Al-Anon Family Groups
Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers

UPCOMING DISTRICT 3 INFORMATION & EVENTS

September Wednesday Night Speaker Meeting

Mon. Wednesday, September 2nd at 7PM
Where: The Main Location of Memorial Methodist Church
1000 E. Fairview
Boise, ID 83703

We hope we can join the Collister Wednesday Night AFG for a speaker meeting on the first Wednesday of the month also.

Our speaker is Jody W!

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Which service role beyond the group level interests you and why?

Some positions beyond the group level for Group Representative, Convention Committee, or Intergroup Volunteer can enrich your recovery and support our fellowship. August's member blog invites you to share: Which service role beyond the group level interests you and why?

You may also reflect on Step Eight, Tradition Eight, and Concept Eight.

Sharinghub on the Member Blog may be used in future Al-Anon publications.

New topics are being added each month!

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THE FORUM FEATURED STORY (Al-Anon's Monthly Magazine)

Tending to My Garden of Grief

This morning, as I grappled once again with the loss of my daughter through estrangement to her choice over the last three years, my Higher Power gave me the gift of a reminder that I've received many times before. Matthew 6:25, Change My Will. The quote at the bottom of the page reads, "Love your neighbor, yet put not down your hedge." This program is teaching me to turn my will and my life over to God as I see Him, for sustaining strength of God as I understand the presence within me.

I've been fighting an invasive species I planted 15 years ago: Russian sage. It is one of my garden beds and has taken over all the other plants, and through its towering benefits, it threatens to expand even further. In other beds I have planted beautiful flowers, but the Russian sage has overpowered them. I have been volunteer seeds that blew in, took root, and became stronger than the sage. But on this one side, it had been set.

While contemplating my plants, I began to see them as metaphors for the spiritual lessons I'm learning. The grief I face daily from the loss of the relationship with my daughter is a spiritual invasive species in the form of Russian Lilac with the sage plant. I can't fight grief alone, without the help of my Higher Power. The tenents of grief pop up when my defenses are down, and I realize I've been overtaken by them. I've been trying to fight them on my own, using my weaknesses and, like the enemy knows, fight battles that are impossible to control. Those competing species are like the "hedge" in the Courage to Change quote, representing the healthy boundary that must be firm yet porous. I thought about how I'm leaning through the principles of Al-Anon to anchor my boundaries, but I'm also trying to control the outcome of my grief. I've misplaced blame for help or solve my children's problems, which are ongoing and out of control. I can 'muscle through' the insecure roots toward my home within, to my sacred center.

Though I will always grieve the loss of the relationship with my daughter, I have learned that I can't control her choices. I can only control my own. I can work on family relations, happiness, hope, strength, comfort, and healing, for which I am thankful every day.

By Jeanie L.

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