



## *The Lord's Mountain Mover's* **NEWSLETTER**

*"If you have the faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you."*  
(Matt. 17:20)

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### Life's decisions

How would you define a "life decision?" Is it only limited to those big decisions you and I make that seem to be important? Decisions like getting married, what job should I seek after, where should I live, how much I should spend on a house, car, or other items. These can obviously be major decisions in our lives and affect us dramatically.

How about smaller decisions? Can they have as much impact on our lives as the so called "bigger decisions?" From my experience they can and, more often than not, do impact our lives in a significant way. A lot of times it is the smaller decisions that put us in a situation where we now have a bigger decision before us. Something we would not have had to deal with if we had spent a little more time analyzing the smaller one and making the right and better choice to begin with.

There are decisions that we make that seem to be in our best interest at the time but in the end turn out to be just another lesson we learn the hard way. I am sure that if we reflect on our past, all of us can find a personal example of this. The important thing is to correct those errors before they become overwhelming.

Wisdom. That is what all of us have lacked from time to time. Where does wisdom come from? Well, we could say that it comes with old age and the fact that life has generated that personal wisdom through life's ups and downs, our failures and successes. But my question is, do we have to go through every failure to learn? Is there a better and more beneficial way to gain wisdom?

In the Book of James, he tells us that, *"But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting..."* (James 1:5-6)

The first position we must take is knowledge that we don't know it all, that we lack what might be necessary for the decision before us. Secondly, we must turn to the only one who possess all true wisdom, God. Then we must be humble enough to ask for what we lack. We must believe that He will supply us with His wisdom. He will not withhold any portion of the wisdom necessary and He will not look down on us for not possessing this wisdom. Lastly, we must ask in faith. Faith that God does know it all. Faith that He possesses all true wisdom. That He knows what we are facing and that every decision is important when it comes to His children. Faith that He cares enough for you to listen and then respond in what is in our best interest. Faith that He will not withhold from you what you honestly desire.

In the last part of the scripture above it says, *"without any doubt."* Doubt is opposite of faith. It is the enemy of faith and desires to undermine faithfulness. God does not create doubt, that is the work of the flesh and of Satan. We need to stand strong in faith and against doubt. Doubt can creep into making a wise choice when what God is telling us to do doesn't make sense humanly. Faith is not exercised, when what God says and common sense dictates align with each other. Faith is fully exercised when those two things are in opposition to one another.

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If we desire to be wise for ourselves, and be an example to others, let's seek after the wisdom that God is offering. His wisdom is available for all our decisions, big and small. Let's take the path that offers more victories and less failures. May God guide us and keep us on the straight and narrow for our benefit and His glory.

In His service  
Pastor Pete



## **THE WORD IN MOTION MESSAGE**

### **Why Lord, Why? (Part 2)**

Last month we looked at some very positive aspects of God's nature. We saw how He responded to those who sought to do His will and not their own will. Individuals who saw that there were things that needed to get corrected and they did them. We also saw that His provision, protection, and purpose came through the loving and willing obedience to Him. I hope that you took these things to heart and applied them in your life. If you did, I believe that God has already responded or is working things out in your life right now. God has not changed, He desires that we do.

Fortunately for us, God gives us the truth about Himself and human nature too. King Jehoshaphat had a great start as a new king, but things did not continue that way for long. In 2 Chronicles 18:1, Scripture tells us the following, "*Now Jehoshaphat had great riches and honor; and he allied himself by marriage with Ahab.*"

On the surface one might say, "So what's the big deal, Ahab was from the nation of Israel? It's not like he violated God's law of marrying someone outside of God's people." You would be right on that account. The reason God had given for the men of Israel not to marry outside of God's people, was that eventually they would end up serving their gods. This had proven to be true time and time again in the history of Israel, especially her kings. Scripture doesn't make note of this marriage for filler, or just for interesting reading. It makes note of it because it is significant to the story of Jehoshaphat and the things that would follow because of this marriage. It is also significant because of the lessons we can learn from it.

