

KAIROS OUTSIDE



YOU ARE
NOT ALONE

Purpose

Kairos Outside is designed to support families of men and women who are or have been incarcerated. This is done by providing a safe environment to interact with other women who are in similar situations. We believe that women who have someone incarcerated often “do time” right along with their loved ones. We want to show the guests, the women who attend a Kairos Outside Weekend Retreat, that they are not alone and that there is a Christian Community that cares. The Weekend Retreat will provide an opportunity to not only explore one’s relationship with God but to experience a time for fun, music, great food, and making new friends in a safe community environment.

“Listen, Listen, Love, Love”

What happens at a Kairos Outside Retreat Weekend? The Weekend is a series of talks by women who share their life’s journey. Each guest has the opportunity to review the talks in small family groups. However, sharing in the small groups is voluntary. The program is interspersed with music, prayer, fun activities, and general pampering. We expect those in attendance to stay for the entire weekend program. The weekend is Christian in nature, although no religious affiliation is necessary to attend.

The Kairos Outside program is not limited to those women whose loved ones have attended a Kairos Inside Prison Weekend.

Questions Commonly Asked

(Q) *Who may attend a Kairos Outside Weekend Retreat?*

(A) Any adult female or family member whose life has been impacted by incarceration is eligible to attend a Kairos Outside Weekend Retreat. The weekend **IS NOT COED**. No men, NOT even MALE team members are permitted in the community room during the weekend.

(Q) *How long is the Kairos Outside Weekend?*

(A) The weekend starts Friday Evening at 6:00 PM and lasts until 5:00 PM Sunday.

(Q) *How much does the Kairos Outside Weekend cost to attend?*

(A) There is no cost to the guests. The funds are provided by local Christian Communities.

(Q) *Where do I stay during the Kairos Outside Weekend?*

(A) The Weekends are usually held at local Christian Retreat Centers.

(Q) *Do I have to be a Christian to come to the Kairos Outside Weekend Retreat?*

(A) No – all we ask is for the guests to be open to discussions given from the Christian perspective.

(Q) *What shall I tell my husband about the men on the team?*

(A) The men are present only to prepare and serve the meals, they do not participate in the community activities

(Q) *Why should I give up a weekend visit with my family members to come to a Kairos Outside Weekend?*

(A) Your journey is often more difficult. Many of the people in the outside world do not understand your struggle and may reject you. This weekend is designed to give you support and encouragement from women who are in the same situation, and from other Christians who care about you, the difficult time you are going through, and your loved one who is incarcerated.