



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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Welcome once again to all our brothers and sisters in Christ. This will be only our second newsletter and we here at The Lord's Mountain Movers are excited at how much God has done in the past month. I would like to take a moment and share these blessings with you.

Only five weeks ago, God inspired me to write up a little newsletter that could be sent into a couple prisons to help the Christian men there have hope for their future after their release. Since that time God has expanded this ministry way beyond the scope of my finite little mind. Our website is up and running and it has grown in many ways. We have begun to include listings of good, safe, Christian homes where men from jails and prisons can transition to, or where men from the street can come. We have started to network these homes together so they can meet the needs of those who God directs their way. We, along with the pastors and directors of these homes, are excited about what God is doing.

Also, our prayer ministry has grown to reach states outside California such as Wisconsin, Florida, Minnesota, Colorado, and Connecticut. We have people submitting their prayer requests to the prayer list, and more importantly, we have hundreds of people inside and outside of prison praying for these supplications. God is responding to this outpouring of godly concern for others by answering these prayers in His timing, in His way, and in His infinite wisdom. What a loving and caring God we serve.

Additionally, we are getting the newsletter into more of the prisons inside California where the men there can pass on the good news that there are people out here who care about them and want to see them get their lives and families back together. We are also scheduling meetings with churches in the area who already have a prison and outreach ministry so we can connect our resources together to better meet the needs of those who God brings our way. We are looking forward to God's guidance in this area.

Lastly, the Word in Motion Message is stirring up interest in many ways. We have had nothing but positive comments on God's word. Some readers have been asking when the next issue is coming out so they can continue with the message. It is being read by those who are unable to go to church because of physical limitations, location, or have just fallen away from fellowship. Our prayer is that God's word will go out and bring forth the fruit of righteousness. We praise Him for the power of His mighty word.

I want to thank those who have been a part of this ministry to date, and look forward as others come along side of us. We seek your prayers for God's wisdom and guidance in His ministry. We also ask you to pray for God's provision, as we seek to establish a non-profit status, so we can filter your blessings into the hands of the needy. May God bless us all, and may He continue to be our everything!

Pastor Pete

In His service





THE WORD IN MOTION message

Who am I really supposed to be? (Part 2 of 3) “THE STANDARD”

In last month's issue we began a three part series on Luke 18:9-14, the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. We focused on the attitude of the Pharisee which I referred to as, “Status by negation.” An attitude we have unfortunately had at one time or another in our lives. Therefore, we were presented with, “The Problem.” In part two we will look into Scripture to see what the standard should be for us as Christians.

Before we look at the standard let's look at another Scripture that exposes how this attitude can sometimes be revealed in our daily lives. Below is an excerpt from the epistle of James. This was no doubt something his readers could relate to as; the rich man, the poor man, or the one doing the seating.

“My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?” James 2:1-4 (NASB)

I think the best passage for us to use in understanding what the Biblical standard is, will be found in the first epistle of Corinthians. We will divide this passage into the two different attitudes commonly found among the body of believers, and how the Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of God, addressed these attitudes in the church at Corinth.

“For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot says, ‘Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,’ it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, ‘Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,’ it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. If they were all one member, where would the body be? But now there are many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you’; or again the head to the feet, ‘I have no need of you.’” 1 Corinthians 12:12-21 (NASB)

In the verses leading up to this passage Paul had been talking about the gifting of God's Church. The essential gifts God knew His new church would need to grow, flourish, and survive as the Body of Christ. Now he was addressing the unfortunate consequences these gifts could bring when they were possessed by individuals who had the wrong attitudes about the gift(s), themselves, or about others.

In verses 12-14, Paul starts out explaining the unity and diversity of the Body of Christ. We are one body or group of people, yet none of us are the same. Not only do we have differing gifts, but we also have different personalities, looks, financial status, backgrounds, positions, and so on. It is these differences that make us unique as individuals, but also unique as a unified group of people. We are unique as a body of believers for one reason and one reason only, because we are unified in the Body of Christ through the Holy Spirit, and not on account of our differences, but in spite of them.

The first errant attitude that the Apostle Paul addresses in this passage, verses 15-16, is the “Less-than” attitude. It is usually an attitude generated through self-pity, false humility, or looking at the gift(s) the person possess compared to the gift(s) other people possess. It creates a spirit of inactivity on the part of the person feeling like he or she is less-than others within the body. This inactivity robs the Body of Christ of what it needs and has a cancerous effect on everyone. This less-than attitude will also help perpetuate the next errant attitude we are going to look at, the “Better-than” attitude.

In verse 21, Paul uses the phrase, “I have no need of you” to expose the better-than attitude. This attitude is often created through a spirit of self-righteousness, haughtiness, and pride. It looks at others within the body, and the other

gift(s) within the body, with a contemptible attitude. It is exactly the attitude of the Pharisee in our parable, and the attitude James was addressing in the verses above. As I said earlier, the better-than attitude feeds off the less-than attitude. It loves to keep the lowly person close by to prove that what he or she believes about themselves to be true; you need me, but I don't need you.

