



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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You don't get burned out from doing what you're doing, you get burned out because you forget why you're doing it.

Sometimes you hear something and it just makes you stop and think, and think more than you sometimes want to. I was watching a sports program and heard a college athlete utter those words during an interview. His answer was inspired by the question the reporter asked, "don't you get tired of all that your sport requires of you?"

These words made me stop and think about my life as a Christian man. How many times over the years have I become exhausted, desponded, discouraged, burned out, with the all that being Christian entails? If we are completely honest it's not a natural transition from the old man to the new, from being human to taking on the Divine nature. Yes, we have supernatural help in the person of the Holy Spirit, but even learning to be 100% responsive to the Spirit takes effort. Sometimes it all gets very labor-some. Why? Because we forget why we are doing it! Just like the young athlete realized early on that, the "why" always leads to the higher ground of inspiration. Our labor at becoming a walking, talking, living example of Christ can become overwhelming. I believe the problem of burn-out comes from not only forgetting why we are doing it but also from how we are doing it.

We can start out God led, Christ focused, Spirit inspired, but then slowly and subtly we take over and become self-led, self-focused, and self-inspired. We transition from unlimited resources to self-supplied and believe me the resources are short and insufficient when we are the supplier and consumer.

Jesus said, "*For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?*" (Luke 14:28) First Jesus laid out the cost of discipleship, then He laid down His life for it. He also knew the costs of what He had been called to do by God the Father on behalf of fallen mankind, yet He went to the cross without being burned out. Why?

Two reasons:

First, He maintained focused on the "why" of it. There was a higher calling to His life, and that was to be within the will of His Father and not His own will. Whether the task was large or small the "why" never changed for Him. It never became about Him or even the people He was helping, even though we are the beneficiaries of His mission. This focus was maintained through prayer. How many times did Jesus find a quiet place to pray right before or after some event. He knew that in order to be within the will of His Father He had to know what the Father's will was at that moment.

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Secondly, He pulled from resources that were eternal and not natural or temporal. He didn't rely on earthly resources to meet heavenly needs. This lesson is best seen in the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus asked His disciples how they would feed this many people. Their response shows their mentality. We don't have enough money, and there is a boy with five loaves and two fish, but what are they among so many. That's relying on, and thinking like "self", and those resources are so limited. Jesus demonstrated that these needs could be met because heavenly resources are unlimited.

In closing, I have a couple of things to share on these points. When we become burned out or are feeling overwhelmed with the task at hand we need to remember the "why" of what we are doing. It is never about us, it is something far greater than we are. Oh yes, we may be beneficiaries in some form or fashion of the work we accomplish in His name, but that is never to be our focus. We need to stay God led, Christ focused, Spirit inspired in all we do. We need stay within the will of God through prayer and fellowship with like-minded individuals.

Next, we need to remember that not all the resources to accomplish God's will are physically and presently on hand. Sometimes we can see and touch the resources to start, but not have enough on hand to finish. That is never the call to become self-sufficient in doing God's bidding. If He has called us to a task, then He will supply the necessary resources to complete it. He never calls us to accomplish something and then leave us ill equipped. That defies being God.

In conclusion, my brothers and sisters in Christ I want to tell you this. You will get tired, but God is there to spur you on. You will not always see the light at the end of the tunnel, but it is there. You might get to the end of your rope, but remember that Jesus is waiting there for you to let go. If you are becoming burned out then take a step back and ask yourself why? Why, if I am supposed to be eternally inspired and supplied, why am I burning out? Hopefully you will let go of "I" and grab hold of "Him" and see where He might take you.

There are many mountains to climb and valleys to trek through and you have the Godhead to get you through it all. Don't do it alone my friends, it will be a lonely trip.

Pastor Pete

In His service

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"As for the days of our life, they contain seventy years, Or if due to strength, eighty years, Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow; For soon it is gone and we fly away." Psalm 90:10

A few weekends ago I was out in the desert riding with one of my best friends. In the middle of our ride he pulled over. He had received a call from his sister letting him know that if he wanted to say good bye to his dad, now was the time. My friends' dad was 90 years old and his strength was finally giving out. This call took place on Resurrection Sunday and my friends' dad, Jack, went home to be with the Lord that following Wednesday. The next Saturday his church held a celebration of life service. Jack was remembered by friends and family during that service. Jack was well known for talking about four

things. His business which was life insurance, his investments which were real-estate, his wife and how they met, and lastly, he was always talking about life assurance. Jesus Christ.

Jack was a man who loved the Lord and loved his family. To deal with the suffering and loss of his father, my friend said at least he wouldn't have to hear the same stories anymore. I rebuked him and asked why he would say such a thing, some day he may wish he could hear the same story just one more time, but his dad wouldn't be there to tell it. He said he felt like his dad never loved him like he did his other siblings. I said that was a good thing. Each one of us is loved differently and uniquely by our earthly and heavenly fathers. I said I thought the reason why his siblings got so much attention was because they needed it more. My buddy didn't require the same attention.

This whole event made me think about how precious life is. I lost my son just over 16 years ago in an accident. I met my friend I mentioned above because our sons attended the same Sunday school together. We have been through a lot together. His son just graduated from a university and I wondered what that would have been like if my son was still here. I was jealous, but not in a bad way. I realize that God has different plans for each of us. I always wondered why God did things the way He did with my son. But then I remember that He used my son to start me on my journey with Him the day my boy was conceived. The day He took my son home was when He called me into a relationship with Him. I needed God more than ever to get through that time.

Loosing someone close to you is never easy. But dying is a part of life. We are all going to do it eventually. I really don't want to live to be 90 right now, but who knows how things will be by that time in my life. The main thing is to serve God right now, each and every day, right where He has us. We are all called to invest in heavenly real-estate. No matter the situation you are in or have been through, God loves you and is there for you. Love him back by loving those He has put into your life for this short time and appreciate the precious moments you get to share with them. In all this glorify our Father who is in heaven!

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

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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.

March – May 2017 Prayer List

David. G.....Pray for children: Emily, Natalie, James, Brother Don and that they receive Salvation/Reconciliation and for the Ministry at Mule Creek.

Connie CShe has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Pray for her trusting in the Lord for a healing and restore her back into the life of Larry's K.

Tom MPray that prop. 57 helps get me out so I can take George L. fishing.

George LGeorge has been ill in the hospital; he is 89 years old. Pray that he survives and can go home. And that Tom M. may be able to take him fishing one last time. PRAISE REPORT: **He is recovering and doing better.**

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 MWas 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 DPray that the Lord will use him to help others in the Celebrate Recovery program.

Gabriel.....Prayer that chapel services to run smoother 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 SAsks for prayer for his family to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

GenoFor 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.

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

Daniel R.Pray that he stays patient with the business situation he is in right now, waiting for God to reveal His plan for his life.

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: _____

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