



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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Why Sin, why me?

When we look at the Bible, we can read about a long list of men. Not just ordinary men, but men of God, and every one of them with a purpose in their lives that were established by God. Some of them didn't appear to do anything wrong, yet they had to go through some hard times, such as Joseph and the years he spent in prison. Others like David, a man after God's own heart, who had his ups and downs, he, himself an adulterer and murderer. David had the promise to be the King of Israel, yet years passed by with him running and hiding, fearing for his life, until the prophecy of God was finally realized. Just like Moses, who was a murderer, yet was chosen by God to lead His people to the promised land, he had to wait to see what God was going to do to fulfill His promise in spite of his sin.

How about us?

What about you and I? Are we running from something, fearing for our life? Are we locked away as a result of our sin or someone else's? Or has something happened in our life that makes it look highly unlikely that God will use us anytime soon, or for something great?

Normally I try to write something each month to help lift you up or nudge you in the right direction. I try to get you to think about something and give some encouragement from it. It is not always easy, believe me, to remain encouraged. Sometimes, God will use the thing I am in the middle of to give me a lesson on how to focus on Him in whom we have our hope. While other times He will remind me of something I have been through and pull from past experiences. Then there are times when He shows me something from someone else's life. Sometimes He gives me instruction directly from His word, using the men of faith in the Bible, and other times it's from people I know or encounter in my daily routines. I always try to keep my eyes of faith open, waiting and watching, for the teaching and guidance from our Lord, my inspiration. This month I was asked to write the newsletter while Pete is taking his time off and I was asked by another brother to use the trials he has gone through to testify about the power of God in using our sin for something good and life changing.

A Testimony

A close friend of mine, whom I have known for over 15 years, has been a man of God in my life. A peer, someone I could go to when I needed prayer and a man God has used to build and strengthen my faith as we have walked with Jesus together. I met him years ago when I was a baby Christian and he was someone who I always looked up to and was encouraged by when going through hard times. To me he appeared to be a solid man of faith with an excellent wife, like the Proverb talks about. So I thought. What did he do? What did you do? What did I do? We have all done something. (Romans 3:23)

A few months ago, my friend called me and confessed some pretty shocking news. With his permission, I am sharing this with you. He admitted to finding an old high school sweetheart on Facebook. Now

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normally, he did not use computers or many electronic devices, but with smartphones and apps making things easier and easier to connect with people, he connected with a woman from his past. Here is a man who has been married for over 20 years and has three children. A man who has been attending church since he was younger. He did not just connect with her, he had an affair with her.

I was crushed! I really think this is one of the reasons God had George write about what he did last month. I have had three of my closest friends, all men of God, do something I never thought they would do, and it all happened this year. Isn't it interesting when you hear a sermon or read something and you go, "This guy is really talking to me." Well, last month's message was one of those for me and I seem to get that from God all the time, when I am paying attention and really trying to apply the word of God to my life as I receive it from others. I had put *my* faith in men around me and they had all disappointed me. My friend who had an affair admitted to me from time to time that he has had opportunities to be unfaithful. Yet he always stood firm on the idea that having an affair was the most despicable thing he could think of and how he had no respect for men who cheated. He had also shared some of his ideas about what men should receive after cheating, I was surprised that worse things haven't happened to him, before he really learned a lesson from this period of stumbling in his life.

The reason I am writing about all this now is because of what God has done with this man's sin. It reminded me of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11 & 12. I think most of us know the story, but in case you don't, go ahead and read it (or read it again). David had an affair with another man's wife. He got her pregnant. He tried to cover it up. He even had a respected man, Bathsheba's husband, his loyal servant, killed in battle.

My friend was caught by his wife and did not try to hide it. He was glad he was caught and told his wife he wanted a divorce. Apparently, they didn't have the perfect marriage that people thought they had. They slept in separate rooms and didn't have as close a relationship as I had thought. My friend said that his relationship with God was lukewarm and has been for a while. Like David, he had taken his eyes off of God and lusted after another woman. Also like David, his sin was found out. When you read what happened to David, you find out he lost a child as part of the punishment for his sin. He also would have bloodshed within the kingdom throughout his reign. In my friend's case, God has done something completely different. His wife forgave him and said she didn't want a divorce, but wanted to work on their marriage. She had faith that God would take something that the world would just throw away and make it better than what it was before. Taking that first step of faith had to be hard I am sure. I think it helped a lot that she kept herself surrounded by mighty women of God, who keep giving her godly counsel and lift up their relationship in prayer. Imagine what might have been had she surrounded herself with friends who only told her about her rights to a divorce. This testimony would be totally different.

While it has only been a few months since everything happened, my friend wanted to make sure that brothers and sisters out there who are struggling with lust, do not give in and fall like he did. He wants to warn us about what the enemy can do to our life, if we allow sin to grow. "*Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.*" (James 1:15)

Lust has brought many men down in their lives. Even mighty men of God. David was not the only one, his son Solomon did the same thing and the kingdom of God suffered for it. Our sin doesn't just effect us does it? It also effects many people around us and sometimes some of the closest people to us are really hurt by it. The consequences of our sin echo throughout time, but are forgotten in eternity thanks to Jesus Christ.