What about Ahab's character? What kind of a person was he and what kind of life was he leading? Scripture tells us, "*Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him.*" (1 Kings 16:30) Further reading tells us that he not only worshiped the golden calves of King Jeroboam, but he also erected alters to Baal in Samaria. He had also violated God's law of marrying outside the nation of Israel when he married Jezebel, daughter of the king of Sidon. Ahab was an evil king, one that Scripture has little good to speak about. This is the person King Jehoshaphat had allied himself with, through the marriage of his son Jehoram, to Ahab's daughter, Athaliah.

Now that we have established the cause, let's look at the effect.

We find that several years later Jehoshaphat goes to visit Ahab. Ahab throws Jehoshaphat a big party and requests that he join him in taking back Ramoth-gilead, an area that was originally given to Israel as part of the Promised Land. Jehoshaphat readily agrees by saying, "*I am as you are, and my people as your people, and we will be with you in the battle.*" The alliance was made and now the conditions, or repercussions, begin to take shape. The good and the bad have come together, which will win out over the other?

Even though Jehoshaphat has agreed to join forces with Ahab to take back this land he requests to know how God feels about this military endeavor. In 2 Chronicles 18:4 Jehoshaphat says, *“Please inquire first for the word of the Lord.”* A good idea for a man of God to do for any plans he might be making. It also shows he still had a heart for the will of God. Ahab agrees and assembles the prophets for God’s endorsement, yet these are not God’s prophets, but prophets who worship Baal. They all with one accord shout out, *“Go up, for God will give it into the hand of the king.”* (18:5) But something inside of Jehoshaphat told him that something was wrong here and said, *“Is there not yet a prophet of the Lord here that we may inquire of him?”* (18:6)

Ahab answers the question like this, *“There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the Lord, but I hate him, for he never prophesies good concerning me but always evil.”*(18:7) Jehoshaphat is not happy with how Ahab speaks about this prophet of God and finally the Prophet Micaiah is brought before these two kings. The man who went to retrieve Micaiah told him to speak as all the other prophets were doing, so everyone would be in agreement with the king’s desire to go and fight. In 18:13, Micaiah tells this man, *“As the Lord lives, what my God says, that I will speak.”*

When Micaiah is asked whether or not they should go and fight for Ramoth-gilead, he responds. *“Go up and succeed, for they will be given into your hand.”* (18:14). I take notice that he didn’t say, “the Lord says,” or, “as the Lord lives,” in qualifying his answer. The king did not ask him what God was saying, he just asked him for advice. Even though Micaiah was agreeing with all the other prophets, King Ahab knew that something was amiss here. He knew that this prophet had been his adversarial counsel all along and now he was agreeing with him. Ahab's response indicated this knowledge, *“How many times must I adjure you to speak to me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord?”* (18:15)

I want to stop here because we have several great lessons for us to learn and I don’t want to pass over them in this study. Obviously, we see that we have two different men who had been living different lives in accordance with God’s will. The alliance, or friendship, that these two men established is important to their future and the future of others. We can also see the beginning stages of the decline of the one who had been following God’s will because of this new friendship.

Jehoshaphat had already moved in the wrong direction by aligning himself with this ungodly man through marriage. He then continued in the wrong direction by going to his home and allowing this ungodly man to honor him in an ungodly way. Once those boundaries had been crossed, the invitation to engage in something outside of God’s will presented itself in a reasonable manner and the natural response was inevitable, *“I am as you are, and my people as your people, and we will be with you in the battle.”* Yet God did not leave him without a conscience towards what was right even though he had gone this far. Remember that he knew something was wrong with those prophets and what they were saying. That was God still working to get him back on track, back into His will.

Even as far gone as King Ahab was, he still knew right from wrong. He knew that when Micaiah had agreed with the prophets of Baal, that it was not God speaking through him. Both men knew something was up and both had an opportunity at that point to correct what was wrong. We serve a loving God as we saw in last month’s study of this passage, now we are seeing a just God begin to present Himself, for He will leave us without excuse when we go in the wrong direction. He will continue to prompt us into correction no matter how far we may have gone. The question is, will we listen and respond?

