## Why Would You Ever do That? The Real Source and Strength of Lasting Compassion

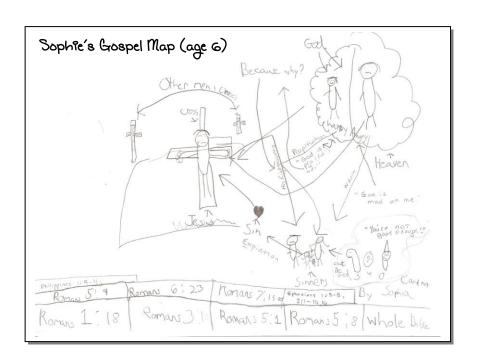
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".... God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." Romans 5:5

## **Duty**

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1

"The bride of Christ knows that she is called to do things she does not have the strength to do, and she knows that the Holy Spirit supplies that strength." Ligon Duncan & Susan Hunt, Women's Ministry in the Local Church



"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Romans 5:1-2

## **Depravity**

"For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought ..." Romans 12:3

"Awareness of sin evokes brokenness ... The more we know God, the more we know of our own sinfulness ... It is often through brokenness that the perfume of grace gives its sweetest fragrance." Susan Hunt, True Woman

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." Romans 5:6

## **Destiny**

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God ..." Romans 12:19 "The knowledge of our eternal destiny gives a calmness and confidence regardless of present circumstances." Susan Hunt, Spiritual Mothering

"Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life." Romans 5:9-10

Thank you so very much for the privilege of serving at the 2013 WIC Leadership Training Conference! I count it a great honor to learn with you and I hope that we will stay in touch:

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