



## *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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### **SOW WHAT'S HAPPENING**

Better yet, what's happening was sown. Have you ever planted an apple seed then tended and watered it until it grew and then realized you had an orange tree? Or, did you plant poppies and end up with mums? The answer is no. Why? Because what you plant is what you get! It is an absolute law. An apple seed will never produce an orange tree and a poppy seed will never produce a mum. Jesus, in teaching on the difference between false and true teachers, reiterated this multi-applicable law by asking a rhetorical question, "Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?" (Matt. 7:16)

Many (and I mean many) years ago when my family and I were attending a church pastored by Chuck Swindoll he gave a sermon on this very subject. Sometime during the teaching he said the following, which I still remember to this day.

Sow a thought - reap an act.  
Sow an act - reap a habit.  
Sow a habit - reap a character.  
Sow a character - reap a destiny.

The Apostle Paul put it this way, "*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.*" (Galatians 6:7-8) Just as it is true in the physical world so it is in the spiritual world, what ever we sow, that we will also reap.

As Paul noted above, the law of sowing and reaping begins in the incorporeal (spiritual, intangible) not in the act itself. Jesus put it this way, if you have lusted in your heart you have committed adultery, if you have hated in your heart you have committed murder. You have probably heard the old saying when something has been done, and it doesn't turn out right or is half-done, someone will say, "It was the thought that counts." Well that is never truer than in the process of sowing and reaping. It is the thought that started the whole thing in the first place, that was the first seed sown.

In His service,

Pastor Pete

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## THE WORD IN MOTION message

### **Sowing and reaping**

The law of sowing and reaping is never more apparent than in the following Biblical account of Abraham's grandson Jacob. It is a story most of us have heard many times and we would do well to keep this at the forefront of our minds as a filter for our thoughts.

From the very start Jacob and his twin brother Esau were at odds with each other. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, is pregnant with these two boys and seeks the Lord for answers as to why they are struggling within her. The Lord answers her this way, *"The LORD said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger.'"* (Gen 25:23) As she was delivering the twins Esau was coming out first but Jacob held on to his brother's foot. Consequently, he was called Jacob which means supplanter. Supplanter is defined as; 1) to supersede, 2) to eradicate and supply a substitute for, or 3) to take the place of and serve as a substitute for. Jacob was named for the character he displayed, even from his birth.

Jacob begins to sow from his character. The next thing we hear concerning Jacob is when he uses his brother's hunger to gain his birthright. Esau has been out hunting and is famished and needs something to eat. He comes in and asks his brother for some of the stew he was making. Jacob tells his brother the following, *"But Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'Behold, I am about to die; so of what use then is the birthright to me?' And Jacob said, 'First swear to me'; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob."* (Gen. 25:31-33)

Jacob continues to sow from his character. Later on, as Isaac is growing old and is about to die, Jacob needs to make sure he gets the birthright before his father gives it to Esau. Jacob and his mother conspire to deceive Isaac as his sight is all but gone and cannot recognize one person from another. Rebekah puts Esau's clothes on Jacob and covers his arms and neck with the skins of a young goat so he will smell and feel like Esau. They even go as far as making Isaac his favorite stew. The following is the account of what followed.

*"Then he came to his father and said, 'My father' And he said, 'Here I am. Who are you, my son?' Jacob said to his father, 'I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me.' Isaac said to his son, 'How is it that you have it so quickly, my son?' And he said, 'Because the LORD your God caused it to happen to me' Then Isaac said to Jacob, 'Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.' So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, 'The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. And he said, 'Are you really my son Esau?' And he said, 'I am.' So he said, 'Bring it to me, and I will eat of my son's game, that I may bless you.' And he brought it to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank. Then his father Isaac said to him, 'Please come close and kiss me, my son.' So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him..."* (Gen. 27:18-27)

Do you see the level and detail of this deception? Jacob and his mother cover every possible avenue. Jacob even brings the Lord into his deception. A lot of time, effort, and planning went into deceiving Isaac into giving his younger son the birthright of the older. Would Jacob reap what he has sown?

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After being blessed by his father, Jacob is sent away to Paddan-aram to find a wife. While on his journey there he runs into a girl named Rachael who is watering her father's sheep at a well. He is enraptured with her beauty and ends up returning with her to her father's house. Jacob finds out that Laban, Rachael's father, is a relative of his. After some formalities, Jacob strikes a deal with Laban to marry his daughter Rachael. He will work seven years and then receive her as his bride.

