



## *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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### **Now I believe, who should I be?**

Two months ago, we discussed, "What do I, or should I, believe?" This study was focused on understanding that there are a lot of ideals, thoughts and beliefs that are presented and lived out as if they were truths. Many of these are fine and understandable if you are of the world and not a born-again Bible believing Christian.

Last month we discussed, "I know what to believe, now what?" Here we looked not only at the necessity of believing what the Bible teaches as truth, but also the benefit of doing so. We also noted that anything that contradicts sound Biblical doctrine is a lie from the devil and is destructive to the spiritual, mental and emotional growth of a Christian. Saved and unsaved alike have been attacked by the lies of the devil and unfortunately these lies have been adopted into Christendom since the beginning of the church.

Truth transforms. Let me go just a little bit further on that statement. Truth transforms those who are drawn to it, accept it, and yield to its transforming powers. Let's look at this, *drawn – accept – yield* aspect of being transformed.

**Drawn.** Jesus proclaimed to be the truth. "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.*" (John 14:6) Then in John 6:44 Jesus teaches the Jewish leaders something that flies right over their heads and in the face of their distorted theology. "*No one can come to the Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him, and I will raise him the last day.*" We cannot get to the Father, nor can we be raised up in the last day unto eternal salvation unless we go through Christ as our atoning Savior and we cannot get to Him, unless the Father draws us to Him. That's cut and dry. I will not go into detail about the Greek word "*Draws*" used in the above verse. I will say that it is also used when referring to the effort made by fishermen when pulling (*drawing*) in their fishing nets. Get the point!

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, we find the following unifying eternal principle defining the relationship between God and Christ as the Word (*Logos*, Greek). "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" (John 1:1) Taking what the previous paragraph taught, or reminded us of, along with this verse is that if God has drawn the believer to Christ, then by correlation we should be drawn to His word. God does not bring someone to Christ for the person alone, but for who *He* is, what *His* character is, the position or authority *He* holds, and the words that *He* speaks. We are told that we are saved by the name of Jesus. That does not mean that we merely repeat His name to receive salvation. The Greek word for name is *onoma* and the definition is: what is brought

to mind when hearing a name; i.e. one's rank, authority, interests, command, excellences, character, deeds, etc. Think about someone you know very well, what things come to your mind about that person? What do they stand for? What have they done in their life? How have they affected you or other people? You could not honestly answer any of these questions without having had a personal interaction with them. Right?

God drew the first disciples to Christ not because He was handsome, educated in the best schools, or came from an affluent family. These disciples were not amazed by anything the world considered important but by the way this man spoke, what He spoke, and the things that He did. They had to become personally and intentionally involved with finding out more and more about who He was, in person, character, and deed. They had the unique opportunity to live during His earthly ministry, we have the unique opportunity to realize Him through His word, Genesis through Revelation.

I would be hard-pressed to believe a person who claims to be a Christian (a follower of Christ) and yet they have little or no desire to study His word. If you have been drawn to Christ, then you will be drawn to His word. It would be like learning you have an inheritance coming to you and then doing nothing to acquire that inheritance. Kind of crazy in my books.

**Accept.** Being drawn to the truth is one thing, accepting it is a quite another. Prior to our regeneration we were not spiritually governed by God's word. Our heart, mind and soul were subject to the flesh, the world and Satan. That is not to say that we did not possess some god-like morals, they were just not inspired nor empowered by the Holy Spirit previous to our salvation. So, once we became born-again, and were introduced to God's word, internal conflict began. When we compared every aspect of our lives to the word of God and His standards there were some stark differences. Accepting God's word as absolute truth means that anything that we believe that stands in contradiction to His word must be changed. We realized that we were in juxtaposition to God's thinking and His standard for our lives. That's acceptance!

