

Never Miss An Opportunity To Love Someone



Why:

1. We are commanded to.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another.”(John 13:34-35 NKJ)

“These things I command you, that you love one another.”(John 15:17 NKJ)

“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 NKJ)

Who is our neighbor?

God 1st, Neighbor 2nd, You distant 3rd.

Why:

2. God did them first, He set the example.

3. As we grow and mature in Christ we should become more like Him and also have compassion for those around us.

4. God can use our one act of love to change the lives of those we interact with if they let Him, but we have to act.

5. We don't know what they are going through.

What hinders us?

Our selfish sin nature.

*We want to love ourselves more than
others.*

We must deny ourselves self daily!!!!

Luke 9:23

An enemy is one love away from a friend.

A suicidal person is one love away from life.

A lost person is one love away from walking the path.

A person with depression is one love away from joy.

A criminal is one love away from a good life.



First Way To Love-Touch

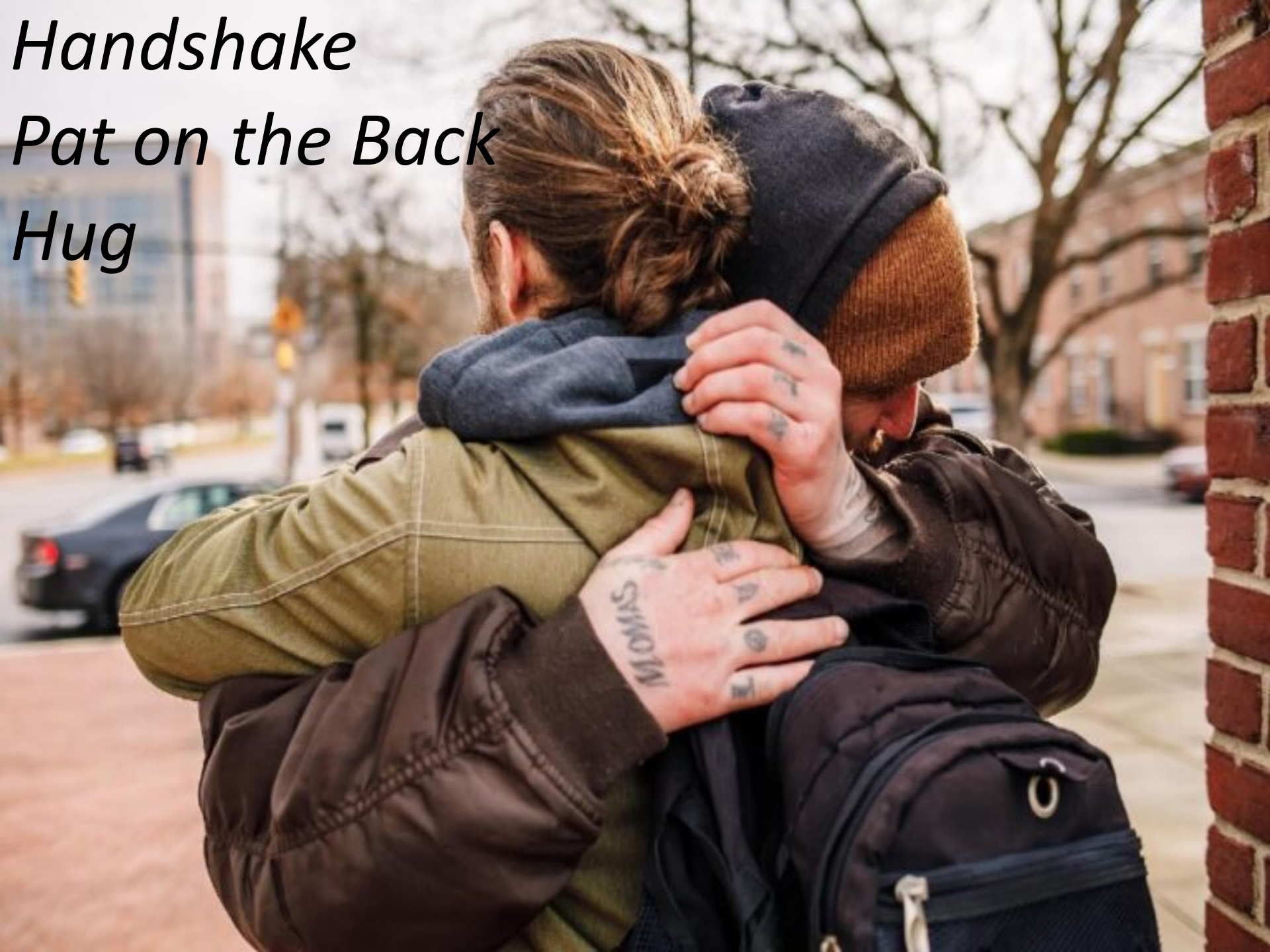
God was touching you as He formed you in the womb and His hands have not left you.