Seven years pass and the day finally comes. A wedding celebration takes place and Jacob goes to his tent where Rachael is supposed to be waiting. All the toil and years of service will be rewarded tonight, Rachael would be his prize! Or would she? Jacob consummates the marriage to the woman in his tent but in the morning finds out that he is now married to Leah, Rachael's older sister. Jacob is furious and asks Laban the following, "So it came about in the morning that, behold, it was Leah! And he said to Laban, 'What is this you have done to me? Was it not for Rachel that I served with you? Why then have you deceived me?'" The chicken has come home to roost. Better yet, Jacob has reaped what he has sown, and he is not happy about it.

The seeds we plant will someday bring forth the fruit they were designed to produce. Jacob had done his sowing and now, years later, he was reaping the consequences. God's law of sowing and reaping had rendered its judgment on Jacob's character and the things he had done to others. He was getting exactly what he deserved and it didn't feel good.

God is patient with us, even in teaching us valuable lessons about how we treat others. Our consequences may not always come from the victims of our deception, or whatever other negative things we sow into others' lives, but trust and believe this; they will come back to us. The shoe will be on the other foot and although it will fit perfectly, it will not be comfortable wearing it.

Next time something happens to you ask yourself, have I done similar things to others in the past? Or am I doing them now? Am I reaping what I have previously sown? God deliberately and lovingly teaches us these lessons. They are not given to us to destroy us, but to build us and others up. When we personally get to experience and feel some of the things we have done to others it can be a real character changer and that is what God is doing, changing our character. He is trying to take out of us what is wrong and put into us what is right, holy, and acceptable to Him and His character. He is trying to form in us that Divine Nature.

We are known by what we do, what we do is predicated on who we are. Seems like a conundrum doesn't it? How does this destructive cycle get broken? By God and the ongoing process of sanctification within us. The Apostle Paul, after explaining the battle within him says, "Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!..." We are new creatures through our union with Christ. (II Cor. 5:17) We gain new character by the trials and tribulations we go through, by the lessons God teaches us. (Heb. 12:7-11)

So the next time you find the shoe is on the other foot and it hurts, don't be so quick to take it off and relieve the pain and forego the gain. Ask yourself why it hurts so badly? Better yet, ask God why it hurts so badly? Let your pain create a compassion for others and a changed character within yourself. The pain will eventually fade away but the gain of a Christ-like character will go on for eternity.

Remember this too. God's law of sowing and reaping works both ways. When we sow goodness, righteousness, love, peace, joy, etc into the lives of others it will come back to us. Let's all do something nice today and all of our tomorrows, amen!

*Pastor Pete*

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## BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

*“Preserve me, O God, for I take refuge in You. I said to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good besides You.” As for the saints who are in the earth, They are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.” (Psalm 16:1-3)*

Do you delight in your brothers and sisters in Christ, the saints? David did, and so should we. God is perfect and has no need of anything from us, but He has given us the charge to serve one another as we see the need arise. In doing good for one another, we reap the blessings from good works and share in His delight. It can be hard fellowshiping with Christians at times, because many of us are needy. But we are blessed to be a blessing to others and especially to the house hold of God. When we allow the blessings of God to flow through us by serving, this will bring us joy and further blessings. God must be the source of our servitude. We must first put our trust in Him and nothing or no one else. It can be hard to not trust in our jobs, the things we have or people God has put into our lives. By the spirit God has given us, we have all the abilities we need in order to be a blessing to others. When we focus on the great sacrifice God has provided for us, our response will be a readiness to give to others joyfully. As we serve others, our witness of love will be viewed, not only within the church, but also by those outside of it. Serving our brothers and sisters gives up purpose and is satisfying. I believe this is why Christ said, *‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’* Acts 20:35

Keep your eyes open, looking for the opportunities to meet the needs of others. Be the first one there and you will be blessed!

Be blessed in Him,

*Brother Daniel Rodney*

### **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*

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**Calvary Church, Santa Ana**

Kevin S .....Is in Wasco, pray for his safety and salvation.

Kathy .....Please pray for my sister Patty that she will receive salvation.

Bobby C.....Needs prayer for his addiction issues. Continues program back to church.

David & Jeannie M.

Missionaries

to Kenya.....Back on leave pray for housing. Son to attend Moody Bible College, needs prayer. It is hard to leave Africa after 25 years. Pray for Jeannie's mom who was in hospital with heart problems.

