

Prayer Corner 27

Comforting Others

Scripture Verse: Matthew 35:26

“I was naked, and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me...



Dear Friends,

I have been feeling sad lately, mourning the loss of dear ones, and praying for healing for others dear to my heart. Today, I came across this little parable from Winnie-the-Pooh, and I thought it had a lesson for all of us.

It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house.

Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore, in a glum sounding voice.

“We just thought we’d check on you,” said Piglet, “because we hadn’t heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay.”

Eeyore was silent for a moment. “Am I okay?” he asked, eventually. “Well, I don’t know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That’s what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all.

Which is why I haven’t bothered you. Because you wouldn’t want to waste your time with someone who is sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all, would you now.”

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. “What are you doing?”

“We’re sitting here with you,” said Pooh, “because we are your friends. And true friends don’t care if someone is feeling sad, or alone, or not much fun to be around at all. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are.”

“Oh,” said Eeyore. “Oh.” And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better.

Because Pooh and Piglet were there.

No more; no less.

From *Winnie-the-Pooh* by AA Milne

This sweet little children’s story comforted me and reminded me to look around for other Eeyores and reach out to them with a card, text or a phone call or maybe a visit with flowers or a tasty treat.

Perhaps if the Holy Spirit opens up the opportunity to pray, I could say: “I am feeling I would like to pray, is that all right?”

Whatever the answer is, be assured just being there with your friend will be a comfort to them and to you as well.

Before I end my Prayer Corner visit with you, will you join me in prayer?

Hello Lord,

I'm feeling sad and my heart hurts. Please come sit with me. I don't know what to say; I just want to feel You close by me.

Help me, dear Lord, to remember others who are sad, lonely or sick. Help me reach out to comfort and help them.

Thank you, Lord, for being with me. My heart feels better now.

I love You

Amen

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