

Cell Notes 14 February 2010

Sudan Mission Focus - Jan Ransome (Flame International)

Matthew 18:21-35. Jan shared that she had been experiencing the 'refiners fire' but that out of that miracles had come. This refining is about getting our hearts right so that God can do miracles in Sudan and here! The process of forgiveness is a huge element of this – she shared how people's lives have been changed and physical healing has occurred when people have made the decision to forgive others who have hurt them (killed relatives etc.). If we have come to Christ, we have been forgiven **everything** because Jesus died for us. Now he requires us to forgive ourselves... and others. Forgiving someone is to hand them over to Jesus to be the judge (not letting them off the hook). It's a decision and a process – sometimes our emotions take time to catch up, but we will get free and experience a great release as we forgive.

1. What struck you most powerfully in Jan's talk?
2. Which comes easiest, knowing you are forgiven, forgiving yourself, or forgiving others?
3. What has God done in your life as a result of forgiving others?
4. Jan also brought us Matthew 10:8 as a word for the church in Trowbridge. How can we receive this word and act on it?