Believing that Christ is our Savior means nothing if we do not accept the fact that we need a Savior. Calling Christ Lord means nothing if we are not willing to surrender to His complete authority over our entire lives. Accepting that absolute truth exists and that it is not relative to circumstances, whims, or emotions is one thing. Knowing that God is the possessor, curator and distributor of all truth is also relevant. The key here is that we do not only accept these things from afar, but accept them internally, if we are to be changed by God's truth. This takes us to our last point.

**Yield.** Here we introduce willingness. First, we must be drawn to the truth, next we must accept it as truth without reservation, lastly, we must to yield to it transforming power if we are willingly going to join with God in making us into the image of Christ. I want to point out that our willingness does not negate God's ultimate plan for our lives. I like to remind myself of this verse when I fall or question myself, "*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect until the day of Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 1:6) That's a great promise of hope to hold onto when things don't seem to be going very well. God is good, God is faithful! From experience, I have learned that yielding to God expends a lot less energy, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically on my part. Unfortunately, this revelation did not happen overnight and I still find myself learning the harder way. Sometimes I'm a Jonah and sometimes I'm a Paul, but all the time I am just me.

I want to close with the following passage for us to reflect on:

*“To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:1-8*

Our knowledge of God comes through studying His word, following it personally in order to take on that divine nature we are called to, and applying it in our daily lives so others can see the transforming truth of God and His word. If we must fight let's fight the good fight of faith. Win the battle over the lies of the Devil, this world, and our flesh. Let's be the light and the salt of the world.

Absolute truth exists. Are you drawn to it, accepting it, and yielding to it? I hope you are. Lord help us to be worthy of the name of Jesus Christ in all we think, say, and do.

*In His Service*

*Pastor Pete*

## BE A BARNABAS

This week may have been difficult for some of you, especially difficult for some others. Whereas, some haven't had a difficult week in a while. I say this because someone who was fairly close to me just had one of the most traumatic weeks in his life. This person was my former coworker. He only just recently left to take care of some family issues back home. There was a time when we didn't get along at all and I didn't like having to work with him. I even viewed him as a possibly enemy at one time.

However, God has shown us an even better way, that is to love our enemies as ourselves. My coworker lost his twenty something year old son this week. The pain he is experiencing right now is something I'm very aware of, as I've shared with you guys before. I lost my son 16 years ago when he was just six years old. I have been trying to connect with my former worker that I may share with him the comfort that God has comforted me with. I know he believes in God, yet I do not think he has faith in Jesus Christ as his redemptive Savior. Part of the reason I really wanted to share the comfort of God with him was because I figured at the funeral services he would be able to share that same comfort with others. Yet all things happen in God's timing. I share this because there are times when some of the people around us have been through something far worse than we've been through or when they've been through something that seems worse to them but can't compare to what we've been through. We have been comforted by God in the midst of our pain and suffering by people God has placed in our lives. He has also comforted us through our relationship with the Lord Jesus and by reading His word. Even

having the opportunity to gather together, we get support from one another. As believers, we gain so much more than the unbeliever are able. We share something that they may not even be aware of its existence.

So, this month I want to encourage you to be there for one another, comfort one another using the love and compassion, even the comfort that God has comforted you with. Also, reach out to those who are outside the body of faith and share that same love and comfort with them when you see them in need. If you don't see someone in need, pray that God will open your eyes to see those He would have you work with. Let's do this knowing we will be blessed, and let us do it for the glory of His name.

Be blessed in Him,

*Brother Daniel Rodney*

### **How would you like to bless and encourage some?**

We would love to receive your testimony of how God has impacted your life in the past or present. God does things in our lives not only to bless us but to be an inspiration to others who may be facing some of the same circumstances you have. Please keep your testimony to one page or less. We look forward to seeing and sharing God working in your life. 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. 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.

