



The measure of  
**Love**  
is to  
**Love**  
without measure



**On Wings**  
**LIKE A DOVE**  
A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES  
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

The people  
living in  
darkness have  
seen a  
great light...

Matthew 4:16

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## How Can You Love Your Prodigal Unconditionally?

by Sandra Kearns

As some of us were chatting the other day the subject came up of how to show unconditional love not only to our prodigal children but to maybe a sibling, spouse, or friend when they are not being very lovely. I have been pondering that question and have come up with some ideas.

Take them for coffee or a meal outside your home if it's not feasible to bring them to your home. Try to stay connected but within boundaries.

Pray for them by trusting and believing our Heavenly Father hears your prayers.

Encourage them by trying to find something positive to say.

Reinforce God's love for them by sharing His Word. Email or write them encouraging words from the Bible that God gives you as you pray for them. You'll sense if you have an open door and when it will be received and when it won't.

Tell them you love them – in person, in phone calls, in letters.

Love them back to Jesus while avoiding negative comments. Show love more than rebuking them.

Listen to them, not always thinking about what you need to say to them.

Forgive them. Choose not to be offended by their words or actions when you could very well take offense. Try not to bring up things they have done in the past which only reminds them of their failures.

Remember them on their special day or holidays with a card or call.

These are just a few things that come to mind, and I am sure you can add more. I don't always practice each one, but it is my goal to. Remember, God does not love us based on what we do or don't do. As parents we shouldn't either.

We love our child or loved one, and we need to continue to show them that love with inventive ways but within boundaries according to the situation. Our demonstration of love is not based on their actions.

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AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.  
THIS IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT.

AND THE SECOND, LIKE IT, IS THIS:  
'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'  
THERE IS NO OTHER COMMANDMENT GREATER THAN THESE.

Mark 12:30-31

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### Prayer Support Groups

**First Monday of each Month**  
On Wings Prayer Support:  
455 S. Church Street  
beside "God's Acre" Old Salem  
Winston-Salem, NC  
**6:30 to 8:00pm**

**December 4 ~ Fellowship**

**January 8, 2018**  
will be our next Monday  
night meeting

**Have a great Holiday season  
with your family**

**River Oaks Prayer Support**  
Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
6:30-8:30 River Oaks Church  
Room #4

**Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall**



They are studying  
**Addictive Thinking by  
Abraham Twerski, M.D**

**First Baptist Church in Sparta**  
Prayer Support meets  
every Wednesday night at 6:30  
Currently studying  
**"Entrusted" by Beth Moore**  
Led by  
**Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell**

### Ladies Bible Study

**Tuesdays from  
12:30 to 2:00pm at the office**

**December 5th & 12th**  
Velma McCloud will share the  
Message of Hope with us

**December 19**  
We will have a fellowship luncheon

We will break until **January 9**  
when the Bible Study will resume  
We will begin studying  
**Beauty from Ashes**  
led by Kay Eyler



# True Love Was Born In A Stable

2017 has been an exciting year at On Wings! We've had so many great opportunities to minister to families and prisoners. We have distributed to prisoners, over 2,000 Study Bibles. Our goal is to see them reading and studying God's Word, so they can be transformed by it and come back into society and to their families changed. We know God's Word can change hearts and prepare them for a healthy return. We are hearing how God is doing amazing things in the prison through Bible Study in small groups.

I look forward to how God will use On Wings to minister in 2018. With the growing drug epidemic in our nation many will be needed to help educate other's in our communities and churches. I attended a recent meeting to educate the group to the drug problem and it amazed me how many didn't have a clue. Sometimes when you have dealt with an issue for 30 years you think everyone is aware, but that is not often the case.

On Wings' word for 2018 is AWARENESS. We need to make people AWARE of the need and we need to make them AWARE of where to receive support. I want to thank Pat Julian, Carolyn Caldwell, and Jeff and Sherye Hall for leading On Wings support groups this year. We are hoping to network even more closely together in the future for the benefit of all on this journey.



Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year my friends!

~ Dandra



## The Good Shepherd

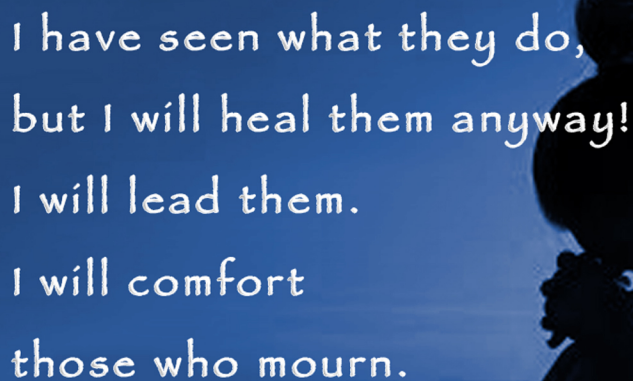
by Janet Linville



What is a shepherd's job? It is to watch out for his sheep, to supply their food and water and to protect them from harm. Jesus will do these things for you as well. He is the Bread of Life and the Living Water, which will nourish your soul. He will protect you from Satan's tricks. Jesus laid down His life to protect you. You are never alone.


In the dark of night, amidst the trials of life, you may feel alone. It may seem that you're fighting to survive, searching to find your way and no one is helping or guiding you. It's simply not so. Jesus is your Good Shepherd. A shepherd's job is 24/7, because sheep wander away if they aren't watched. The shepherd must find food and water for his flock and protect them from predators. Jesus is your Shepherd. He's always on duty...watching, leading, protecting. You need not ever feel alone. John 10:11 says, "The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

(selected from Illustrated Words of Jesus for Women)



I have seen what they do,  
but I will heal them anyway!  
I will lead them.  
I will comfort  
those who mourn.

Isaiah 57:18



Dear God,  
Thank you for loving me  
unconditionally.