



## *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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### **Who are you?**

Have you ever been asked this question before? How did you respond? I imagine if we were to answer these two questions honestly, most of us would have to confess to some degree of variation. What I mean by this is, that it would depend on who had asked the question, where we were at, and maybe what we were doing at the time.

I am sixty years old and don't think I have ever met anyone who has been consistent in their character, activities, or lifestyle. I think that, to some degree, we are all like chameleon lizards. They have the inherent ability to adapt their skin color to match their surroundings to camouflage for protection. There are many insects and fish that can-do similar things for the same reason. My consensus is that, we humans do something like that for somewhat the same reason. Yes, even Christians.

I am not trying to point fingers or condemn anyone. I just think it might be an area where we could be more honest, and possibly change for the better. I think it is just an effort on our part to just try and fit in. I call it the old, When in Rome syndrome.

Maybe before someone else asks us, who are you, we could honestly ask ourselves, who am I? Am I the same person at home, work, play, school, grocery store, bumper to bumper traffic, loving or controversial situations? Am I more giving and appreciative at church than I am at work or out in public? How about being the same when things are going bad verses good in my life? Does my conversation differ depending on who I am around or who may be listening? Will I go places with one group of people that I wouldn't dare go with another? Are the things I read, watch on TV, and the internet, open for anyone in my life to view. I could go on and on, but I think this gets the ball rolling enough to get us to thinking about who we are.

I believe that a Christian's conversion is an instantaneous event. However, my observation is that a person's character, who we are, is in a constant state of development. There is nothing wrong with changing for the better, in fact that is what progressive sanctification is all about. All of our starting points are as different as our DNA. The important thing is that we are growing into that Christ-like character. The Bible says, *"but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."* (1 Peter 1:15)

What we must avoid is digressing and not progressing. We do not want to take two steps forward and three steps back, that's not growth in the right direction. Let's stop being a blender and be a trender, someone who stands out in a crowd for all the right reasons and draws others to do the same. Let's make

a positive difference in the world around us. Let's be the light bearers for Christ and the preserving salt of Christian character.

*Pastor Pete  
In His service*



## **THE WORD IN MOTION MESSAGE**

### **Who am I supposed to be and how do I get there?**

Earlier I wrote that the important thing is that we are growing into that Christ-like character. And also, that the Bible says, *“but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”*” (1 Peter 1:15)

The Apostle Peter gave us this call to action and the mindset we are to have in our transformation process. *“<sup>13</sup> Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, <sup>15</sup> but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior”* (1 Peter 1:13-15)

He tells us first to get our minds right and be ready to move, that we are to have a soundness in our spirit, and that our aim is sighted on what we will finally become. It's about having a proper and clear goal, and then moving towards that goal, it is what Christ has called us for. We are to change for the better. To do that we need to rid ourselves of those character traits that are not part of the Christian character. In his second epistle Peter gives us a more detailed outline of how we are to attain to this Christ-like character. He calls it being, *“partakers of the divine nature.”*

*Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, <sup>7</sup> and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. <sup>8</sup> 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)*

In verses 5-7 we have a chain of characteristics that we are to assimilate, or build, into our new character, who we are to become. They are as follows; Moral excellence (virtue), knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. Interesting how these character traits parallel the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. I say these are a chain of characteristics because of the way Peter links them together. He says, “*and in your*” between each attribute or characteristic. Some versions of the Bible say, “*and add to your*” in between each one. Just like a major goal must have little progressive goals before it to accomplish the end result, so must taking on the divine nature.

Like I mentioned earlier in the newsletter, I believe that a Christian’s conversion is a constant state of development. There is no jumping ahead or leaving out any of these attributes. There is a term I heard years ago called, irreducible complexity, which basically means that something reduced to its bare bone’s parts cannot function if one of those parts is removed. The failure to incorporate any of the above traits of the divine nature will result in something less than it is.

In the closing part of this passage Peter gives us the result of following through with this process of taking on the divine nature, “*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.*” If you want to know who we are supposed to be and know how to get there, then here are our instructions and an outline of Christ’s character.

