



## *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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## **I know what to believe, now what?**

**(Part One)**

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. In last month's newsletter, we looked at what could be called, "variable truth." I opened our discussion with the following sentence, "In today's environment, or maybe I should say today's culture, what is relative or important seems to fluctuate depending on where you stand and/or who you stand with." The desire of that study was to help us, as Christians, reign in those ideals, stances and professions that are not biblical, nor that are founded in the person or teachings of Jesus Christ.

In addition, the purpose of the teaching was to get Christians collectively involved in seeking after the truth seriously and with an eternal resolve. This of course would have to involve donning the love of Christ to help us deal with the lies the devil has used to distract, dissuade, and delude the gospel message and the truth found only in the bible. This god-like love would have to reach the heights we find uttered by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ while he hung on the cross. Looking down at those who were dividing His clothing, He said, "*Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.*" (Luke 23:34)

Dealing with the lies the devil has embedded in the hearts and minds of believers, or non-believers, can be difficult because we are sometimes dealing with things that have been believed in/on for a lifetime or even worse, generationally. Abandoning what you believe as truth can be hard. What about those instances where that belief has been passed down, over and over again, from one generation to the next? When someone has believed in something for so long it becomes harder and harder to remove that belief from their thinking. It is like a spreading cancer that once removed may leave a person a shell of their former self. That can be an overwhelming prospect to say the least. Presenting the truth to someone is far easier than getting them to see it, let alone believe and accept it. This will always involve the help of the Holy Spirit in both the person sharing the truth and the one who is hearing it.

For they do not know what they are doing. There is an old saying that goes, "ignorance is curable, stupidity is fatal", a truth that should be realized by every Christian. I don't care if you have studied the bible for decades. It doesn't matter what college or seminary you have graduated from or what degrees you have attained to. If you think that you have all knowledge, understand all truth, and possess all wisdom I want to introduce you to someone who does possess these things in their fullest. I want you to meet Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the co-creator of all things, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Everyone, except God, is ignorant of something, especially when it comes to biblical knowledge.

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Please bear with me as I push this even further by saying this, stupidity presents culpability and ignorance presents correctability. To me stupidity says that I know the truth, I understand the truth, yet I reject the truth and accept the lies knowing full well the consequences of my choice. Proverbs puts it very simply this way, “*whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is stupid.*” (Proverb 12:1) To reject the truth and accept the lies is to hate the truth and by proxy the one who created truth. Ignorance on the other hand says that I am uneducated in the truth in some form or fashion but I am not bound to the lie and thereby subject to stupidity and its consequences.

My point here is that ignorance is not a condemning factor, it is an opportunity for change. The apostle Paul put it very plainly when instructing young Timothy on the correlation between the man of God and the word of God. “*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*” (2 Timothy 3:16) A reflection on how Jesus dealt with the future apostles is a good example on how we should deal with others who are in need of God’s truth for their salvation and usefulness within the Kingdom of God. The apostles did not accept, nor did they understand, everything at once. It took time, and in some cases repetitive or more elaborate teaching. No matter His method of instruction it was always coupled with love, patience, and understanding.

For me the key has been to comprehend that I am not right, God is, and if I desire to line up with Him and abandon self, then I can become right by Him. Just like I have no righteousness outside of being in Christ, I have no truth outside of being biblically sound. I must remember that I am nothing more than a worthy vessel molded and formed by the ultimate Potter. I am nothing more than a conduit of biblical truth and not the source of it. Do these thoughts or realities degrade me as a person or a Christian? I think not. Rather they give me purpose and a reality that keeps me humble, teachable, and useful for Him. I pray I will always hold fast to this.

Outside of dealing with the Pharisees and their hypocritical lifestyles Jesus rarely pointed fingers. What He did was to teach His truths through parables. He used every day cultural life to relate truth to them. He allowed these types of stories to do the pointing out of flawed thinking or acting. In most cases the listeners possessed the ability to know the truth and how to apply it in these parables. Many times, the listeners found themselves as someone in the story and the conviction came from within themselves and not from the story teller.

This is another good lesson for us to adopt when sharing God’s truth. Don’t stand between God and the truth as an obstruction that can block the transmission or reception of the truth. When we assume that position we can become the focus and not the truth. It would be like holding the bible behind your back and asking someone to read a verse from it. Do you get the picture? Let the word of God and the Holy Spirit do the work and stay out of the way.

Going back to one of last month’s scriptures in Ephesians, chapter four, lets read verse fifteen again. “*but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.*” The first part is so important to the reception of the truth, speaking it in love. If you want clarification on what that means we can go to the following passage defining what love is.

*“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)*

Here are some questions we might ask ourselves when encountering those who are struggling with, or seeking after, the truth, or those who are rejecting it out of ignorance. Am I being as patient as Christ would be in dealing with this person? Am I being kind, i.e. welcoming and approachable? Am I looking down my nose at them and placing myself on a self-made pedestal of exaltation? Are my manners and vocabulary portraying something someone else might want to emulate for themselves? Is my desire to prove me right or God and His word to be right? If attacked by the listener, do I respond in kind? Do I feel happy or vindicated when someone suffers the consequences of not listening to what I told them was the truth?

God’s love operating within us gives the supernatural ability to deal with others, oh and by the way ourselves too. It allows us to bear with the ignorance of others knowing full well we were once there ourselves. That just as we are changing, they can too. It gives us a hope that keeps us helping someone time after time, day after day, year after year, believing that no work done by the direction of God goes unfinished. It keeps us pressing forward no matter what happens to us or what effect we see in others. Like the first part of verse eight in the above passage says, *“Love never fails...”*

If you believe this, then it is a great starting point. *God so loved the world that He gave...* and He has continued giving, giving in love. It is part of His character and He is willing to impart that aspect of His character into you if you will use it as He would. We can and should stand firmly on the truth as God has given it to us and not how we would want it to be. We can be steadfast and unwavering in the truth and yet lovingly portray it in our lives to those who God brings our way. Love and truth go hand in hand when it comes to the character of God, they are inseparable traits, bound through all eternity. Last month we touched on knowing the truth, this month we looked at speaking the truth, God willing next month we will talk about walking in the truth.

God bless each and every one of you brothers and sisters in Christ. I pray that we will remain open to God’s truth, accept when we are wrong, embrace the changes needed, and grow into the mature Christians God desires us to be. May He bless and guide us all.

*In His Service*

*Pastor Pete*

## BE A BARNABAS

*“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*

### **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.

## August - September 2017 Prayer List

- 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 had request for many of the Christians who are behind the prison walls and the different protestant chapels, their leadership and their congregations. There was also a request for those who are captive in false religions and 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 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.
- 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 he 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.
- Bobby C .....Prayers for the courts to remove enhancement so he can be released.
- Hazel C.....Prayers for health to improve as she is suffering from diabetes.
- 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.

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: After twenty-two years Connie received Jesus as Lord and Savior. After 22 years God has restored their relationship back together. They are getting married in Feb 2018.**

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

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

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