

One thing I have lots of around my house are picture frames. Each one holds a special memory in a moment of time. I have pictures of my children; pictures of my grandchildren; pictures of my parents; pictures of my siblings; pictures of my children's families; I even have pictures of me when I was a baby. As my children and family have grown, I have had to add more and more pictures to my walls, dressers, tables, and photo albums. Pictures are a testimony to the change that comes, little by little.

Unfortunatley we don't always understand that change can and does come, but most of the time it happens very slowly. We tend to freeze our friends and loved ones and frame them by what we see and/or how they are currently behaving. But God wants us to widen the frame of their lives by BELIEVING that He can do exceedingly, abundantly, above and beyond all that we can hope for (Ephesians 3:20). But as long as we believe that they are too far gone, too hard, too bad, (you fill in the blank) then rather than agreeing with God's potential and destiny (Jer. 29:11), we agree with the Accuser of the Brethren, and we limit the potential and destiny that God has for them.

God has a picture and a frame for our lives, too. But His view is much different than ours. God sees our beginning from the end. He doesn't look at where we've been or where we are, He sees where we're going to end up! Proverbs 29:11 says that without a vision (a picture) my people are destroyed, ruined. Without God's vision for our families, churches, communities, schools, friends, and even ourselves, our lives will continue to waste away in the muck and mire of society. Christians have been given the Holy Spirit to enable them to see with eyes of faith the potential that lies within people. Their behavior is a result of their circumstances and we have been given mighty weapons in God (2 Cor. 10:4-5) to bring down the lies in their lives and help them rebuild their minds (Romans 12:2) with the TRUTH of who God says they are.

So if you've been assigned a few people in your life that are less than lovable, I pray that you will not keep them framed in their current state. Look past what YOU see and ask God what HE sees. His ways are not our ways. You have been empowered to do great things. Why not start with those closest to you!

In His Love,
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Prayer: Lord, Give us eyes to see from Your perspective. Put a guard over our mouth! Tune our hearts and our mouths to speak YOUR truth, not the facts and/or the circumstances that we see. You have called us out of darkness into Your light. Now let that light bring divine revelation, insight and wisdom to us so that we can speak and bring our circumstances back into alignment with YOUR plans and purposes.