“For you formed my inward parts, You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works and that my soul knows very well.” (Psalm 139:13-14 NKJ)

Handshake

Pat on the Back

Hug



Second Way To Love-Give Gifts



“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”
(James 1:17)



Giving a gift to brighten someone's day.

Giving a gift to help someone.

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave Me food. I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. I was a stranger and you took Me in. I was naked and you clothed Me. I was sick and you visited Me. I was in prison and you came to

Me.” Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or, when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?” And the King will answer and say to them, “Assuredly, I say to you,

inasmuch as you did it to one of the
least of these My brethren you did it
to Me.” (Matthew 25:31-40)



Is it A Waste To Give

- 1. From God are all things and to God are all things.*
- 2. What they do with what they are given is between them and God, we are not judge.*
- 3. Listen to the Holy Spirit.*

Third Way To Love-Acts Of Service



Does God do things for us?

Why Can't we do them for Others?

But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great

among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be the first shall be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:42-45 NKJ)

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you.

Most assuredly I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”(John 13:12-17 NKJ)

A young man with a short haircut, wearing a blue t-shirt, is smiling and looking towards a group of children. The children are gathered around him, some looking at him with interest. The background shows a slum-like environment with makeshift structures and a dirt ground. The text is overlaid on the image in a large, black, sans-serif font.

Helping others removes a burden from them and fills them with peace and joy.

When I sweep my floor all that I have done is sweep my floor. But, when I sweep your floor I have helped you.

Fourth Way To Love-Spending Time



This is the most important thing you can do.

Does God spend time with us? Yes

Does God want us to spend time with Him? YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