In my friend's case, God has used this to bring him and his wife closer together. Realizing what they had, they did not want to lose it. They both have been actively seeking God to heal their marriage and restore their family. Beyond that, they both have been more aggressively seeking to build their relationships with God, together and individually. My friend said they are both on fire for Jesus now. They are sleeping in

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the same room again and they are keeping a more watchful eye for that roaring lion seeking to devour them.

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” (1 Peter)

Finish Strong

How about you? How has God used your sin to make you a better person? To impact the lives of people around you for the kingdom of God? Say this to the enemy, *“As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.”* (Genesis 50:20)

I want to encourage you to get back up if you have fallen. To press on if things have gotten tough. To stand firm when you are attacked. To share your testimony with people around you that they may be encouraged to do the same thing. If you are having trouble keeping your head up, look around you. Are you surrounded by hot coals, or are you a hot coal that has been separated from the fire of other believers?

Jesus, the Example. *“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”* (Hebrews 12:1)

I want to encourage you to finish the race. Not only that, I want to encourage you to finish strong! To leave a legacy behind you, a testimony as a man or woman of God that people will not doubt. It is not about what we did yesterday; it is about what we are doing right now. Let us not allow our past to be our stumbling block; but let it be our stepping stone and let's do it all for His glory.

Be blessed,

Brother Daniel Rodney

What do I do in the ministry? Back in 2013 when God started this ministry with George and Pete, Pete asked me if I wanted to be a part of it. Pete had sent me a draft of the first newsletter to read and offer my opinion. I pointed out that there were a few typos and some of the grammar needed a structural change for it to read a little easier. I was drafted as an editor. I had previously helped with editing on a book and also worked on editing papers for a friend's college papers. I enjoyed it and thought it would be awesome to do this work for the Lord. After a few months Pete asked if I wanted to start writing something to add to the newsletter each month. I was delighted but didn't know what to do it on. Peter suggested I use my cheerleading skills to write something encouraging each month. I struggled to keep my chin up myself, but didn't realize that God had already been using me to do the same work I am doing now with other people. It is truly an honor and a blessing to be able to serve the Lord this way and I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of sending His light around the world through printed paper and the internet.

BE A BARNABAS

Philippians 4: 6-7

We are told *to be anxious for nothing* which means we are not to fret or worry (*Matthew 6:25*) because it indicates a lack of faith in who God is and what He is capable of doing.

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Remember *for with God nothing shall be impossible.* (Luke 1:37)

In everything by prayer and supplication: That means our Father in Heaven desires us to come to him with everything that pertains to our lives.

He cares for the smallest aspects of our lives to the largest. The sad thing is we doubt God's ability to handle everything that pertains to our lives and it is not until we find ourselves sinking like Peter do we take everything to Him in prayer. Oh, what peace we often forfeit, or what needless grief we bear all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

With thanksgiving for the peace of God: The key to having the peace in our difficulties is to maintain an attitude of gratitude.

“Inner calm and tranquility is promised to the believer who has a thankful attitude based on unwavering confidence that God is able and willing to do what is best for his children.”

John MacArthur

Have faith in God!

Your brother in Christ,

Gabriel Silva

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

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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.

September & October 2015 Prayer List

Sandra M.....Pray that she does well in hip replacement surgery and gets back on her feet in recovery without any complications.

George W.Pray for his recovery from a serious car accident. Pray for the family members during this trying time. He is in an Ohio hospital. He is on feeding and breathing tubes. Better news today 10-06-15, he is responding to external requests (wiggle toes, squeeze hand. follow finger with eyes, etc.) with a lot of prompting.

Roger CPrayer for him in his current situation that is will be resolved soon.

Anthony S.Pray that my brothers in Christ; get blessed, have a speedy trial and go home soon.

Steve T.Pray for God's favor over trial- strength in fasting prayer, soften his wife's heart and not divorce him.

Winifred W. ...Pray that the attacks on chapel, pastor get resolved and evening services are restored.

Maurice A.Request urgent prayer for his young niece not to be tried as an adult and for his warrant to be dismissed.

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.

Brother Todd has gone on to be with the Lord. Pray for his family.

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 and Packer family that God would become the center of their lives and reunify them again. Prayer that I will be a good person and husband and we will have a good life together.

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.

Justin**Praise 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.

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Jamie PFavor with the Parole Board and upcoming hearing.

Linda DContinued recovery from health issues.

Rich HLiving 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 & AmyLift them both up in prayer.

TJ LPray for his health issues.

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

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

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

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

Darrell RPrayer for his health and life issues.

G. GortonPrayer for housing and work upon his release.

Pastor GrayPray 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 MPray 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 MPrayer for his continual growth in Christ. Prayer for his children's salvation and wellbeing.

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Peter APray that he gets the needed help battling the worldly challenges and gets steady employment.

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

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Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

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