**ANSWERED PRAYER, SHE IS DOING MUCH BETTER NOW.**

Andy H .....Went home to be with the Lord. Pray for his families comfort.

Tim L.....Went home to be with the Lord. Pray for his families comfort.

Chet .....Has throat cancer and will be undergoing treatments. Recovering, but not singing in the choir yet.

Ralph .....Recovering from a coma.

**ANSWERED PRAYER, DOING MUCH BETTER.**

Pat M .....Had serious back surgery and is doing great back at church. (Praise report)

Chip C.....Needs prayer for a back injury will be seeing a doctor soon.

Joanna.....Went through 12 hour surgery for cancer and needs prayer for recovery.

Jan B. ....Still waiting to find out what will be the best course of action for her issue with kidney stones.

Pat P.....Having a heart valve replaced. Please pray for her and her family.

**Liberty Church, Moreno Valley**

Lee P.....Pray for his health issues and God's strength through them.

Baby Mary .....She is just about six months old and has severe heart problems and needs a transplant.

The Church .....Pray that God would meet their financial needs in the coming year.

Harold B .....Needs prayer for his recovery from a broken hip.

Manny.....His family is dealing with some illness issues and needs your prayers.

Sam B. ....Needs prayer for his recovery from health problems.

**ANSWERED PRAYER: IS DOING BETTER AND AT HOME. STILL NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS.**

**Harvest Valley Church, Santa Ynez**

Congregation .....Pray that God will continue to bless and provide for their needs as they have reached out to so many. They are a real small church that has sent in thousands of life changing Bibles to men in prison. (I personally experienced God working through these gifts.)

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Mary & Bill .....Mary is went through some health issues recently but God chose to keep her with us. Her heart is healthy and we know that it is filled with God's love. The world might have seen that as a problem but not God or us. Amen!

### California

Joann.....Sister of Robert has stage one cancer and needs your continued prayers.

David D .....Pray that God would help him be the husband and father that he couldn't be for the last 15 years. Stay strong in the midst of trials and temptations. Need a job.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: GOT A JOB.**

Victor A. ....Pray that God would open opportunities for him to begin teaching and preaching again.

Faye A. ....That God would bless and guide her in her musical ministry work.

Carlos R. ....Still not able to find a job. Fighting against depression and trying not to lose hope. Please pray for him.

John B.....Needs prayer for favor with the 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. ....Continued reconciliation with family members.

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

Christine B.....Pray for her as she is fighting cancer, since insurance changes, she is having problems getting coverage for her treatments.

Daniel R.....That his boss would be saved by faith in Jesus and the business would flourish. Praying for a home church to fellowship in. Salvation of his Dad and brothers. Have more patience with the lost who curse God and Jesus. Wisdom in dealing with legal issues.

Tom C.....That God would bless him with a more fruitful job so he could be a blessing to others.

### Florida

Scott F.....Pray for resolution to his health issues and the safety of his children who are serving in the armed forces.

### Minnesota

TJ & Julie W.....Pray for God's wisdom in conducting the marriage classes. Julie's continued healing from a bad fall.

### North Carolina

David .....(Daniel R's. 15 yr. old cousin) – That God would help him make it through his cancer treatments. The leukemia has come back and he is continuing another round of chemo. Pray for his body to withstand current treatment and a bone marrow match when the time comes (Hopefully in June).

**ANSWERED: David went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2014. Pray for his families comfort.**

David's family ....Please pray for them as they grieve the loss of their son and pray that God will fill the tremendous void in their lives that is left from his passing on.

### North Dakota

Tyler .....Please pray for Tyler as he seeks direction for his career aspirations. That he would continue doing well in college and in his relationship with the Lord.

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**Washington State**

Stephanie .....We are praying that the Lord will convict and correct her. She is traveling down the wrong path and has a lot of people who care for her.

Todd S. ....Needs prayer for patience, discernment, and wisdom, in dealing with someone he really cares for.

**Wisconsin**

Jean P.....Prayer for Dr. White, his family, and his patients as they transition to another healthcare giver. Dr. White is dealing with terminal cancer.

Rick & Beth.....This Christian couple need your prayers desperately as they face unthinkable circumstances in their lives.

**Guatemala**

Benjamin A.....Praying to get Spanish Bibles for prisoners in Guatemala. Moved into a new area to plant a Church and doing well. Pray that God would give the increase and provide their needs. Bibles!