I want to leave you with a few questions to ask yourself. Are you choosing your friends carefully and within the will of God? What friendships or obligations are you involved with now that you know in your heart of hearts are wrong? Is God prompting you through your conscience to question those alliances? Are you going to listen to

advice that you know is wrong and continue down the wrong road? If you are in a position like this, are you going to respond in the right way? Lastly, are you willing to be the lone voice in someone's life that tells the truth no matter what everyone else is saying? I pray you are, we all need you.

May God bless you all

*Pastor Pete*

### **How would you like to bless and encourage someone?**

We would love to receive your testimony of how God has impacted your life in the past or present. God does things in our lives not only to bless us, but to be an inspiration to others who may be facing some of the same circumstances you have. Please keep your testimony to one page or less. We look forward to seeing and sharing God working in your life. If you send something you need to have back, we will be glad to return it to you, just let us know.



### *Our Prayer Requests for God's Children*

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. We are currently posting and maintaining all prayers requested on the Internet so your brothers and sisters all over the world can continue to pray for your petitions and praise God for the ones He has already answered.

What a privilege we have, to go before the throne of God with our requests and the requests of others. Let us keep praying and seeking His will for our lives and the lives of others. If you have a prayer request you would like added to next month's newsletter and/or posted on the ministry website, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. Previous prayer requests are still there on the website for people to read. We are wondering if your prayer has been answered yet? Send us your praise reports! We want to know and share it with everyone else who reads the newsletter, so keep us updated. We look forward to hearing from you and standing in the gap as a prayer warrior.

**Please note:** We ask that you keep your prayer requests short and to the point using the prayer request form. We cannot print many pages of hand written requests, bible tracks, lengthy stories and Bible scripture.

## December 2018 – January 2019 Prayer List

Joe A .....Pray for my victim and his family, Praying for a pen pal and favor from the Governor for a pardon.

Juan S .....Prayer for myself, my Wife Luz R. cleaning, protection, healing, reconciliation and ask to destroy all assignments of darkness against us. I pray that my wife to be liberated from all witch craft and I pray she comes back renewed / revived in the power of God, Son and Holy Spirit. Relief of an unjust sentence, asking the Lord to place a stop of being defrauded of my liberty. Expose every-dirty work of Satan that has been used against me. May Gods power turn things around and bless me to receive restoration of blessings and goodness, Amen.

To my dearest brothers and sisters in Christ. I have a very special prayer request for all of you. Mary Sauer who has been leading the ACTS Foundation has a prayer request for herself that I want to share with you. Mary has been given a heart towards those who are in prison. She and the ACTS Foundation have sent thousands of beautiful bibles to inmates in California. I received one of these bibles over 13 years ago and that gift has blessed so many others since then. Please join me in lifting her up before the healing and loving hands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank and God bless you all.

Mary's Prayer request - Dear Brothers in Jesus: A very short note to let you know that into every life a little rain must fall and sometimes "a bump in the road". The "bump in the road" is actually a bump on the back of my head as on Friday evening 10/19, I was standing at my kitchen counter and suddenly heard a loud noise in my head and a funny feeling in my chest (not my heart though) and I fainted. When I woke up, I realized that I was on the floor having a little difficulty breathing and cried out "please God help me". As I sat up, I also realized that I was in trouble as the blood was running down the side of my face and when I looked back on the floor there was a puddle of blood. I managed to get up and call 911 and the medics were there within 10 minutes. I spent a couple of hours in E.R. and then they kept me at the hospital Friday night, Saturday and released me on Sunday afternoon. Praise the Lord as I had no confusion at all and answered all their many questions correctly, and the only lingering effects are headaches and pressure in my head that comes and goes. I am having an MRI tomorrow evening (11/2) and after that I must wear a monitor for two weeks. My cardiologist doesn't think it was my heart thus the MRI plus seeing a neurologist. The greatest blow to my pride is that I am using a walker at home just in case it happens again - remember the saying that "pride goes before a fall" so I must swallow my pride and use the walker: also, I am not supposed to drive until they know why I fainted. I am reminded of the song "I don't know about the future, but I know who holds the future". Remember the saying that Bill and I used all the time "For this I have Jesus".

