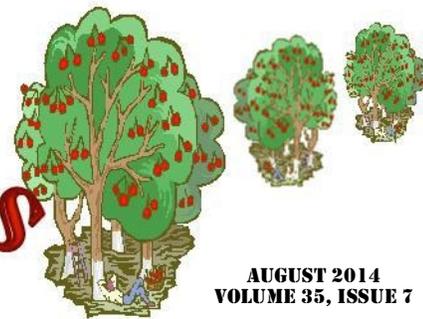




# Emra Expressions



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## MY PROBLEM

It seems to me that as people, we spend quite a bit of time asking God "why is this happening" or more to the point "why are you doing this to me".

These questions focus our attention on the circumstances of life - temporal things that can be taken from us like our job, home, family and money. I think God wants us to spend more time focusing on the qualities within our lives - the things we must choose; eternal things like honesty, integrity, being a peacemaker and my relationship with Him!

We recently visited a church. The message didn't make sense to one lady. I know this because after the service she came to our display and asked what I thought the message was about. I summarized what the pastor said by talking about how we often fight with God over our circumstances (what can be taken from us) and ignore our qualities (the things we must choose).

After talking for just a few minutes she started to cry. She said, "That has always been my problem. I am forever asking God 'why'."

As we continued to talk I encouraged her to choose qualities over circumstances, to be focused on what God is focused on. I said, "It's not that God doesn't care about your job. It's that He cares more about the qualities you develop through the difficulties of your job. What would happen if you asked God 'What do You want me to know?'"

As she walked away I remember seeing new hope in her eyes and a smile on her face.

That is just one example of what we do.

We interact with pastors, Sunday School Classes, give Parenting Seminars, and talk to MOPS Groups. Our purpose is to give people hope as they look at their lives, see the choices they make and say to themselves, "That has always been my problem".

Your financial support makes all of this possible. Thank You!

In His grip,

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### Answered Prayers

John and Sally Childress are flying to England on Wednesday (8/6/14).

His visa came through this morning (8/5/14) and they are flying tomorrow.

Pray as they get settled into this ministry of reaching out to the addicted and homeless of London that they will be able to see God in every encounter. Pray that the concepts of Life Is Full Of Choices will help people have hope as they face each and every day.

Sheryl's shoulder is doing much better. Physical therapy has worked and she is back to doing most of her everyday activities.

The filming we did last month on "The Power of Positive Discipline" is over and it went well. Thank you to all who prayed. The volunteer audience was awesome!!

### Prayer Requests

Our upcoming trip to Dallas, Texas and the ministry opportunities that are opening up there. We will be there from September into November.