



## *Affirmation-I*

He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God.

*2 Corinthians 1:4*

***What is God saying to ME through this Word?***

***How has God helped me?***

***Prayer Focus:*** That people who need my help become clear to me

***My prayers go out for...***

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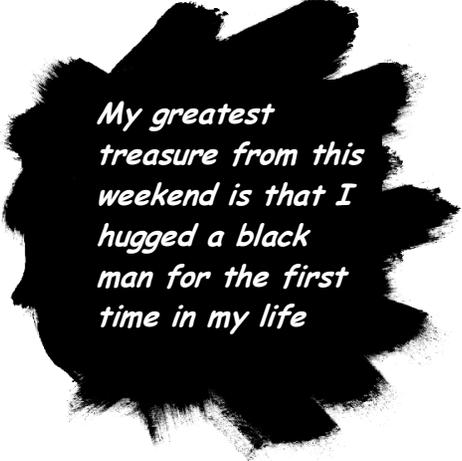
### ***Loving Leads to Worthiness***

*Kairos is a ministry of affirmation. A ministry that says. "You are worthwhile to the Creator of the Universe!" As Kairos Team Members, we offer a loving affirmation of the person. How? We listen.... And we love!*

*Affirmation is so important to the human experience. Without it, we wither away on the vine. We fall away from the community, and the Lord. But when we are affirmed, our souls soar!*

*Affirmation on a Kairos starts with the Team. We should not enter the prison when we are questioning our own worth. How can we affirm when we need affirmation?*

*Worthiness – Where does it spring from? It comes with the courage to make yourself vulnerable. In our vulnerability, we become healed. We become whole. We become God's ministers.*



***My greatest treasure from this weekend is that I hugged a black man for the first time in my life***



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And so encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing.

## Affirmation-2

1 Thessalonians 5:11

**What is God saying to ME through this Word?**

**Who do I need to encourage on this team?**

**Prayer Focus:** My Kairos teammates

**My prayers go out for...**

## Affirmation-2

### **Whispers From God**

*I love you! Aren't those special words? When you hear those words from people who are important to you, doesn't your spirit soar? When you are walking through troubling times, those little words whispered to you can change everything!*

*Who do you want to hear whispering those words to you? I wonder who inmates would want to hear whispering "I love you?" Can you imagine the Master of all life, the very creator of the universe, the author of love itself, the one who existed before time, the one and only God whispering those words to you? Think about that – the Holy Creator of life itself wanting you to know that He loves you. You! Can you imagine the impact it has on someone who hasn't known love very much to hear God whispering "I love you?"*

*God does that on a Kairos, you know. Oh, He uses His family to speak the words. And their words may not literally be those three little words. But there is no doubt that the inmate hears "I love you!"*

*On Sunday of the Kairos, the Table Family will participate in a prayer circle. One by one, every family member will get a chance to stand behind every member of the family, put their hands on the shoulders of their family members, lean over and whisper a prayer for them. A simple prayer. Short. Nothing fancy. But, oh - how profound.*

*The words express appreciation and affirmation. The words will bring smiles. And the words will quickly slip from memory. But what won't be forgotten – never forgotten – is what the inmates heard in those whispers from their family. They heard their Creator, their Lord whisper "I love you."*

**Imagine your teammates, sitting in a circle, and you go from person to person, standing behind them, and coming over to whisper a short word of love and affirmation. Imagine each team member.**

**What do you want to say to them on behalf of God?**



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We urge you, our brothers, to warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak and be patient with everyone.

## Affirmation-3

1 Thessalonians 5:14

***What is God saying to ME through this Word?***

***Where have I fallen down on this team?***

***Prayer Focus:*** That I may be strong in Christ on this Kairos

***My prayers go out for...***

## Affirmation-3

### ***My Wish for You***

*People like to make wishes. Sort of childlike wishes. Do you remember? I remember as a child wishing with all my heart for “this” or “that.” And we wished, and we wished. Do you remember?*

*Oh, how sweet those times were. We don’t “wish upon a star” much anymore. Too bad. Wishing has a childlike magic to it that’s really contagious.*

*Let’s have a little fun again! Let’s make a wish. A wish for this Team. A wish for specific people on the Team. Here, write down those wishes:*

*I wish....*

*Now, what are you waiting for? Go ahead. Actually tell the people you had a wish for that you love them, and you have a wish for them.*



**I wish that  
I could stay  
here  
surrounded  
by all this  
love!**



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## *Affirmation-4*

When he arrived and saw how God had blessed the people, he was glad and urged them all to be faithful and true to the Lord with all their hearts..

*Acts 11:23*

***What is God saying to ME through this Word?***

***Who needs my encouragement?***

***Prayer Focus:*** Kairos Brothers & Sisters who have fallen away

***My prayers go out for...***

## *Affirmation-4*

### ***When I Stumble***

*Have you ever noticed how it's when you are starting to feel really confident in life that you stumble? You know – something happens to foul up the “stuff” you were doing. Seems like there's a connection between a confident spirit and stumbling.*

*Why is that? Is it just chance? Or is it that when we get so full of what great things we're doing that we miss the important stuff and we just sort of trip up? It happens to us all, doesn't it? We take our eyes off the really important thing – the love of Jesus. And we start to worry about what we want.*

*Some of our Team Members may be stumbling as we journey the Kairos Road together. Oh, how we hurt when we see them trip up. Some may even fall down & get really hurt. It pains us to see it.*

*So, what do we do? Watch? No – we carry Christ's love into action. We mobilize. We go to our brother or sister and put a loving arm around them – and then we “Listen, Listen, Love, Love”*



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All of you may proclaim God's message, one by one, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged.

## *Affirmation-5*

*1 Corinthians 14:31*

***What is God saying to ME through this Word?***

***What keeps me from being an encourager?***

***Prayer Focus:*** My pastor

***My prayers go out for...***

## *Affirmation-5*

### ***My Encourager***

*Who encouraged you when you were growing up? Who was there, cheering you on? Who ran beside you, helping you to stay the course? Was it a parent? A brother? A sister? A near-by relative? A friend? A pastor?*

*Encouragers are really important people. Their words of encouragement spring from their love for you. They love you, and it feels so good.*

*How about now? Still getting encouragement? Maybe not! But we were blessed on our journey to have had someone who spurred us on. We really were blessed.*

*Perhaps now, it's time for us to be the encourager! Who is on this Team that I need to encourage? Who needs to hear my loving words?*

*Lord Jesus, Give me the Heart to bring Your encouragement to another!*