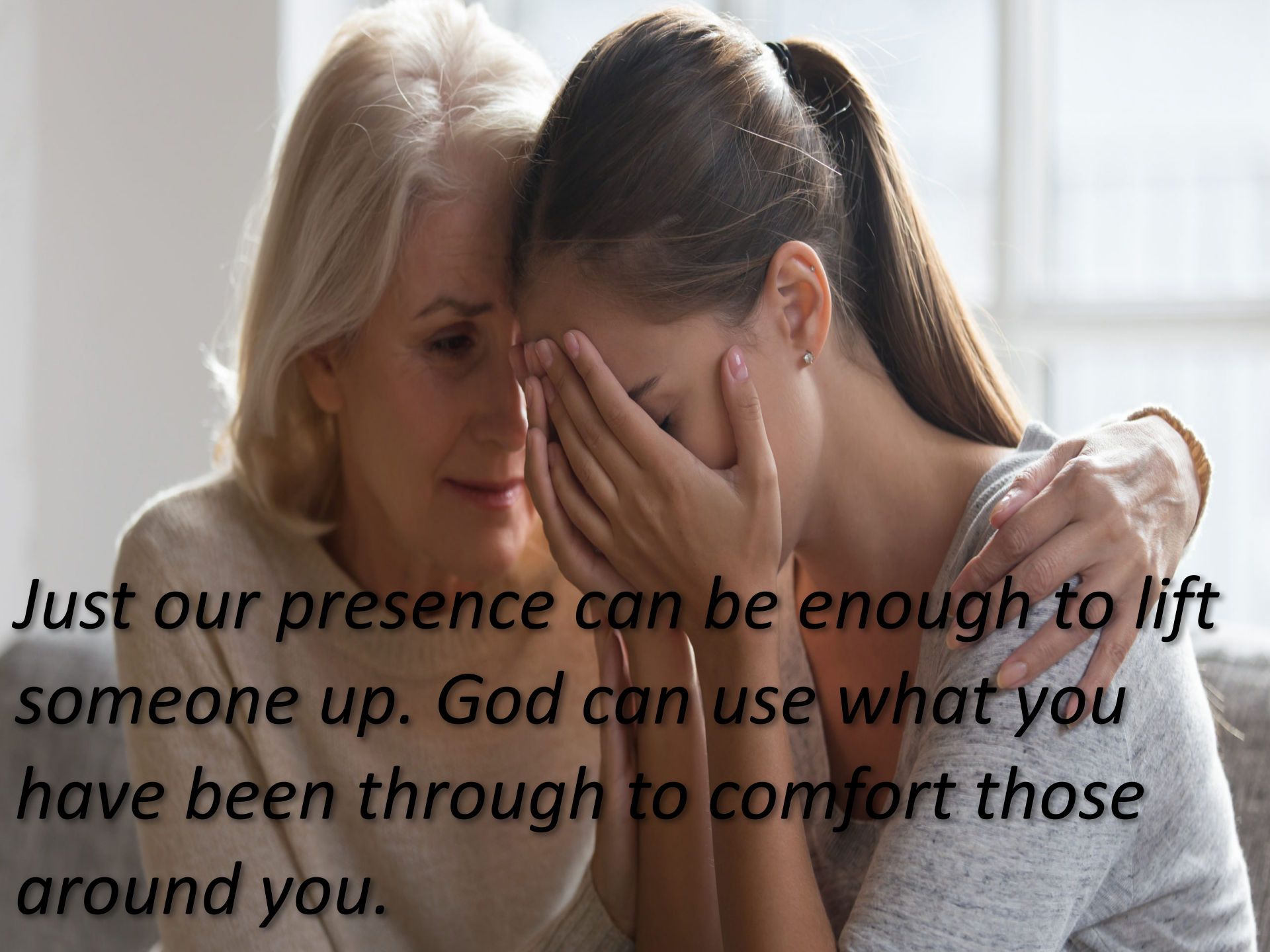
We were created for fellowship with Him-Prayer, Scripture, Worship.

“that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.” (1 John 1:3 NKJ)

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.” (John 15:12-13 NKJ)



We must die to self daily.



Just our presence can be enough to lift someone up. God can use what you have been through to comfort those around you.

“For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, I am there in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20 NKJ)



“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as in the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)



Fifth Way To Love-Words Of Affirmation

Words of Hope

Words of Peace

Words of grace

Words of Understanding

ALL are words of LOVE

They need to come from the heart!

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue. And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.”

(Proverbs18:21 Amp)

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12:36-37 NKJ)

Holy Spirit = The Encourager

Paul, Barnabas, & John Mark

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.Be diligent to come to me quickly,.....Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you for he is useful to me for ministry.”