In the following verses from our passage we can see that these character traits are not self-generated, they are God given and God empowered. They are promises that we can count on if we only choose to desire and appropriate them. What an awesome deal! Everything I need to become Christ-like at no cost, except the old self must die to make room for the new me. <sup>2</sup>“*Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;* <sup>3</sup>*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.* <sup>4</sup>*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*”

We could spend countless hours discussing each one of these traits and what they look like in the life of a Christian. We could stand ourselves next to them and see how we match up. Or we could use them as a template for our maturation. Let’s just start at the beginning in applying all diligence, with a clear mind, a sober spirit, with a hope fixed on what we will one day ultimately be....  
Christ-like.

Lord help me to desire with all my heart to take on the task of being more like you each day. Let me stay focused on the ultimate goal, knowing that it is a process, not an event. Endow me with the motivation and perseverance this task requires. Help me when I tire and let me exalt you with each victory along the way. May you be glorified as I seek to one day see your glory. Amen.  
God guide and bless us all.

*Pastor Pete*

## **BE A BARNABAS** (Acts 4:36)

Do you ever feel like the same trial keeps on reoccurring in your life? You keep praying and asking God to help you get through it, but it's just not ending. Have you had the question, "Why am I going through this again God?"

*"The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the Lord tests hearts."* Proverbs 17:3

Trials reveal the quality and condition of our heart. We know we are called to be transformed, by the renewing of our minds, that we may test and prove the perfect, pleasing will of God. Have you ever thought that you were a pretty good Christian? The trials we go through, reveal just how Christ-like we are. Are we responding in our situations exactly like Jesus would have? Maybe, more like Jesus and less like we would have before. God's word calls us to put on the mind of Christ. This is something we must work on daily without getting burnt out.

I want to encourage you while in the midst the trial you are in, or the next trial (we know they will come), to ask God what He is trying to reveal in yourself, what He is working on in your character? Ask for Him to grant understanding and wisdom to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. I don't know about you, but I am tired of going through the same thing over and over. I have found that when I ask God to show me what He is working on, He will reveal where I am falling short of Christ in my character, then we work on it together as I continue studying His word. Sometimes He shows me things in other people that really bother me, and when I meditate on them, I realize I share the same faults. I am so glad that our God is gentle. Oh, and don't worry, when you think you have got it figured out, He will allow you to go through another test to prove whether or not you have learned it well enough. Be encouraged, God does this because He loves you and your transformation will bring glory to His name and quite possibly give you an opportunity to witness and give guidance to someone else. God is making His children into pure gold, thank you Jesus!

Be blessed in Him,

*Brother Daniel Rodney*

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

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.

**Please note:** We ask that you try to keep your prayer requests short when using the prayer request form. We have limited print space so pages of hand-written requests (or bible tracks, lengthy stories and Bible scripture) won't be able to be published.

### March - April 2019 Prayer List

Michael S.....Seeking restoration with wife and family. For personal strength in battle over sin's entanglement. Protection and guidance for his children. Help with legal battles.

Joe A.....Seeking forgiveness from the victim's family, that God would reveal the truth in this terrible loss of a loved one.

Robert C.....Robert is a dear friend of this ministry. He was 95, a WWII veteran, Purple Heart Recipient and amputee. He has suffered a bought with Phenomena and we ask for prayer in his full recovery. **Update: Our dear friend Robert went on to be with the Lord on the morning of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** We ask for prayer for the family. He will be dearly missed.

John D.....Prayer for healing of his kidney. Also, prayer that he will become comfortable in his new living arrangements. Give him peace in his heart that he is loved and needed.

Raymond W ...Askes for prayer for his family and himself for God to keep him humble and that may God Bless Billy, Tara, Liam, Nora, Penny, Mary, Drew, Eric, Wendy, Chet, Renee, Keith, TJ, Lincoln, Braxton, Tom, Deb & Abby.