**Kenya**

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

**South Carolina**

Robert M.....Pray for him as he deals with issues from the past. That God would guide him through this process and be the focus of his life. That God would encourage him and give him an extra dose of hope right now.

**Ministries**

The Lord's Mountain

Movers .....Pray for continued direction from God in where He wants the ministry to go and do.

Acts

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

Lost and Found

By Jesus .....Pray that the Lord would bless and increase their ministry. Pray for God to meet their financial needs this coming year. Seeking God's direction for an additional home.

Saving Grace

Homes.....God is bringing opportunities for expansion. Pray for His wisdom and discernment in every decision they face. Pray for their patience in God's timing.

**Brothers in Chino**

Facility A.....That God would continue to honor and direct their efforts in putting His church in order. Prayer for the chaplain, New Facility Captain, Prayer Team, Brown Card Volunteers, all chapel programs.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: COMPLETED GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHED SOUND LEADERSHIP**

Tom H.....He wants prayer for greater understanding and knowledge in the word of God. That God will also guide him as he shares God's word with others. Ex-wife (DeeDee is fighting cancer), Daughter (Megan) is having a baby girl soon, and his son (Joshua) is in fire fighters school.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: DEEDEE IS CANCER FREE! TOM HAS A NEW GRANDBABY GIRL!**

Larry K. ....Pray that he will be guided by the Holy Spirit as he helps to lead the church back under the will of God.

Bob G. ....Pray that God continues to restore family and friends back into his life.

**Brothers in Tehachapi**

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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 cancerous lump in her breast. His sister and her husband need employment and housing. His older brother who has liver disease.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: COURT FOUND IN HIS FAVOR, AWAITING FINAL DECISION. GOD WORKING ON OTHER PRAYERS TOO,**

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.

**PARTIALLY ANSWERED: HAS A PLACE TO GO UPON RELEASE.**

Tim P.....Pray for salvation in his family, and restoration with all his family members.

Wallie R.....Prayer that God will continue to guide him towards a release date.

Steven W. ....Prayer for his legal situation as he sits in AdSeg.

#### **Brothers in Chowchilla**

Johnny L.....God would prepare him to get out and further the Lord's kingdom. Pray that God would open his eyes to the truth about His word.

Trinity W. ....Pray for his families ministry and the men's home they desire to open in God's will.

#### **Brothers in Desert View**

David P. ....Pray that God will open up the opportunity for him to share God's word with those in his dorm and within the facility.

**ANSWERED: GETTING AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.**

Greg F.....Sheila (his wife) needs prayer for her health and finances. That he and his wife can work some things out between them. That God will continue to use him. For his finances. Finances for Stephen to go to school (Ministry \$2500) Justin's camp fees (\$1000). Son Joshua who is in prison in Arizona and will be getting out in 2017, needs smooth transition. Pray for "The Cure" ministry, that God would have His way with it.

Matthew R. ....Deepen his relationship with God. Prayer for his cousin Johnny and the brothers in Tehachapi. Prayer for Yang's father

Yeng Y. ....Pray for his sister who is dealing with cancer, his father's health, and his family's salvation.

#### **Brothers in Mule Creek**

Sebastian M. ....Pray that God will continue to grow him in the confidence of the faith that God has given him. Please pray for his son who is prison in Arizona (their relationship and his salvation), also his three kids (their salvation), and finally for wisdom in dealing with children

#### **Brothers in R.J. Donovan**

Gabriel.....Pray for chapel services to run smoother and for the Kairos Program.

Robert Mc.....Pray for healing for Rudy Betsy and Maria (Valley Fever, Carpal Tunnel)

James .....For the program on the yard to change for the better.

Matlock.....Pray for a closer relationship with his son.

Joe S. ....For his family to come to know the lord Jesus Christ.

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Geno .....For help with his soon to be wife's family. To have them come visit him.

Pastor Jack .....For his health to improve and to get instruments on this yard.

Tom S. ....Pray to give him time with his wife.

**Brothers in Corcoran**

David G. ....Please pray for God's protection and provision for his kids; Emily, Natalie, and James, and their mom, Eileen. Pray for his ministry – that it would be fruitful, and that God would be glorified.

Chains for Christ

Ministries .....Is a powerful ministry God is using to bring the truth to those who are seeking it. Please pray that God will create a seeking heart in many men that they may know and live out God's truth.

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