

## “Love Works”

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10



# FREED for Redemption

by Liz Glover

**F.** - Fellowship  
**R.** - Redemption  
**E.** - Equip  
**E.** - Empower  
**D.** - Discipleship



**W**e were on our way to Prison. Our routine was to travel from Charleston to the Allendale prison and spend one day per week working with the men who were preparing to complete their sentence and re-enter society. My new friend, Austen Williams, joined me on this particular day. She was serving in her role as 2014 Mrs. America and wanted to visit our team.

As we traveled through the small town of Hampton, SC we were engaged in conversation and not paying attention to the road signs. A flash of blue in the rear view mirror made my heart sink as I pulled to the side of the road. A police officer asked where we were headed in such a hurry as he informed me that I was going 47 in a 35 mph zone. I explained that we were headed to the prison to do ministry with the inmates, hoping our community service work would tug on his heart strings and he would let us off with a warning. He promptly turned and walked to his police car, returning with his pink ticket which he asked me to sign. As he approached the car Austen and I were taking a selfie with the flashing blue lights in the background; just a little memento of our adventurous day. The officer bent over to see my passenger and I introduced him to, “Austen Williams, 2014 Mrs. America.”

“I know you!” He declared excitedly. He went on to recount the time when Austen visited the hospital where his fire fighter friend was recovering from a severe accident. When his friend was introduced to Austen, he stood up from his wheelchair for the very first time to give her a hug. The officer was noticeably moved when he recounted the story.

“If I would have known it was you I would never have given you a ticket, but because I have already filled out the form, I’m required to present it to you.” After a long pause he said, “I’ll tell you what. I’m going to pay this ticket for you. You don’t have to worry about it.”

Well this is a first! In my skepticism I contacted the Hampton Police Department to find that, indeed, he had fulfilled his promise to pay my speeding ticket.

**THIS IS REDEMPTION!** This police officer paid the penalty for a crime or offense he did not commit. Because of his necessity to carry out the law and administer a penalty, he was required to give me a ticket. But because of his great love and appreciation for my friend he paid the fine for the penalty that he himself had issued.

Isn’t this what Christ Jesus did for us? Sin entered the world through Adam, thus we ALL have inherited the sin nature and are born as sinners. **“For ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”** Romans 3:23, 24. Jesus freely paid the penalty for us. Do you realize how much the penalty cost? You could NEVER have paid it yourself.

In the book ‘Choosing Forgiveness’ by Nancy DeMoss she states, *“Calvary required an agony we cannot fully comprehend. On the cross, Jesus took our sin upon Himself, enduring the wrenching consequences of broken fellowship with the Father - the One He adored, the One from whom He had never experienced a moment’s separation. That is impossible for us to fully grasp. We can at best only imagine what the Father and Son must have endured when, for the first time ever, the cost of our sin interrupted their eternal fellowship. But it is from this tremendous tragedy that our forgiveness is won. To put forgiveness on any other ground is unconscious blasphemy. **Those are strong words.** So are these, *‘In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.’* Ephesians 1:7, 2:14. Forgiveness isn’t meant to be free and easy. It is hard. It is costly. It is painful. But this is the only way it can be real - real enough to truly change us.”*

“WE” are here to sound the alarm that there is a penalty to be paid for your sin, but the Law Giver actually paid the penalty for you through the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. Thankfully He is risen from the dead and has ascended to the Father, where He stands at the Father’s right hand and advocates for us. This is the Good News!

Imagine how delightful it was to share this story with our brothers in Christ within the confines of the prison walls. They laughed and clapped their hands because they “got it”.

Go with God, bring a friend and walk in FREEDom!

“For by grace are you saved through faith, and not of yourselves. It is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.” Galatians 6:12

Memory Verse for November

Walhalla Women in Missions

By Staci Williamson

Acts 13:47 reminds us, “For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.”

Our Women of North Walhalla, are increasing our presence in both community and international missions. Not only did our ladies loom hats to be presented by our Missions team for the Orphanage in Mexico, but they also began work on the Magnolia House in Walhalla. The light is shining around the world just as brightly as it is in Walhalla, SC. The power to sustain the light stems from the light of Christ in the women of North Walhalla Church of God.

**Ramos Mexico** - Tim and Vickie Johnson lead a team to Mexico, ministered in word and deed, and gifted the people of the region with the hats, scarves, and treats for the children. They worked in the Orphanage to complete a “family room” for the residents and shared meals and the love of Christ. Tim expressed his thanks to our Ladies for the hand loomed hats and his gratitude at the joy from the people of the region as God had supplied the needs, once again.



**Magnolia House** - In local missions, Walhalla Women gathered donations, held a yard sale, and spent a day cleaning and painting at Magnolia House. Special thanks to the ladies who spent days cleaning the front yard and planting flowers. The project is gradually coming to fruition as women continue to plan and persevere to provide a completed and beautiful home for the women who will reside in Magnolia House. We continue to pray for wisdom, strength, and guidance for those involved in the daily care and training of the woman who will reside there.

Our desire, as Walhalla Women, is to become women of change as we evolve and emerge into what God has planned for us. In meeting our goal, we will also invite change in the community around us-leading them to the light of salvation.

Thank You!

We appreciate all who supported our missions projects by selling “Voice of ONE” bracelets. Our campaign has been very successful. “WE” even had a few men join our efforts. Great team work!

Introducing “WE” Groups

Managed and Directed by Lacey Stone

WE Groups are small groups of women (5 - 12 women) meeting in a Host home and lead by a WE group leader.

The purpose of WE groups is to become more interconnected, build new friendships and pray for one another as needs within the group arise. Lacey will provide a lite devotional to be shared by the group leader. At different times there may be cookouts and/or games or other fun activities.

Duration: 4 months

Frequency of meeting: 2 times per month

Beginning in November: only 1 meeting in the months of Nov and Dec.

As WE mentor, disciple, pray and enjoy fellowship WE hope to see new relationships form with a deep bond of love and concern within our Sisterhood.

Visit our website for more information: [WalhallaWomen.com](http://WalhallaWomen.com)

Weds. @ 6:00

Join us in the Discipleship Building every Weds at 6:00 pm

You will find a group of ladies crafting, jewelry making, looming hats for missions trips, chatting and lots of laughing.

Walhalla Women Emerge

- To Love
- To Give
- To Serve