- Kenny L .....Asks for prayer to strengthen my walk and ask the Lord to provide a spiritual accountability partner. Ask for prayer, mercy and peace to all lifers (Indeterminant sentenced). Christmas Eve, 2018, the Supreme Ct. rejected Gov. Browns request to commute my sentence. Through this tribulation I was able to find comfort, peace & rest in Christ. I pray to encourage all lifers to trust & believe in Christ to strengthen their Faith in Him.
- Joe A .....Pray for my victim and his family, Praying for a pen pal and favor from the Governor for a pardon.
- Juan S .....Prayer for myself, my Wife Luz R. cleaning, protection, healing, reconciliation and ask to destroy all assignments of darkness against us. I pray that my wife to be liberated from all witch craft and I pray she comes back renewed / revived in the power of God, Son and Holy Spirit. Relief of an unjust sentence, asking the Lord to place a stop of being defrauded of my liberty. Expose every-dirty work of Satan that has been used against me. May Gods power turn things around and bless me to receive restoration of blessings and goodness, Amen.
- Michelle H .....Pray for Richard, unspoken word.
- Michael S. ....I ask for prayer of my Faith, my Marriage. Prayer over my walk with Christ, I have any obstacles or struggles released. To lean not on my own understanding but on God's understanding. For God to accept my marriage as I surrender it to Him. To reveal any darkness in it. I would like prayer for this ministry, may God continue using you and blessing you, In Jesus Christs name, AMEN! Love to all my brothers and sisters.
- Anthony M. ....Pray for his recovery for significant heart issues, surgeries and procedures. Also pray for his family and wife who are also stressing over his condition.
- Dale C .....Praying he resists the negative spirits attacking him and gets back on his medications and assuming his responsibilities again.
- Dave P. ....Pray that the Lord will heal him and strengthen him. He turned 53 in January and found out that he has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He tried to get into the City of Hope's cancer treatment program, but for whatever reason they did not accept him. He is currently going through Chemo-Therapy.
- Judi R .....Just tested positive for cancer, pray that her positive occult blood test was not due to cancer. Still much unknown. Please pray for her and her family. Her husband, Richard, also struggles with Alzheimer's which has been difficult for the whole family. **Praise Report: She is completely clear of cancer. The test was a false-positive.**
- Rosalind K. ....Pray that the Lord will heal my spleen.

- Joanne R.....We pray for a successful back surgery and speedy recovery. **Praise Report: She is healing from a successful back surgery!** Pray she continues to get better.
- Donald A.....Pray for Chaplain Helerbent for “G” Yard to get off of lockdown and have a revival and Chapel services again.
- Raymond W ...I request prayer for everyone on this prayer list. I pray that God will let me one day go home. I thank God for my life, even while in custody. In His Name
- Mar C .....Prayer for healing after a fall, broken ribs and collapsed lung. Pray for a fast recovery. **Praise Report: She is doing better. Prayer for continued healing.**
- Michael S .....I request prayer for my walk and to continue to grow in faith. Also, that my prison sentence be shortened, For my family and their safety. For my wife “Angela” stays in our marriage. That all non-believers become unmuted and unblinded by Satan so that they can become believers, that any strongholds that Satan has on me that God binds them and that He becomes my stronghold. Also, for your ministry that God allows it to prosper and he blesses every brother and sister involved. In Jesus name, Amen.
- Dave G .....Prayer for continued safety. Continue prayer for deliverance through the appeal and to be reunified with my children. They are all grown now. Please pray for their salvation.
- Richard D.....Prayer as he goes through some medical issues, 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. Pray that Robert G. to find peace inside these concrete walls and electric fence, and for his Mom- Kids and Family.
- Yolanda.....“The Cable Lady” asks for prayer for her people and her situation. God knows what she needs as we reach out for her to be uplifted in the Lord.
- Robert G.....Prayer for the Griller, Solorio, Latner, Brown & Griffin Families that God Strengthen and comfort all of these families and draw those who don’t know Him close unto Him. Asking for prayer for Richard D’s., daughter’s safety and that they be able to write him more. Also pray for Linda L. that God comforts her as she battles cancer and she stays surrounded by family & Christian family during this trying time.
- Aimee P.....Prayer for relief from Multiple Sclerosis and her comfort and for her to draw nearer to Christ throughout this trial.
- Thomas G.....Prayer for God to restore him to his family and keep him healthy. Pray for his children and grandchildren’s safety and salvation.

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The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer \_\_\_\_\_

Pray for: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of request: \_\_\_\_\_

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Place request on Ministry website      Yes    No

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