



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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Pastor Pete is taking some much-needed time off, so for the next couple of Newsletters some of our Lord's servants will be bringing the messages to you.

Testing of your Faith

We have a purpose in our lives. We are meant to know and love God...

Today's society appears to be one that is virtually devoid of faith in God. Since most people do not read the Bible, they do not know much about God or believe He even exists. What about you - do you lack the faith to believe in God?

Having true faith will help us make sense out of the troubling and confusing world we live in. It will give us the confidence we need to move forward with our life despite various trials and setbacks. How does one get faith? *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for."* Hebrews 11:1, (NIV)

Growing in faith requires believing in God and maintaining a close relationship with Him. We can have this relationship with God through daily prayer, Bible study and applying what God says in the Scriptures to our personal life. *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

"How do we handle stress?" Are we depending on ourselves, or do we depend on God? Psalm 50:15 (NIV) says, *"and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me"*. Do we turn to God when we are in trouble and not to other things?

God often uses people in our life to test, stretch and develop our faith. This test poses the question, "How will we handle disappointments?" Life is filled with disappointments. Careers, marriages, and even plans do not turn out the way we would like them to. One of the most disappointing things in life can be people. Why? People disappoint us when we expect them to meet a need that only God himself can meet. Here lies the test!

Our problem is not the people in our life. Our problem is our response to the people in our lives. People are not the problem, and they are not the answer to the problem, either. The answer is God. When we expect other people to be our savior, or give us strength, we are setting ourselves up for disappointment.

God expects us to live life and prevail through trials. The Bible does not tell us that life, even a Christ centered life, would be easy. *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete."* James 1:2-4 (NIV)

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This is why it is so important that we have Faith in God and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jeremiah 17:7 (NLT) says, “*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence*”. What is the end result when we trust in the Lord? Look at God’s promise in Isaiah 49:23 (NIV): “...*Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in me will not be disappointed*”.

Which of these tests is God using in your life right now to stretch your faith? What is our response to the stress and people in our life that might be testing our faith?

Here are a few biblical examples giving us life changing lessons and teaching us how to deal with our struggles and challenges while exercising our faith in Jesus Christ. The question is: Are we listening and following His teachings in our hearts and minds?

The Israelites were constantly having their faith tested as they were led through the wilderness. They argued amongst themselves, built false idols and failed to see the blessings they had. “*You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Thus you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.*” Deuteronomy 8:2-5 (NASB)

Never satisfied, they were looking for what they wanted, instead of being satisfied with what God had already provided for them. Such is the struggle of humankind throughout the ages. We seek but we do not see our blessings. “*Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.*” Matthew 13:13 (NIV)

Many people do not have the faith described in the Bible because they do not believe and practice what Jesus said: “*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments*”. John 14:15 (NASB)

The Bible tells us salvation is by God’s grace and is not earned by good works “*not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB) We are saved by grace through faith. The danger we face is that our faith will die if we neglect our salvation not living a life of obedience to God. See Hebrews 2:1-3 (NIV)

“*The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.*” Matthew 13:20-21 (NIV)

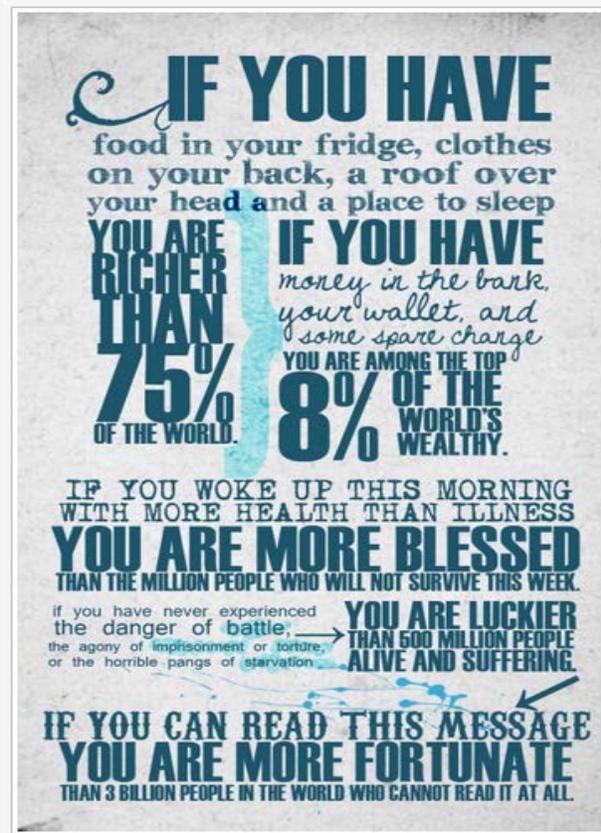
“*In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*” 1 Peter 1:6-7 (NIV)

“*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.*” Romans 5:3-4 (NIV)

“*Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.*” Isaiah 48:10 (NASB)

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We all run into periods in our lives when we are challenged. Have we really had it so bad? Are we starving, do we have enough food to eat, clothes on our backs, a roof over our head, clean water to drink?



