



Reach Up Reach Out...One by One

Dear Friends,

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All of us need good mentors to help us grow and mature in our faith and life. One man who stands out as one of my heroes and mentors is Ken Walker. He also happens to be the father of one of my closest friends and USC roommates, Jed Walker (who is now a pastor in Dallas, TX). Ken and his wife, Jo, were pastors all across the United States, and have been married for over 50 years. Thankfully, Ken opened up his schedule and gave me the opportunity to talk through family, ministry, and all the challenges of life. During many of our conversations, I took notes because Ken's words were so rich with wisdom and encouragement. Ken always steered me back to the importance of trusting in God's plan, though not easy, is always the best. Earlier this year Ken began to struggle deeply with his health, and was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. After a tough and painful battle, he went to be with the Lord on July 3, 2019. As I write this, my heart aches because I lost a close friend and someone I could lean on for support. However, I know the best way to honor a man like Ken is to continue to trust God and reach out to others with His love.



Enjoying In-N-Out Burger with Ken and Jo Walker

One specific way that Ken encouraged me most was in the area of meeting with people *one-on-one*. He felt strongly that

this was one of the best ways to help people grow in their faith with God. Although Mandy and I love large gatherings, we have found the most effective outreach for our work is through one-on-one meetings. Each week the Lord is so faithful to allow us opportunities to meet with many different people in one on one settings. We have been excited to witness lasting change in these meetings.

We want YOU to know how many lives are in the balance and how grateful we are for YOUR continued partnership. YOU are with us on every appointment, every prayer, and every victory. It is the greatest honor to trust God with YOU and allow Him to move mightily in Nashville and around the world. May God continue to bless YOU, YOUR family, and fill YOU with His desire to reach up and reach out. Lastly, I pray that YOU ALL would experience the treasure of a "Ken Walker friendship" in your lifetime.



Some of the students and coaches we mentor today

Ken Walker(isms)

- No matter what happens, God will always get the victory.
- You can't control your circumstances but you can trust God with how you respond.
- We don't read the Bible because we have to, but we read it because we can't live without it.

So thankful for friendship!

Much love,

Dave and Mandy



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