



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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Would you go there?

How many times have you ever heard someone say, "Now the shoe is on the other foot." Most often it has come after someone has looked down on another person with contempt, indignation, or disgust. They had such an attitude of satisfaction for the person's current struggles that they even refused to help them out of it or aid them in any way whatsoever.

Then the script is flipped and they end up in the same, or similar, situation. It is always unpleasant and humiliating, and usually unexpected. Jacob had deceived his brother Esau into surrendering his God given birthright for a bowl of stew. For many years, he must have felt like his deception had gone unnoticed by his father and his God. Then God stepped in to level the consequences for his actions. Not as an act of revenge, but to teach Jacob that, not only had his God seen it, but wanted to teach Jacob that it was wrong on every level.

Jacob had worked seven years for the hand of Rachel, his desired bride. A deal had been struck with her father Laban for his daughter's hand. The labor was completed and his reward was due him. Jacob entered his tent that night expecting that Rachel would be delivered to him as promised. However, when he woke up he found out that he had slept with Leah, Rachel's older sister, and she was now his wife. Upset, Jacob went to Laban to find out why he had been deceived like this. Laban explained that it was their custom that the older daughter should be married first. Jacob ended up working many more years to receive Rachel. He had also learned a valuable lesson; it hurts to be deceived.

God is in the business of teaching us life lessons. He may wait days or years to bring this lesson to us, but believe me it will always come. His patience does not equate to ignorance my brothers and sisters, it does however always equate to His justice and love for us and others. We need only remember the following example to keep our heart and mind in sync with God.

God looked down on mankind and could have felt contempt, indignation, and disgust, but He didn't. He felt compassion, empathy, and love. He hurt for us before He ever hung for us. He willingly put the shoe on the other foot and accepted humiliation from others and yet anguished in His heart that they couldn't see they were worse off than He was.

This year will present us with opportunities to "go there." The question is; will we willingly put the shoe on the other foot, or will God have to do it for us. I pray that we will... before He does.

In His service,

Pastor Pete



THE WORD IN MOTION message

Get out of Jerusalem!

Acts 1:6-8 “So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

As Christians, there are things we are not to know or be concerned with in this life. However, there are things we have all been commanded to do and that is to spread the Gospel message. “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be** My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Emphasis mine)

I am always baffled when churches have a service where they honor those missionaries they support through tithes and offerings collected on Sunday morning. I am eternally thankful for those who have felt the call and responded accordingly to spread the Gospel to the lost. I am however, concerned with those who feel they have fulfilled Jesus’s commandment to spread the good news by merely dropping a few dollars into the offering plate once a week. We are to support each other, but not pay someone else to do the work that each of has been called to do.

The Apostle Paul tells Timothy to; “*preach the word; be ready in season and out of season.*” (2 Timothy 4:2) We are all to be walking, talking, examples of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we cannot skirt around our duty by having someone else do it for us. We go to church to be fed so we can mature as Christians and take this wonderful message to others. Yes, I also know that Paul also said in Ephesians 4:11, “*And He gave **some** as apostles, and **some** as prophets, and **some** as evangelists, and **some** as pastors and teachers.*” But this is not a loophole to negate the inherent calling of every Christian to share what God has done for them.

I heard a story once about an optometrist who felt his calling to spread the good news but couldn’t find the time or opportunity to satisfy his God given responsibility. He was not satisfied with just supporting others and knew he needed to do his part, but didn’t know how. So, he prayed, imagine that! Through heartfelt conviction and prayer God gave him the answer. The optometrist went to the printer and had new eyecharts made up for his examination rooms that read as follows:

**“For
God so loved
the world, that
He gave His only
begotten Son, that
whoever believes in
Him shall not perish,
but have eternal life.”**

He would then ask his patients to start at the top and read as far as they could. He would finish it if they could not. It was not always met with positivity, but neither is the gospel message when shared in other countries. Jesus, when sending out His disciples told them, “*Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.*” (Matthew 10:14) We should not evaluate our obligation to share the gospel with others by their response... but by our responsibility. God afforded this optometrist with a way to fulfill his obligation and lead others to Christ by this simple method.

Get out of yourself!

That’s the key, we must get out of ourselves, our own inhibitions. We must remember that it is not us, but the Holy Spirit working in and through us. Remember what our Scripture in Acts said, “**you will receive** power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.” God even told Moses, “*Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say.*” If we serve an unchanging God, and I mean that rhetorically, then will He not give us the means to fulfill what He has called us to do?

I am not writing this message to bash anyone, but to motivate us all into getting out of ourselves, out of our churches and spread the Gospel to the lost and dying. You don’t have to go any further than your work place, your school, or your social groups to start. Pray how God would have you do it, then trust Him and His Spirit to guide you. Accept your responsibility to obey and let the response of others be His responsibility. You will find great satisfaction in obedience and you just might help change someone’s eternal destiny.

