

Naghmeh Abedini: Pastor Saeed Refuses Marriage Counseling

The wife of former imprisoned Pastor Saeed Abedini says that her husband refuses marital counseling or to deal with the alleged abuse.

"Many of you have been concerned about and have asked about updates on Saeed and our situation. At this point Saeed has not been willing to join me in getting counseling on the abuse which has been a big part of our life together. Once the abuse has been addressed, then that will open the way for us to get marriage counseling on the more common marital issues," Naghmeh Abedini posted to Facebook.

"I hope that Saeed can address the abuse as soon as possible so that our family can move towards reconciliation and healing. With birthdays and holidays coming up and for the sake of our children, no one longs for reconciliation for our family more than me. I have loved Saeed more than I have ever loved any human being in my life and it has been hard to stand and keep the boundaries and ask for the abuse to be addressed. This is the most loving thing I can do for my husband and children at this time. My love and passion in fighting for Saeed's freedom has not changed, but it has taken a different form on my knees.

"I ask you to join me in continuing to pray for Saeed and our family. I ask you to please pray for the children and specially for Jacob as his birthday will be in 3 days," Naghmeh writes.

On the same day Naghmeh asked her friends and followers for prayer, Saeed posted to Facebook that he was conducting a prayer walk around the Idaho capitol, praying for revival.

"Bowling our heads before the Lord, having a clear conscience

with God prepares our hearts for revival. As it is easy for all Christians to take the lesser path, it can also happen to our leaders. I told my father that one of the reasons we don't see revival come to America is that leaders can feel so powerful in name and money here. Our Christian leaders are supposed to preach the gospel to bring revival and awaken the sleeping churches but because they are not ready in their own hearts, they cannot lead their own flocks to revival. We need to pray for our leaders to be open to the Holy Spirit's leading," Saeed posted.

But Naghmeh says Saeed is still bound by "spiritual chains."

"Many of you understand the battle we often face for our loved ones for spiritual chains. The battle is hard and emotional. By Grace of God I did not give up fighting for my husband's physical chains and by God's Grace I am not going to give up in praying and petitioning God for the long waited family reunion," she writes.

"Once steps are taken by Saeed in addressing the abuse and our family starts moving towards reconciliation and healing, I would be the first to announce it and give shouts of praise and thanksgiving. But until then I would appreciate your prayers for continued Grace and strength," Naghmeh said.