

# Unfoldings

An eLetter from Ralph and Jennifer Ennis



## Circling and Surrounding

Sometimes it fun and exhilarating to go around and around in circles. At other time, not so much. A circle is forever—begin anywhere on it and keep going forever—until you step off. A circle also surrounds that which is inside it.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord's **unfailing love surrounds** the one who trusts in him. Psalm 32:10 (NIV)

Circles are important symbols. They remind us that some things in life don't end, they surround us. As we circle our hearts, minds and souls around the One Who is surrounding us, we begin to live into a profound mystery—Christ in us and we in Christ.

Put yourself in the above image. When did you last feel like you were going in endless circles? Was that journey desirable, boring or tiresome? What feelings surface within you as you also consider your new year and today's agenda?

As we live into the circles of life, certain rhythms begin to form. We find that including prayerful silence with the triune God brings much meaning to our circles in a way that encourages us to perceive His surrounding love.

As life unfolds for you today, how might the above passage encourage you to walk with God as your day unfolds?

Consider sharing this passage and image with others. How might you encourage others to circle their hearts, minds and souls around the One Who is surrounding us in His loving kindness and mercy?

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