Remember what Satan put Job through?

“So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.” Job 2:7 (NKJV)

If you review the information to the left, and stop to think about where we are, even if in prison, you should know you are richer than 75% of the people who are in the free world. Let’s look at what we have and be thankful for it, not worrying about what we want or desire.

The Lord has us exactly where He wants us. When we observe what is going on around us, trusting in God and understanding it is in His timing, though we struggle. When we give it all to our Savior, Jesus Christ, we suddenly have a sense of peace in our lives. That is the fruit of exercising our Faith.

Are you willing to give all your cares, desires and struggles to Christ? Remember; *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the*

temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.” 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NKJV)

Once we have been tested, it is only then, we can have a testimony to share with others... The bible tells us... *“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” 1 Peter 5:10 (NASB)*

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12 (NIV)

We should not care what the world thinks about us. Not one of us is defined by our reputation nor should we allow ourselves to be defined by others opinions. Our past is the past and we are new men/women in Christ if we have received Christ into our lives. Our focus should be on glorifying God by our words, thoughts and actions. We cannot earn salvation; we are saved by God’s grace when we have faith in His Son, Jesus Christ. All you have to do is believe you are a sinner, that Christ died for your sins and ask His forgiveness. Then turn from your sins—which is called repentance. Jesus Christ knows you and loves you. What matters to Him is the attitude of your heart, your honesty.

We suggest praying the following prayer to receive Christ as your Savior (*if you haven’t ever before*):

“Dear Lord Jesus,

I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. Guide my life and help me to do Your will.

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In Your name, Amen.”

Share your hope with each other, pray together, and keep on encouraging *faith* in Him.

In His Service,

Brother George Bishop

About Brother George:

What do I do in this Ministry? In October of 2013, Pastor Pete and I were discussing how we could serve the Lord more. We pooled our resources and created this Ministry. We came up with the name "The Lord's Mountain Movers". After hundreds of hours of research and paperwork, we received our 501(c)(3) Non-profit status on November 7, 2013. As Technical Director, I create and maintain the website, as well as the database of people it is sent to. I Print, staple, fold, label and stuff envelopes and mailed our first newsletter in November 2013. That first month we mailed about 30 newsletters. Now we send out almost 300 newsletters each month via mail and email. We pray to God every day, asking Him to give us direction on how we should expand His ministry and glorify our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

BE A BARNABAS

This week in the news, I read a couple of articles that inspired me. One article was written by the Catholic pope sharing the opinions and positions that he regarded as where the Catholics should stand. It dealt with global warming, abortion and gay marriage, as well as a few other topics. The other article I read was about a woman in Kentucky who works for the city. She has been refusing to issue marriage certificates to homosexual couples. She appealed her case to the highest courts in this country and lost. But she is still honoring God.

Be strong and courageous! “...*Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.*” Joshua 1:9

I don't know what each one of you reading this newsletter are going through right now and you don't know all the things I am going through. But we have this same thing in common, we must stand.

Stand firm therefore... “*Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,*” Ephesians 6:14

When I read the article by the pope, I was happy that the pope suggested that those seeking an alternative union should simply call it a union and not a marriage. It was good to see someone taking a stand, even if it wasn't a strong one, for something that is inherently right. Yet when I read the article of the Kentucky woman. I was inspired and reminded of what persecutions may face us for believing in God and His Only Son, Jesus Christ. This woman believes so strongly that what the Supreme Court judges have decided is wrong, she is willing to risk her job, her freedom, maybe even her life. The public will scrutinize her for a long time for this one act of righteousness. I thought to myself, would I have the courage to do the same thing if I were in her shoes, and I realized most likely, I would not. That is when I remembered, I do not have that battle for what is right like hers. I have my own.

“*And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.*” Psalm 78:72

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Integrity. I looked up the word in the Merriam-Webster dictionary and this is what I found:

Full Definition of INTEGRITY

- 1:** firm adherence to a code of especially moral or artistic values : **incorruptibility**
- 2:** an unimpaired condition : **soundness**
- 3:** the quality or state of being complete or undivided : **completeness**

The world is working on changing the definition of some things. The definition of integrity has not changed. Believing in Christ comes with a cost. He gave His life to save ours; our calling is to lose ourselves to save others. Dying to self is something we must do daily Paul said. Each one of us will have our chance to do the right thing, to stand in the gap where no one else would. Each one of us was created with a purpose that is to be conformed to the image of Christ.