The less-than attitude moves a person to a place where they feel they can't reach out, or worse yet, not worthy of being reached out to. They migrate to those dark recesses within the Body of Christ that should not exist in God's church. The better-than attitude moves a person to a place where they feel they are above being ministered to by others, or worse yet, that what they have or who they are can't be touched by others. These people find themselves standing in a false light that leads no one to the truth. They are those white-washed tombs Jesus spoke about.

In verses 17 and 19, the apostle presents three rhetorical questions about the Body of Christ. Questions we know the answer to if we have the Holy Spirit alive and active within us. Questions that should wake up those who possess either of the attitudes we have been discussing and move them to the godly attitude all of us should possess and be demonstrating in our daily lives.

The bottom line is in verse 18, God has placed each one of us in the Body of Christ as He desired. What a great reality to grasp a hold of and stand on. You and I are the part of the body God wants us to be! We need others and others need us. If God has given you a broom, then sweep. If He has given you a pulpit, then preach and teach. If He has given you a mentee, then mentor. If He has given you a great smile and countenance, then greet and encourage. Whatever He has given to you, He has given it to you for the whole body.

Let's go back to the Scripture in James for a moment. Have you been one of the three people in this passage? Have you been the one doing the seating? How did you feel later? Have you ever been treated like the poor person? How did it make you feel to be ignored or pushed to the side as insignificant? Have you been the rich person, caught in the middle of the other two, on one hand loving the attention, but on the other hand feeling bad about how the other person was treated?

So what is the standard for us as Christians? It is equality within the Body of Christ. It is an attitude that esteems others better than our selves so as to create a continual uplifting of God's church. It is reaching out to those who need help knowing that one day we will need help too. There is also an attitude that we, as Christians, should have about the lost, the unbeliever. That we are not better than they are, we are only better off because we are saved. Because we know this, we do everything we are called to do so that they might be saved and enjoy what we have.

In closing, we are left with the question, how do we get there? How do we truly get to the place where we can live up to this standard both in thought and in deed? How do we operate within the Body of Christ as God designed and desires us to? How do we stop hurting others and being hurt ourselves? We will answer these questions next month in Part 3 of this series.

I pray that we take time and seriously look at how we treat each other. May God, through our earnest prayers, direct us to all truth and revelation at how we are perceived by ourselves, by others, and most importantly, by God. May our Heavenly Father bless us on our journey of sanctification. May He continue the good work that He has begun in us all. May He find a willing heart to work with. Amen.

Pastor Pete

In His service

SUCCESSFUL BROTHERS FROM TEHACHAPI

DANIEL R.....Working in metal fabrication. Doing great! Has his own apartment. Doing text-ministry. Doing one-on-one mentoring.

DANIEL V.....Unemployed. Volunteering at church fulltime.

RANDY C.....Unemployed. Preaching at local church from time to time.

LARRY H.....Retired. Dealing with medical issues. Has his own apartment. Serving others at the Veteran's Hospital.

TOM CWorking at a sandwich shop. Active at his church.

TONY ADischarged. Working on boats in San Pedro. Active in his church. Raising his daughter.

GEORGE B.....Retired. Helping elderly in his mobile home park. Working on ministry's technology issues

JUAN GTruck driver. Doing great. Sings in church choir and involved in his church.

CHRIS CDischarged. Self-employed. Very active in his church ministries. Finishing college degree. (irregardless of Satan's efforts) ☺

GARY GLiving in Christian sober living home. Working on relationship with God. Starting email prayer circle.

BENJAMIN A...Finished first year of seminary in Guatemala. Preaching and going into prisons & hospitals to minister. Back with his family. Getting ready to plant a church soon.

DALE C. (DC)...Working and very active in his church's ministries. Taking care of elderly father. Reunited with wife and daughter.

JOEL C.....Territorial manager for national storage company. Racing NASCAR IAAMC. Active leader in his church's Celebrate Recovery Program. Discharged his parole.

TOM M.....Retired and living with his wife in Hanford.

PETER C.....Unemployed. Living in sober living home in Moreno Valley and going to church. Fellow-shipping with several pastors from past. Is leading a ministry for God with other brothers from Tehachapi.

EDDIE SLiving at home with his family and enjoying his freedom, very carefully.

