

W O U N D E D H E A L E R S



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I attended because I am a member of the team and also to be able to tell others what to expect when I extend an invitation to attend to anyone else.

The conference met my expectations. There is power in love ... to help and heal when nothing else can ...God is love ... (Unashamedly paraphrased from the Sermon given at the Royal Wedding!) and Wounded Healers expresses that love.

First impressions, a sense of welcome as soon as we walked through the door, all very peaceful, friendly and calm. Well organized greeters who made decisive decisions without causing embarrassment.

Help available if needed. The people working on the Conference were unobtrusively mixed in with the participants. Prayer ministers I went to were certainly able, kind, and not overly verbose.

Although this next comment is specific to the venue, I will mention it anyway. With my food intolerances it is always difficult to attend something like this and feel free to eat. The people at the Church of the Nazarene went above and beyond in meeting the dietary needs of those attending. I was very impressed, and happily very full!

I presume like most other participants, I arrived not knowing what to expect and was a little unsure on Thursday evening as to what was expected of me. It soon became apparent that I was there to be fed, not to 'do anything'. It was a very freeing feeling. I was anxious to return on Friday!

The music was good, well chosen, a different style to what I am used but well led, so I could participate and come to a place of worship. Brett certainly has a wonderful way of bringing all the pieces together succinctly in a welcoming, relaxed way. When he called us to order he was kind, firm and fostered a great sense of anticipation.

Ron, the conversation format you are using is brilliant. I forgot everyone else around me and just became the third person in your living room, an invited guest listening to an important conversation. Although each of the topics was specific to you and your experiences, you continuously focussed on what God had done and was doing in your life.

I found the conversations were relevant and did what they set out to do. The topics for the presentations were well chosen, full of meat to chew over. Perhaps due to Jean dealing with pain, I found her talk a bit more difficult to follow at times, but did, I believe get the point. Deidre's talk was brilliant. It really struck a chord with me for obvious reasons.

I was truly impressed by Jean continuing with a broken arm and yourself soldiering on.

Previous to going forward for prayer, we were given time to let God speak to us in the quietness of our hearts and to decide if we needed to take the opportunity to go for prayer. I had thought I was attending as an observer but God had other plans. God went straight to something I did not realize I had been harbouring. I went for prayer. I was released.

Deep down inside I had been feeling very guilty because I had had to place my father in the Care Home. Through self acknowledgement, (becoming aware) and prayer I was released. The change in me has been startling. The dreadful fatigue I have been battling has lifted! I am myself for the first time in absolutely ages. It is wonderful. Thank you God!

Perhaps as testimonials go this is a simple healing, not earth shattering, but all woundedness separates us from God. I was amazed and have told many about the Wounded Healers Course and God's goodness, His overwhelming desire to touch us with His love; to meet us in our still, quiet places. I am amazed too at the amount of damage this sense of guilt I was labouring under did to me. A third amazement for me once again is how God meets each of us so personally.

This is a wonderful Ministry and I am so thankful to be contributing in some small way.

God Bless,
A Wounded Healers Board Member