



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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What do I, should I, believe?

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 who you stand with. Never in my lifetime, I am 61 years old, have I witnessed such an unprecedented lack of consensus on what is real vs fake, truth vs lie, constructive vs destructive and the list goes on and on. Co-operation has been replaced with divisiveness, helpfulness buried by oppression and hate has superseded love.

We could spend a lifetime trying to figure out how we got here, but then wouldn't we just become part of the problem in pointing fingers? I am not saying we should not identify our mistakes so as not to repeat them. What I am saying is that working on viable solutions should be our main emphasis. Every person is a creation of God whether they acknowledge it or not. However, not every person is a child of God, Jesus made that crystal clear in His teachings. As God's children, we are not better than anybody else, we are only better off, in this world and certainly in the next. Why? Because we have a Heavenly Father who loves us. We have a different future destiny and a different present purpose. Within this love are many wonderful gifts, especially the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What saddens me is that I hear so many "professing Christians" (and I don't mean that in a sense of their salvation but in their contradictive stances) being pushed in one direction or another on issues that are clear cut truths laid out in the Bible. The Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Church in Ephesus about walking in unity with God and fellow believers. One of the warnings he gave that would be counterproductive to this task was being spiritually immature. He addressed it like this:

¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love." (Ephesians 4-13-16) Notice verse four which I have underlined. Paul refers to those who can be, and are being, pulled in many directions away from unity and truth as being spiritual "children". Maturity in the knowledge of the Son of God is the only antidote to this immaturity and resulting instability. We should not be tossed to-and-fro, or blown here and there by any internal or external influences. We should be stable because we stand not on a soapbox of our whims and self-aggrandizing, but because we stand on the cornerstone, the Rock of our salvation,

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Jesus Christ. We need only refer to the parable of the two builders who built houses, one built on it sand and the other on “the rock”:

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. 26 Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall.” (Matthew 7:24-27)

Jesus said that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (see John 14:6) Since Jesus is our Rock, our cornerstone, our very foundation, then we cannot separate what we stand for from Who we stand on. We must set aside our personal affinities and adopt His. We must not view truth by any other standards than what He does. We must not accept outside ideals if they contradict His. We must find our life in Him and Him alone.

Remember what I said in my opening paragraph, “what is relative or important seems to fluctuate depending on where you stand and who you stand with.” To avoid that wishy-washy character, we must keep both feet firmly planted on our Rock. By this I also mean our heart, mind and soul. If any one part of our being is founded on anything or anyone other than Jesus Christ we are unstable. This will eventually translate into our being untrustworthy, ineffectual and unbelievable when it comes God and His kingdom.

One of my favorite things to say when I see someone reading their Bible is, “don’t believe a word of it unless you believe every word of it.” That is not to say that you must understand every word, but that you accept all of it on faith and rejoice in any, and all, evidence that backs up what is written between Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21. None of us has reached the maturity of Christ in this life, there is always room to grow. The teacher must always remain a student. If we are going to lift Christ up before the world and confess our loyalty to Him, then it must be wholehearted in word and in deed.

We must all continue to study His word to become mature in the knowledge of who He is, what He stands for, and what He died for. We should desire this with all our being and encourage others to do the same. You cannot demand of others what you have not adopted yourself. Change is not always easy, but when we seek to change to be like Him it is always divinely inspired, driven and rewarded with the goal we seek and He has set before us.

There is room for all of us on the Rock. Let’s seek after the Way, the Truth and the Life, including unity and cohesiveness, and love will be the natural by-product. We will be cleansed and become mature. When truth has effected its change in us it will affect change in those around us. People will see the truth for not only what it is, but who it is, and that is Jesus Christ.

So, let’s ask ourselves the opening question, what do I, or should I, believe? The “should I” for every Christian should be obvious to everyone. The “what do I” is something you should sort out with yourself and with God. I pray that each and every one of us will take this task at hand seriously and with a resolve that will not fade away. We will be better off individually and collectively by the effort

we put in. Help me to be a better Christian and I will do the same for you with a love that passes all understanding. Remember the following part of our text, ¹⁵ *but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,* ¹⁶ *from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.*”

May God bless, guide and empower this endeavor. God bless you all.

In His Service

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS

The other day, as I was driving home from work stuck in traffic, I paid attention to what some of my fellow travelers were doing. I noticed some people were getting off and then getting right back on again all to jump in front of a few cars. It made me think about what Christ would have us do.

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,”

Philippians 2:3-5

Christ also has called us to treat others the same way we would want them to treat us. I thought about how much actual time the person hopping off and on the freeway, would really save, as I was getting off the same ramp to go home. I wondered if I would be doing that same thing if I lived just a little further away. Upon remembering those verses from Philippians, I wondered if traffic would be better if more people listened to the teachings of our Lord. Then beyond that, how much better our world we are living in would be if more people followed that simple aspect of placing others interests above their own.

I remembered that God usually shows me the faults in other people as a way of being a mirror in my own life. It was a reminder to live more according to His word and I wanted to share and encourage you to do the same more often. Let us stop for a moment when we are in a hurry to get somewhere and let us place the interests of someone else above our own. I want to challenge us this month to be the word in action, loving those around us through a selfless attitude. I believe that when we do this we 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

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ who receive our newsletter through the mail. Due to financial constraints, we have revised the way we do our prayer requests. 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.

We are encouraged by the work that God has already done through so many people praying for the needs of those they do not even know. 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? 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 that we will be removing older prayer requests, especially when we do not hear about updates. The newest requests are at the top of the list and the oldest requests are at the bottom of the list. These will remain on our website prayer list.

July – August 2017 Prayer List

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.

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.

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

Bobby CPrayers 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. WPrayer 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 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: 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 CPrayer 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 12 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 MPray that prop. 57 helps get me out so I can take George L. fishing.

George LGeorge 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 CPrayer for a wonderful marriage.

Barbara MWas 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 DPray 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.

MatlockRequests for prayer for a closer relationship with his son.

Joe SAsks 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 JackWe 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.

The Lord's Mountain Movers - Prayer request

Person requesting prayer _____

Pray for: _____

Nature of request: _____

Place request on Ministry website Yes No

Place request in Newsletter Yes No

(Use back of request if necessary. You can also use blank paper)

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