, Jesus at times chooses unexpected people to share the gospel with others. Witnessing Simone's unique gift of evangelism was a blessing that I will never forget.

REVELATION 5:11-13: "Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!' And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under

the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: 'Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!' "

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