



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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FORGIVENESS (The second-hand smoke effect)

I have written before about forgiveness but felt the need to delve a little deeper into this subject. I think that most of us will readily agree that forgiveness is necessary, first and foremost, for a healthy relationship with God. As King David cried out in his prayer before God, *"Against You, You only, I have done what is evil in Your sight."* (Psalm 51:4) When we sin it involves not only ourselves and the possibly the person whom we sin against, but it always involves God. In fact, it involves God first because He knows the deed even before it has even been committed. A person sins in his or her heart before they sin in deed. The heart drives the hand, the hand does not drive the heart. Because we sin against God first we should direct our plea for forgiveness to Him first. Seek restoration with the restorer before we seek restoration with the person or persons we may have sinned against here on earth. We are not capable of properly restoring in the flesh until we have been restored in the spirit. The cleansing effect of spiritual restoration is paramount to our being able to seek and find real and lasting restoration with others. A person does not clean a dish with a dirty rag. If God is not behind and representative of our plea for forgiveness from others, then I believe it is shallow and disingenuous to some degree. God does not forgive in measure but in fullness, and so should we.

First-hand smoke effect

As I stated above, God is the first person offended and the first person we should seek forgiveness from. When we sin we negatively affect ourselves in some form or fashion. We are the first person that suffers the consequences of that sin at some point in time. Others may also be directly affected by our sin. I call these people the, first-hand smoke victims. They can be family, friends, co-workers, or just someone who crosses our path. These are people who we recognize as victims of our sin. This recognition may take some honest reflection but deep down in our heart of hearts we know it to be true. Ownership, wholly and completely, of our sin is necessary for the complete forgiveness of sin and restoration. To own only part of the sin will lead to only a partial forgiveness and restoration. When we confess our sins to God and those who we sinned against it can never include the word "but" in our thinking or our verbal confession. The word "but" negates everything in front of it. I am sorry that I said those things about you "but" you made me mad. That is not a confession of action but of reaction. That's the same type of confession that cost Adam and Eve their home in the garden. God asked Adam, *"Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"* Adam responded, *"The woman You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree and I ate."* God then asked Eve, *"What is this that you have done?"* She responded, *"The serpent deceived me, and I ate."* (See Genesis 3:11-13) They even went as far as to blame first, accept second, ouch! An honest and unabridged confession will lead toward complete forgiveness and help mold us into the person and character that God desires us to be,

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and others deserve. We reap what we sow. If we sow unto righteousness and truth, then we will be looked at as a person who can be counted on to tell the truth and of good moral standing. That's the kind of person I seek to be though I fail from time to time. Thank God I serve a loving and forgiving God. He is invested into good relationships with Himself and with others.

Second-hand smoke effect

In the previous paragraph I stated that an honest and unabridged confession will lead toward complete forgiveness. If that stands true, then anything less than complete honesty in our confession will hinder our character growth. Our character is not only a reflection of who we are but also how we perceive others and interact with them. I want to look at a couple of ways this will affect our effectiveness. This is what I call the second-hand smoke effect. It is how we affect others in ways that we don't see or understand.

First, I want to look at the compromise factor. When we do not take full responsibility for our sinful thoughts or deeds, but somehow pass the buck or cover them with some sort of pseudo-justification then we create a compromise within us that will extend to others. It can go like this, I have a problem with anger, but others seem to push my buttons, so they are part of the problem. So, when we deal with others who have a similar problem our counsel is usually a reflection of how we dealt with our own sin. We teach or counsel others to the same pseudo-justification that we applied to ourselves, hey it's not all your fault. We end up creating another person who does not, or will not, accept full responsibility for their sin and therefore does not offer an honest and unabridged confession to God or others. Bad teaching.

Secondly, I want to look at the guilt factor. Here we have someone who has failed a family member or someone else close to them. They have not accepted the forgiveness that God offers but instead they carry the guilt with them that affects how they treat someone else. These types of people have a tough time setting proper boundaries especially when it comes to discipline if they are a parent who has failed the child in some way. They give way to bad behavior to make up for their own past failures. The person will say to themselves, I failed this child, so I will overlook his or her bad behavior because of what I failed to do. It passes the buck behind the back. If the child cues into this guilt carrying person then they have the parent wrapped around their finger and will use this to their advantage anytime they need to. The behavior is pseudo-justified by the guilt of the other person once again.

Lastly, I want to look at the shame factor. Once again, we are dealing with unconfessed or partial confession of sin, therefore, incomplete forgiveness and a shame-laden individual. Because this person has not received or accepted the forgiveness that God offers they live with the shame of their sins. This will always affect how they deal with others. Because shame is a negative attitude turned inward it tends to make us look at others with shame for their sins. It is a personal attack instead of an attack on the sin itself. It says, you are a bad person instead of saying you did a bad thing. It can create an attitude that hinders a person from even seeking after God for forgiveness. I am so bad even God will not forgive me. They are crippled, mentally and spiritually which can also lead to physical illness. I am not trying to sound like some psychologist here but just wanted to share with you some things I have seen and dealt with in my life and the lives of others. 1 John 1:9 says, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

A person who had been truly born-again knows the cleansing effect forgiveness has on them. If we can confess being an unbelieving sinner and enemy of God and still receive His forgiveness through mercy, then why do we sometimes have trouble confessing a bad thought or act? Is not the former the greater sin?