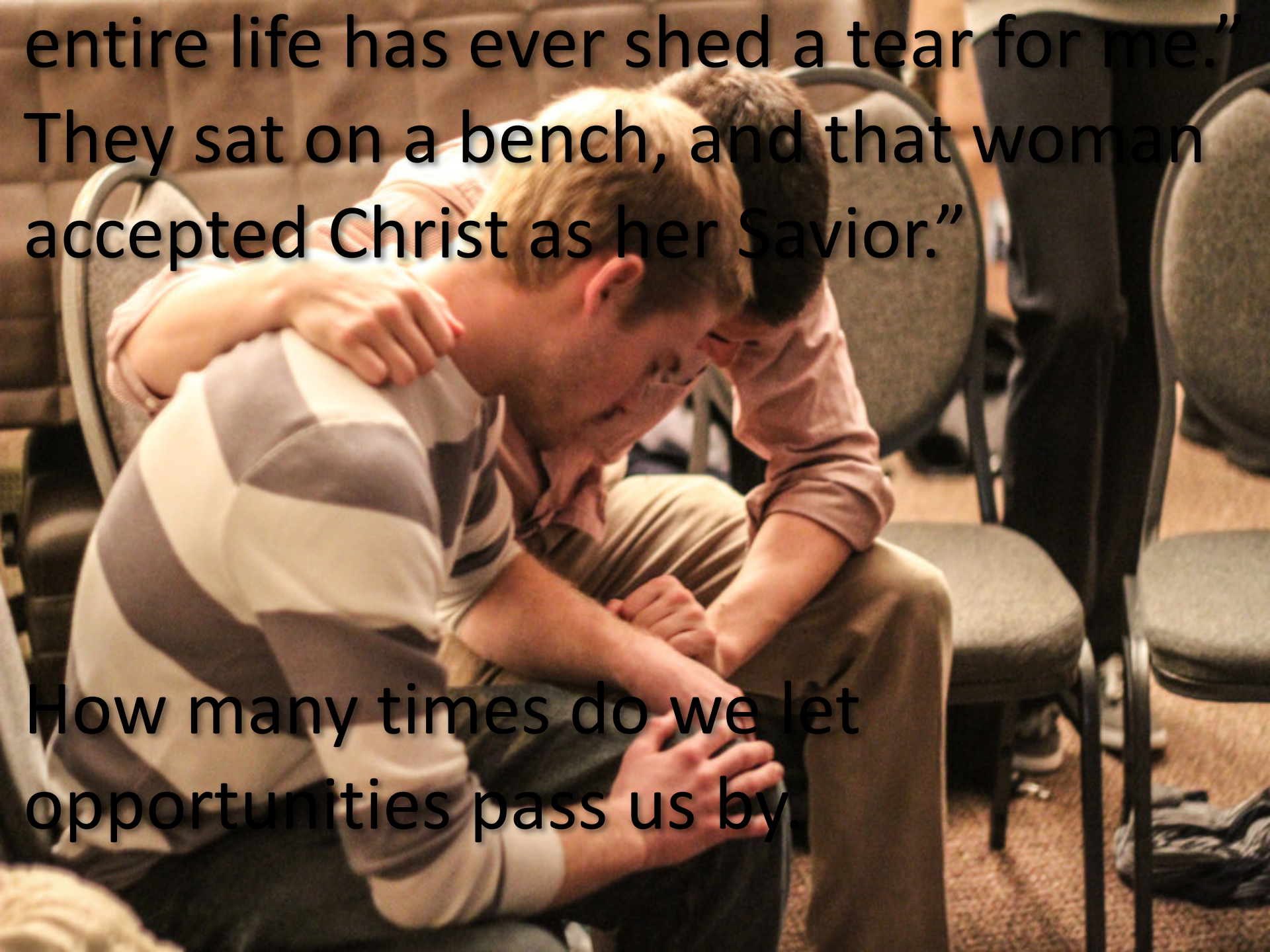
(2 Timothy 4:6-7, 9, 11 NKJ)

Praying Over Someone

“One of our associate evangelists was preaching at a university. He yearned to win the students to Christ, but their reaction was hostile. One young woman was especially antagonistic. After the lecture she came to him and said, “I don’t believe anything you said.” He replied, “I am sorry that you

don't agree, but do you mind if I pray for you?" She answered, "Nobody has ever prayed for me before. I guess it won't do any harm." He bowed his head and began to pray. She stood looking straight ahead. But suddenly she noticed that while he was praying, tears were coming down his cheeks. When he opened his eyes, she herself was in tears. She said, "No one in my

entire life has ever shed a tear for me.”
They sat on a bench, and that woman
accepted Christ as her Savior.”

A photograph showing two men sitting on a bench. The man on the left is wearing a white and grey striped long-sleeved shirt and has his head bowed. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt and has his arm around the first man's shoulder, suggesting a moment of emotional support or prayer. The background shows other people sitting on similar benches in what appears to be a church or a similar setting.

How many times do we let
opportunities pass us by.

GOD IS LOVE! When we act in love He can make miracles happen!

While we were God's enemies, God did not miss an opportunity to love us, and through it turned us into sons and daughters.

