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Dear Dottie,

What do you hear when you listen to people these days? When you talk with those who cross your path on a daily basis, what tugs at your heart? Do you go beyond the superficial "How are you?""I'm fine and you?" God calls us to *"bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ"* and the burdens are heavy! Here are some of the things I'm hearing from women as I listen:

"I was raised believing that if your business isn't successful, you're not working hard enough. I wasn't prepared for that belief to let me down."

"I've been carrying around a big black pot, filling it with things that I kept close to me, like pets. Things like grief, depression, disappointment, unmet expectations, bitterness, regrets... It made me want to hide...from the world."

"I feel as though I have been stretched to the extreme the past few years (marriage, job, finances)... it brings me great pain to speculate on starting over again."



Susan Jameson sharing how God met her needs after a tragic loss

Hearing these things tugs at my heart. I'm constantly looking for ways to share the encouragement and comfort that comes from God and His word, with believers and unbelievers alike. Faith@Work, our monthly



Paige McKenzie with Karen at a recent luncheon, after sharing about a terrifying experience in her life that brought her closer to God

luncheon for business women, provides an avenue to do this. Not only myself, but dozens of servant hearted women who come to these luncheons have been able to mentor, disciple, coach and pray for the wounded and hurting. One woman shared,

"I have struggled in the past with sharing the Word of God with people who do not know Jesus, just always worried that I was not saying the right thing or maybe even offending someone. Early last year I invited a friend who was not a Christian to join me (at Faith@Work). My friend has (since) given her life to Christ and is attending a women's bible study. I always make it a point to invite someone to Faith@Work; you just never know who needs to be there and whose life it could change."

To read more stories from the women of Faith@Work, go to my website at http://www.navstaff.org/karen_warin. And if you haven't been to a luncheon, I invite you to come and check it out. God is doing great things, not the least of which is providing partners like you. Thank you for all that you do to support me in this.

In His love,

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