

April 2017

Dear Sustaining Partner,

“It is God to whom and with whom we travel, and while He is the End of our journey, He is also at every stopping place.”

I’ve known for many years this statement made by Elizabeth Elliot is true in every way, but as we all know and freely acknowledge, truth does not automatically make it practically real in our lives. I confess I continue to function a great deal of the time as if most everything depends upon me rather than to rest in God’s sovereignty and goodness. A friend posed this question to me, ***“What if all I have to do is show up only to discover God has already written the rest of the story?”*** That’s it!? Show up and walk in faith He’s got me covered. That’s it?! Yep!

I think the key to clearly understanding this truth is to realize the enormity of the statement Jesus made on the cross. He said, “IT IS FINISHED.” What, we ask, is finished? The plan...God’s eternal plan which He crafted and executed without any help from me...or you. As you’ve known me to say countless times, “There is NO “Plan B.” Every single moment of our lives is covered by **The** creator; King of the Universe. How’s that for special attention?

The basic rule for operating in emergency conditions is to make sure I’m stable before I attempt to rescue others. Doing otherwise will result in chaos. The same guideline is important to remember as I desire to help others understand the goodness, love, grace and mercy of God. I cannot share what I do not own. My efforts will sound stiff and hollow. It is for this reason I continue to seek God not so much to learn, but to focus on and allow Him to reveal Himself to me. In turn, my sharing will not only reinforce what I see in Him, but give me evidence for what I say is true.

As I focus this time of year on His finished work on my behalf, I ask you to join me. Let’s determine to seek The Lord not for the gifts, but for His plan to which all we need to do is answer, “I’m in!”

I believe the above thoughts are important, and I pray the words will challenge and bless you. Still, the most important information you need is regarding our Annual Spring Fundraising Event--Memorial Color Walk for Life & Open House on May 20, 2017 from 8 AM to Noon. I enclose a flyer for reference. More information is available on our website www.pregnancyfamily.org where you can even download the sponsor sheet. Or, call (909-382-4550) or stop in at the office to ask questions and pick up your materials.

This year we decided to add color and to connect our efforts with Memorial Day. I’ll be walking to honor my son, Brady who died too young in March 2016. We encourage each participant to ask sponsors to support you as you

recognize someone gone who is significant to you. ***Collect all pledges in cash or check*** (We do not invoice for pledges), and bring everything with you to the event registration table the day of the walk. If we have the name of the person you're honoring in advance, we will print your "bib" and have it ready for you the day of The Walk. Mine will say, "I walk to honor Brady."

We'll all enjoy FREE food and drinks, raffle prizes, a grand prize to the individual who raises the most money to benefit Pregnancy & Family Resource Center. In addition, the newly remodeled center will be open so you can see what we've been talking about all these months. It's beautiful and much more secure for our clients, staff and volunteers.

I don't talk a lot about money. I don't do a lot of begging or challenging because I know you know the need for us to be open in our community is clear. I also know you are aware the cost of offering FREE services increases every year. God has been faithful and you have been a faithful partner, and I thank you. Still...may I ask for your participation in the important fundraiser? I know Saturday is premium "real estate" for all of us, which is why we're starting early. Your support and involvement will go a long way in raising a big part of our annual budget. And, I always look forward for the chance to see and visit with those who partner with us. Those times are too few, but important to me.

You also may want to note on your calendar our first Saturday Advocate Training, "Focus on the Heart" will begin on Saturday, May 6 from 10-noon. No class the day of the walk or the following Saturday which is Memorial Day weekend. We are training on Saturday to staff the center each Saturday morning (8 AM to 11 AM) because both abortion clinics in our neighborhood are open and performing abortions. We believe it's prudent to compete for business to "snatch those intended for slaughter" from the hand of the enemy (Prov. 24:12). Please give serious thought to training to become an advocate for Saturday morning rotation to step up our game. Contact Wendy at 909-382-4550 or pregnancycenter.volcoord@gmail.com. She will explain the process and get your application process started.

There's a lot going on as usual and more to come. Visit our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/pregnancyfamily](https://www.facebook.com/pregnancyfamily) or check our website: www.pregnancyfamily.org.

Have a Blessed and Happy Resurrection Day as we celebrate the GREAT news: He is risen. He is risen indeed!

For Life!

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