I want to encourage you, my family in Christ, to stand firm today and everyday that the Lord has given you, until He calls you home. Take it one day at a time, one moment at a time, and do the right thing. God will give you the moment to shine and then *you* will reflect that image which is Jesus Christ to those around you. So on that final day, you will hear the words, “*Well done my good and faithful servant...come and share in your Master’s delight.*” Paraphrased from Matthew 25:23 AMP

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’s 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 for people to read. We are wondering if your

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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.

August & September Prayer List

Todd S.Prayer for Theresa, that God would hold her tight and take care of His child while I am gone. Pray for her health issues too. Prayer for himself: protect and guide him through his incarceration and recovery from addiction issues. Prayer for Pastor Pete to never give up on me. Pray that God will use his time in prison to build him up and help him to submit to God once and for all.

Richard L.Please pray that he gets right with the Lord before he gets a life sentence, he is messing up bad.

J. JacksonRequest prayer for Soledad Prison and its staff. Prayer for the Jackson family that God would become the center of their lives and reunify them again.

Greg.....Prayer for clear vision on what God wants to do with “The Cure” Ministry. Maintain ministry’s focus on God only. Also prayer for his marriage to Shelia as he gets ready to go home. Also prayer for Shelia as she recovers from a work injury. Update on previous prayer requests; Aaron passed SD Sheriff’s test, Stephen is working at a Christian Camp, Justin has a job at Toyota Dealership and is working for EMT position.

Sonhai H.....Requesting prayer for her and the family so she could talk to her brother Jonathan.

Brian D.....Prayer for his relationship with his father and as he strives to give up drinking.

DouglasPrayer for God to help him become the man that He desires and change his old ways.

Steven W.....Prayer for himself and his mother as his father passed away and the family is going through the grief process.

R. WhiteThat the Lord will open doors for suitable housing upon his being paroled.

Alice S.....Chesapeake VA – prayer for personal issues.

Sheila.....Prayer for her health issues, finances and God’s direction for personal decisions.

Greg.....Praise report; God is in control, using me, and I am being blessed by Him. Woo Hoo!

Helen &

Hazel C.....Prayer for their dialysis treatments and recovery from health issues.

Kenny J.Requests prayer for steady employment.

Gabriel SHis mom, Rosie, his Uncle and brother who need prayer for recovery from health issues.

Stephen.....Prayer for change in career course.

JustinPraise report; finished EMT school and looking for work.

Joshua.....Continued prayer for personal issues.

The C.U.R.E...Prayer for God's guidance and provision.

Greg FPrayer for answered prayer in his period of fasting.

BenjaminGuatemala, Praise report for Bibles that their church has received. Asking for prayer for his family, the church that they might finish the floor, the windows and doors.

Barbara MPray for her marriage and family.

Jamie PFavor with the Parole Board and upcoming hearing.

Linda DContinued recovery from health issues.

Rich H.....Living situation and employment. Prayer for his sister Darlene who was just diagnosed with terminal cancer. Please pray for the family also.

Sandy (Bill A's Sister)Pray for her continued recovery from health issues.

Robert BPray for God's direction and provision in his life.

George & Amy.....Lift them both up in prayer.

TJ LPray for his health issues.

Bob P.....Needs prayer, was just diagnosed with stage two and four cancer in lymphatic system.

Joanne R.....Her and the rest of the family need your prayers as they continue to deal with the loss of a child to cancer.

Jose Rodriguez.....Pray for his ex-wife as she deals with an abusive relationship. Also prayer for his parents (dad's recovery from surgery and mom's health issues).

Larry K.....Asks for prayer for Lisa and her daughter. They need your prayer for God in their lives and peace in their home. He also has a praise report that God is setting the

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church in order where he is at and that the spirit is moving in the hearts of fellow believers.

Pray for.....Christians who are facing the loss of their lives for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Darrell R.....Prayer for his health and life issues.

G. GortonPrayer for housing and work upon his release.

Pastor Gray.....Pray that the Lord will continue to guide and strengthen him as he brings the light of the gospel to those who are still trapped in darkness of sin and false gospels. Prayer for all those who are following in his faithful footsteps.

Thomas M.....Pray for his upcoming review by the board and release back where he belongs. Also pray for his dear friend George that his health holds up.

Sebastian M....Prayer for his continual growth in Christ. Prayer for his children's salvation and wellbeing.

Peter APray that he gets the needed help battling drugs and is admitted into a residential program for treatment.

Randy CHe was in a car accident and needs prayer for healing and replacement of his vehicle.

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)

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