TODD S.Living in Hemet and looking for work. Trying to get things in order to move into sober living home with Pete C.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

A Testimony (from T. Stephens)

My experience is so much more than this, yet in as few words as possible. I come from a broken home, praying that God might restore it. I rebelled through drugs and alcohol and found myself many years later having a Nebuchadnezzar experience, (Daniel 4). Now I find God restoring me to a sound mind, humbled, and teachable. Through these trials He has developed a greater perseverance in me, by His grace. I am thankfully aware my talent for art is still intact and usable for His glory. His Spirit is causing me to be more acutely aware of His daily mercy, developing an attitude of reverence. He is compelling me to be thankful, and joyful, as I yield to His godly sorrow for my own sin. Where does that come from? O'

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thanks be to God for all your prayers, through them I hope to be rekindled daily. I borrowed a prayer for you from Paul to the Colossians:

“For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins”. Col. 1:9-14 (NKJV)

Todd’s testimony came as a result of seeing his name on our prayer list. It is amazing how powerful it is to just know others have been praying for you when you think you are all alone. Please take some inspiration from Todd’s testimony and pause for a minute to pray for someone. Also take a moment to put your, or someone else’s name, on our prayer list. You don’t know the ripple effect it will have on others, or in God’s kingdom. Thank you.



Our Prayer Requests for God's Children

Bobby C.....Needs prayer for his addiction issues. He has been missing for over two weeks.

Brothers in Chino

West Yard..... That God would continue to honor and direct their efforts in putting His church in order.

PARTIALLY ANSWERED – COMPLETED GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHED SOUND LEADERSHIP

Pete CPraying to find work. Reunification of his family. Healing of oldest son’s addiction issues.

PARTIALLY ANSWERED – DAUGHTER IS TEXTING AND CALLING HIM

PARTIALLY ANSWERED - SON IS SOBER AND GETTING HELP

David(Daniel R’s. 14 yr. old cousin) – That God would help him make it through his cancer treatments.

PARTIALLY ANSWERED – DAVID LEFT THE HOSPITAL ON NOV. 16th

Daniel V.....Reliable vehicle. To be reunited with his daughter. Praying for employment.

ANSWERED – COMMUNICATION WITH DAUGHTER HAS BEGUN THROUGH SISTER.

Gary G.....That he reach out to God and hang on. Praying for his prayer circle idea.

PARTIALLY ANSWERED – PRAYER CIRCLE UP AND RUNNING

TJ & Julie W.....Pray for God’s wisdom in conducting the marriage classes. TJ’s surgery on his wrist.

ANSWERED – SURGERY WAS SUCCESSFUL, HEALING WELL

Scott FPray for resolution to his health issues.

MinistryThe Lord’s Mountain Movers Ministry is in need of funding for; postage, printing, office supplies, and we are trying to get funding to file our 501(C)(3) (non-profit) status paperwork.

Daniel R.....That his boss would get saved and the business would flourish. Praying for a home church to fellowship in.

ANSWERED PRAYER – HAVING FELLOWSHIP WITH A HOMELESS MAN GOD BROUGHT INTO HIS LIFE.

Benjamin A.....Praying to get Spanish Bibles for prisoners in Guatemala.

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Larry HPraying for healing for his continuing health issues.

PARTIALLY ANSWERED – COLONOSCOPY SHOWED NO CANCER

Gabriel S.....Praying for favor for his writ that was submitted for his release. God’s will for his family. Pray for his wife who has a lump in her breast, is going to get a biopsy. His sister and her husband need employment and housing.

Randy C.....Praying he can find a job.

Kenny J.....Praying that the door for communication with his children will be opened up. Also that his son Jeff will be delivered from his addiction issues. Kenny needs a place to live upon his release.

Acts

Foundation.....Praying for continued support for their prison ministry.

Jean P.....Praying that God would make her family whole and at peace.

George BPray for reunification of family, and that he would maintain a healthy relationship with God. Please pray for my children to open their hearts (Michael, Christina and Jason). Request prayer for God’s wisdom in the purchase of real estate property.

Johnny L.....God would prepare him to get out and further the Lord’s kingdom.

Victor A.....That the issues with the city & county would come to a mutual agreement.

Larry S.....Missionary to Kenya is having health issues and needs prayers for strength and healing.

Rodney (?).....Needs prayer. He is being sucked into discouragement and despair.

ANSWERED – RODNEY IS BEING ENCOURAGE AND MENTORED AND IS DOING MUCH BETTER.

Mary S.....Pray that God would continue to give her a sound and clear mind. That he would bless her and her ministry.

Carlos R.....He lost his job and possibly will be homeless soon. Allowing depression to enter in. Please pray for him.

John B.....Needs prayer for favor with court system and be vindicated for wrongful conviction.

Steve L.....Praying for wisdom and guidance in fulfilling the ministry God has given him.

Eddie S.Continue reconciliation with family members.

Joanne R.Pray that God would bless her for her many gifts, prayers, and love for those in need.

Baby Mary.....Needs prayer for serious heart problems.

Youth Group.....Liberty Church Youth Group is going to Canada on a mission trip and needs your prayers for safety and success.

Jacob C.....Prayer for employment.

Jim & Mar C.....Prayer that they will age gracefully, and a little slower.