God’s speed to you my brothers and sisters in Christ.

*In His Service
Pastor Pete*

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.” Psalms 119:9-11

Keeping in theme with what Pastor Peter just shared with us, I would like to encourage you this month to memorize Scripture. Once we start to clear out the junk and sin in our lives, there must be a way that we can help to maintain our sanctity. Scripture gives us the best way to do that.

When I was a newer believer, one of the first weekly Bible studies I attended called us all to memorize a passage or verse each week. Then the following week when gathered together again, we would test each other to see how well we could memorize the Scripture. For most that first year of study I couldn't seem to memorize one single verse when I was called to recite it. This puzzled me and made me feel embarrassed. It took this long for me to cry out to God to ask Him for help in memorizing His word. You see, I could memorize lyrics from songs and even scenes from movies that I liked. So, why couldn't I memorize the Scripture?

This passage helped me to realize that I must treasure His word, in my heart! At that time, I treasured my sin. But as God and I worked together to clean out my sin, He enabled me to replace it with His word. To be transformed by it, this led me to treasure it even more. Then as different moments of temptation were presented, I could recall Scripture to battle the temptations. This is the same example Christ gave us during His earthly ministry and even Paul called it the “sword of the spirit.”

Sharpen your sword brothers and sisters, so God can use you more and more in His ministry!

Be blessed in Him,

Brother Daniel Rodney

We want you!

That's right; the Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry wants you to be a bigger part of what we are doing in God's kingdom. We have received several contributions for your newsletter and thank those of you who have taken the time to send your submissions. We hope that more of you will share some of the talents God has given to you through writing, drawing, etc. Keep them coming. 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. Due to financial constraints, we have revised the way we do our prayer requests. 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.

We are encouraged by the work that God has already done through so many people praying for the needs of those they do not even know. 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? 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 that we will be removing older prayer requests, especially when we do not hear about updates. The newest requests are at the top of the list and the oldest requests are at the bottom of the list. These will remain on our website prayer list.

January - February 2017 Prayer List

Rex S.....Pray for him and his family for strength and peace as he recovers from open heart surgery. He is doing better.

Gary B.....Needs prayer for his business and his health.

Chris CPrayer for a wonderful marriage.

Roger CPrayer for him in his peace and strength as he moves forward with the challenges of his incarceration.

Barbara MWho was diagnosed with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. Prayer that she receives a long-term resolution to her health challenge, and that her and her husband's medical and financial needs might be met.

Winifred W. ...Pray for God's favor in an upcoming board review and that he remains healthy and that he will be released soon and that the attacks on our chapel & pastor get resolved and services are restored.

Richard D.....Pray that the Lord will use him to help others in the Celebrate Recovery program.

George LGeorge has been ill in the hospital; he is 89 years old. Pray that he survives and can go home. And that I (Tom M.) may be able to take him fishing one last time.

Gabriel.....Prayer that chapel services to run smother and for the KAIROS program to continue.

Robert M.Asks for prayer and healing for Rudy, Betsy & Maria (Valley fever and Carpel tunnel)

James.....Prayer for the program on the yard to change for the better for everyone.

MatlockRequests for prayer for a closer relationship with his son.

Joe S.....Asks for prayer for his family to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

Geno.....For help with his soon-to-be-wife's family. To have them come visit him.

Pastor JackWe pray for his health to improve and to get instruments on the yard.

Tom S.....Asked for prayer to be able to spend time with his wife.

Bob &
Gina N.....Asking for prayer for the family... They suddenly lost their 36-year-old daughter, Laura, after complications from elective Dental surgery. She is survived by her Husband and 2-1/2-year-old son. The Family is struggling to understand this sudden loss. Pray for their healing.

Dave G.Asks for continued prayer for favor in appeal, family, delivery from excessive incarceration, re-unification of marriage and children, provision to fund all needs and continued blessings to this ministry. Pray that AB1909 will be retroactive.

Sebastian M....Requests prayer for his children, that the Lord will soften their hearts and they will turn to Jesus for salvation.

Hazel C.....Pray for her condition to improve. She is now in a convalescent hospital.

Alice S.....Brother "Tee" prays for her and her kids during a difficult time and transition in her life.

Pete C.....Keep him in prayer that he obtains better housing.

This Ministry..Please pray for this ministry that we may be girded up with faith and strength to keep this ministry going to spread the Lord's word.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

Place request in Newsletter Yes No

(Use back of request if necessary. You can also use blank paper)

Mail to: The Lord's Mountain Movers, PO Box 1211, Boulevard, CA 91905-0311

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