The main reason for this letter is to ask for your prayers that God will heal my head quickly because it is my understanding that trauma to the head can take a long time to heal and if I don't write as often as I want to, you will understand why. Maybe this is a wakeup call from God that I need to prioritize my time with more in-depth Bible reading and prayer. I don't always have to write a lengthy letter but just a card to let each one of you how much I love you and call it a privilege to have you in my life as brothers. Your letters keep me on my toes and remind me how much God loves each of us. What a privilege to share the Love of God with each other in envelopes. God's love in an envelope!

In His love and mine as always – Mary

Michelle H .....Pray for Richard, unspoken word.

Michael S. ....I ask for prayer of my Faith, my Marriage. Prayer over my walk with Christ, I have any obstacles or struggles released. To lean not on my own understanding but on God's understanding. For God to accept my marriage as I surrender it to Him. To reveal any darkness in it. I would like prayer for this ministry, may God continue using you and blessing you, In Jesus Christs name, AMEN! Love to all my brothers and sisters.

Peter C.....Praise report that he has received an all clear, no stomach cancer.

Sue C.....Was in a car accident. We pray for her to mend completely and quickly.

Anthony M. ....Pray for his recovery for significant heart issues, surgeries and procedures. Also pray for his family and wife who are also stressing over his condition.

Dale C .....Praying he resists the negative spirits attacking him and gets back on his medications and assuming his responsibilities again.

Daniel R .....Praying that he realizes his blessings as he assumes more responsibility at work and with his parents as they move. Keeping a humble heart and praising Jesus in all our challenges.

Dave P. ....Pray that the Lord will heal him and strengthen him. He will be 53 this month and just found out that he has stage 4 cancer, either colon or pancreatic. He is not sure which it is. His wife is trying to help get him into City of Hope, who have a great program to treat cancer.

Rosalind K. ....Pray that the Lord will heal my spleen.

Joanne R.....We pray for a successful back surgery and speedy recovery.

Donald A. ....Pray for Chaplain Helerbent for "G" Yard to get off of lockdown and have a revival and Chapel services again.

Raymond W ...I request prayer for everyone on this prayer list. I pray that God will let me one day go home. I thank God for my life, even while in custody. In His Name

Mar C .....Prayer for healing after a fall, broken ribs and collapsed lung. Pray for a fast recovery.

Michael S .....I request prayer for my walk and to continue to grow in faith. Also, that my prison sentence be shortened, For my family and their safety. For my wife "Angela" stays in our marriage. That all non-believers become unmuted and unblinded by Satan so that they can become believers, that any strongholds that Satan has on me that God binds them and

that He becomes my stronghold. Also, for your ministry that God allows it to prosper and he blesses every brother and sister involved. In Jesus name, Amen.

Dave G .....Prayer for continued safety. Continue prayer for deliverance through the appeal and to be reunified with my children. They are all grown now. Please pray for their salvation.

Richard D .....Prayer as he goes through some medical issues, three family members have taken their own life. Pray for the surviving family's healing. Please keep him in pray as he transitions to a facility. Also, for Richard to be strong, kind and humble as he moves to a new living environment. Pray that Robert G. to find peace inside these concrete walls and electric fence, and for his Mom- Kids and Family.

Yolanda .....“The Cable Lady” asks for prayer for her people and her situation. God knows what she needs as we reach out for her to be uplifted in the Lord.

Robert G .....Prayer for the Griller, Solorio, Latner, Brown & Griffin Families that God Strengthen and comfort all of these families and draw those who don't know Him close unto Him. Asking for prayer for Richard D's., daughter's safety and that they be able to write him more. Also pray for Linda L. that God comforts her as she battles cancer and she stays surrounded by family & Christian family during this trying time.

Aimee P .....Prayer for relief from Multiple Sclerosis and her comfort and for her to draw nearer to Christ throughout this trial.

Thomas G .....Prayer for God to restore him to his family and keep him healthy. Pray for his children and grandchildren's safety and salvation.

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The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

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