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## We All Have Problems

by Judy Deal, Vendor and Editorial Contributor



Before I start my story, I would like to take a minute to remember a dear friend and co-worker that passed away in January. "Ferne Riley". Ferne my thoughts and prayers go out to your family. "Rest in Peace"!

Oh yes we all have problems, whether its in the past or the very here and now. It can still affect one's behavior towards most anyone really; it depends on the individual's state of mind and also respect for others' emotions as such. When anyone tends to live trying to get back at whomever it tends to be. Close to that person. I do believe no one

should put their hands on anyone or anything or any animal, no matter what they believe. To release aggression towards things and pets and people that shouldn't be thought of.

Why I say this is because we all should be treated like a human being as such. No one has the right to put their hands on any person or anything as such, or any animal because they do not own anyone's body and mind that much to inhibit their well being as such, as being unable to not feel safe from any sort of abuse. But however, In any case it does happen.

It should not be taken lightly because no one has the right to make others feel intimidated for whatever the reason. It may be that just isn't humane even damaging property whether its yours or not it doesn't make it right. Thinking that you're going to get through life doing so isn't the right

way to treat yourself or others to get what you want, or make you feel cool and powerful. That's not very brave. I would call it cowardly; like pinching on a disabled person or an infant baby, or even an animal that is unable to protect themselves. What gives any one person the right to hurt or maim any person, animal or even others' belongings as such? I think that anyone who feels powerful doing so is weaker than they realize.

There is too much aggression in the world today. Why power and more power over whomever they can take? What is left of one's human dignity? Each and every one of us breathe and bleed no matter how you may look at it. So, does that mean that any one person should feel they can empower individuals just because of whatever the case may be if one knows that their

frustrations are not properly vented. Then go for help before you end up saying and doing an inhumane act as to belittle others, just to make them feel inferior. People can live up to others' strengths but never wanting their weaknesses. Funny, that's the way human nature goes.

I think each and every one of us have to beware before wanting to even think of any sort of relationship with whomever it may be. Think about your well being first. I know its easier said than done. But each and every one deserves to be treated with respect. No matter what! But those who invade that... it's not very healthy at all. Those individuals stay away from personal emotions and feelings that are thought of as such in a way that it can't only hurt one person. It can hurt many. This isn't very fair, because wouldn't anyone want to be treated the way they want to be treated, with the utmost respect as individuals who want to live a life that's not so aggressive and intimidating so that one's afraid to breathe or walk because of egg shells breaking.

We all want to live a happy honourable life respecting oneself and others, to eat and sleep, to wake up fresh and happy and safe... not having to worry about anybody bullying them around for whatever reason. They may think it's right. We should think of the consequences first and utmost to one's person before acting out of haste and madness. Because they were intimidated by whomever in their life in the past. Oh to cry, it cleanses the body and mind. If you don't one's heart can be hard as rock towards not just themselves or others that had nothing to do with it what so ever. We can't run from ourselves, no matter where we think we can go and start over. We will always be there. So peace on earth among us all everywhere!

From my heart to yours

Judy Deal

**Who We Are**

KAIROS unites churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). We deliberate on



issues of common concern, advocate for social change and join with people of faith and goodwill in action for social transformation.

**Important news regarding the KAIROS Anti-Poverty**

In the light of our current and ongoing financial crisis, the National Kairos Board decided that as one of its measures, KAIROS will not continue funding the KAIROS Anti-poverty Grants Program. KAIROS recognizes that these grants are important. In addition to the projects funded, the decision-making process itself is valuable in the way it empowers low-income people to address needs at a local or regional level.

The Board is saddened about the need for cuts and recognizes

the substantial achievements of PLURA and, more recently, KAPF grants. KAIROS deeply appreciates the work of the Anti Poverty Grants committees across the country.

NS KAIROS Anti-Poverty Fund Committee (formerly PLURA NS) is saddened to be folding after many, many years of funding important work in our communities. One of the ways we sought to support God's work in our world was through ads in this very publication. That too has come to an end.

On behalf of all past members and the current Kairos Anti-Poverty Fund Committee we want to thank the hundreds of applicants who have faithfully lived Micah 6 here in Nova Scotia. Your witness has been, and will always be, an inspiration to us.

In Solidarity and hope,  
 Kevin Little  
 NS KAIROS Secretary