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? Send us your praise reports! 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 2017 Prayer List

- Hazel C.....Prayers for health to improve as she is suffering from diabetes. Prayer for Kryshawn and Son to be safe and well in their return to Houston Tx.
- Tony M.....Prayer as doctors change his medications to find which meds were poisoning his system and causing kidney damage.
- Bobby C .....Prayers for the courts to drop enhancement in his case so he can be released. Prayer to keep himself and family safe and pull the family together and get brother home from Hawaii.
- Brett W.....He found his son dead this week, please pray for him and his family.
- Linda G. ....She is suffering several critical health issues and we request prayer for her healing.
- Richard D.....Three family members have taken their own life. Pray for the surviving family's healing. Please keep him in pray as he transitions to a facility. Also for Richard to be strong, kind and humble as he moves to a new living environment.
- John D. ....Prayer for Uncle Denny to take care of himself, eat right and get his diabetes under control.
- Connie C .....She 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. **PRAISE REPORT: Connie is no longer suffering with cancer. The Lord called her home on July 27<sup>th</sup>. I knew Connie since 8<sup>th</sup> grade and we spent the last 6 months together. What a love story. I will be forever grateful and blessed. Thank you, Heavenly Father.**
- Donald A.....Last month we received a letter from Donald with a lot of prayer requests. Evidently God has touched his heart to see the needs of others in a special way. These requests included prayers for health issues, family issues, marriage issues, and most importantly their relationship with God. He also has requested for many of the Christians who are behind the prison walls and the different protestant chapels, their leadership and their congregations. Pray for those who are captive in false religions and/or following false Christ's. In a time like our country, and the world, is currently facing we need prayer more than ever. We cannot pray away God's prophetic plan but we can pray for His people and share the gospel with the lost. *Thank you, Donald, for a sensitive heart.* Please pray for these requests knowing that God knows the specifics of each situation and what is necessary.
- Patty B.....Prayer that a heart procedure she will have done on Sept. the 14<sup>th</sup> will resolve long time issues and that she will no longer suffer from past afflictions. **PRAISE REPORT: She is back home and doing great!**

Gen Prayer .....That God would bring together Christian Marriages in unity.

Jason M.....Prayer for healing of his family and removal of the strife going on between them. Also pray for a positive resolution to serious legal challenges.

Rachel C.....She has undergone several surgeries on her eye, with the doctor trying to restore her vision. Please pray for her healing and/or a better doctor who will make it right.

Scott F. ....Pray for doctors to come up with a resolution to alleviate disabling pain he is experiencing.

Theresa C .....Asking for healing prayer. She was admitted to the Hospital with what they think was a stroke, but have not been able to confirm the cause.

Linda G .....Prayer for her and her son Robert, and she struggles with life challenging health issues. May the Lord open His arms to bring her to Him gently.

Dave G .....Continued prayer for deliverance through the appeal and to be reunified with my children. They are all grown now. Please pray for their salvation.

T.J. W.....Prayer for him and his wife Julie as they deal with challenges on their home infested with Bats and water damage.

Tony M.....Pray for him that his health will improve as he deals with heart and pacemaker issues.

Leo .....Prayer for Baby Leo born in June, he underwent surgery. We pray for his healing and full recovery.

Roger C .....Prayer for him in his peace and strength as he moves forward with the challenges of his incarceration. Pray for him to be strong in the Lord.

Kenny J. ....Pray for my aunt Eulene she has cancer in her shoulder bone and lupus.

Kenny J. ....**PRAISE REPORT: My son Jeffrey is doing great, clean and sober for 14 months and living with me.**

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

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

George L .....George 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 C .....Prayer for a wonderful marriage.

Barbara M .....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.

Gabriel.....Prayer for 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.

Matlock .....Requests 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 Jack .....We pray for his health to improve and to get instruments on the yard.

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

Lynne M.....Pray that she receives the love and support she needs to stay healthy and productive within the kingdom as she learns to adjust to life without Tom M, whom went home to be with the Lord June 20th. Tom was a brother many of us spent time with while he was incarcerated and grew to love him and the Lord from knowing him.

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.

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The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

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