We need to realize the deep and ill effect that unconfessed sin has on us and others. If we are to be effective parents, siblings, friends, and leaders within our church and community then we need to be walking in the complete forgiveness that God so freely offers us. We need to accept the cleansing effect and allow it to remove the guilt, shame, and compromise that hinders us and others. Let's strive for honest with ourselves and before God so we can be effective witnesses for Him and draw others the saving power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God bless your journey toward holiness.

God bless you all

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

Sometimes we may feel like everything and everyone around us is against us. That no matter how hard we try, it just doesn't seem like God's grace is active in our lives. King David even felt like this at one time in his life, so God recorded the story for us in 2 Sam. 15:1-16:14. We can read about what was going on in David's mind at the time in Psalm 3. I want to offer you some encouragement right now from David himself:

“O Lord, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me.

Many are saying of my soul, “There is no deliverance for him in God.” Selah.

But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, My glory, and the One who lifts my head.

I was crying to the Lord with my voice, And He answered me from His holy mountain. Selah.

I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustains me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me round about.

Arise, O Lord; save me, O my God! For You have smitten all my enemies on the cheek; You have shattered the teeth of the wicked.

Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be upon Your people! Selah.”

Right away David recounts that many are saying there is no deliverance for him in God. If we go to the world for help, we may be told this same thing. That is one of the wonderful things about being a Christian. You can go directly to God and ask Him for help. You can go directly to His written word to see the patterns concerning His character, that you can rest assured by faith. Even so, David reminded himself of the truth concerning the character of God, that God is his very *shield*.

As soon as he started recounting the things that God had already done for him in his life, the communion he had with God, I believe it strengthened him and gave him the fortitude to persevere once again. Instead of looking around him at all his circumstances, he looked up. Difficult situations are good for us, when they bring us to our knees in prayer to God. You can talk to God, you can even cry to God or just speak to Him from your heart if you don't know what to say. David found God always ready to answer his prayer. Our Prayers are always heard through Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father. Being reminded that God is always with us brings peace in our situations, that when we rest and awaken, we will feel replenished.

Be reminded that it is God who is our very Savior and be sure of salvation. This too, will pass. Share this with someone you know who is going through something difficult. Read the Psalm with them and remember together about the salvation of our God! Be blessed.

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 keep your prayer requests short and to the point using the prayer request form. We cannot print many pages of hand written requests, bible tracks, lengthy stories and Bible scripture.

May - June 2018 Prayer List

Donald A.Pray for Chaplain Helerbent for "G" Yard to get off of lockdown and have a revival and Chapel services again.

Juan SPrayer 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.

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

Michael SI request prayer that God would reveal to me any hinderance in my walk and that He removes anything that He did not create in me. That I have a heart of humility and contrition. Prayers for my wife “Angela” that God anoint her from head to toe with the blood of Jesus. For our children and their faith. For the brothers and sisters of the world. That God protects them. That our faith be combined and together rebuke Satan. Love to my siblings in Christ in Jesus, Amen!

Mar CPrayer for healing after a fall, broken ribs and collapsed lung. She is in the emergency room as we type this prayer list. Pray for a fast recovery.

Michael SI 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 GPrayer 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 DPrayer 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 GPrayer 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 PPrayer 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.
- Daniel VPrayer for better employment and relief from harassment he is experiencing from community. Keeping his faith in Jesus Christ.
- MichaelPrayer for healing of medical issues and that his leg amputation will restore his health after a blood clot.
- Guylene MPrayer for healing and recovery after she was diagnosed with Ovarian cancer, and her daughters who were diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Nikolaus OPray that the Lord blesses my mother, Elizabeth J with strength, courage, and His protection. Remember He is near to those with broken hearts and contrite spirits. I also pray for thanksgiving for my brother in Christ, Roger C. I pray he is well, in great spirits and want to thank him for his kind, compassionate words. Stay strong and may God Bless.
- Leonard SGoing for Governors Pardon on Dec 10, 2017 for innocents in all. Praying for favor on my Lawyer and myself in Jesus Christ of Nazareth name. Amen, Luke 1:37
- Jason M.....Prayer for him and his family as he endures the challenges of accusations for charges he is states he is innocent of.
- 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, Texas.
- Tony M.....Prayer as doctors change his medications to find which meds were poisoning his system and causing kidney damage. **Praise Report: They found the doctors over prescribed a deadly medication which he is no longer taking. He is doing much better. Kidney damage is slowly resolving itself.**
- Bobby CPrayers 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 WHe found his son dead last month, please pray for him and his family.
- Linda G.She is suffering several critical health issues and we request prayer for her healing.
- John D.Prayer for my Uncle Denny to take care of himself, eat right and get his diabetes under control. Praying that his new roof works for him, and that his nephew can come see him soon.

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. **PRAISE REPORT: Connie is no longer suffering with cancer. The Lord called her home on July 27th. I knew Connie since 8th 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 14th 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 PrayerThat 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 CAsking 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 GPrayer 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.

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

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Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

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