



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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Have you ever heard the saying, "It's not what you know, but who you know?"

Maybe you have even experienced it played out in your life at one time or another. Did someone at work get the promotion you deserved because they knew the boss better, or maybe they were a relative? Were you ever waiting for a table in a restaurant and somebody got seated ahead of you because they knew the owner and you didn't? I'll bet this saying has played out in all of our lives to some degree or another.

This saying is never truer than when it comes to our eternal destination. No one will get a place in the Kingdom of God outside of knowing the owner, God Himself. You can know everything there is to know about God, but if you do not know Him, and He doesn't know you, you won't get in, period. You think waiting in line outside a restaurant was a long wait, try spending eternity outside His Kingdom forever because you don't know Him!

Jesus said that He was the door, the way, the truth, the life, and that NO ONE could get to the Father except through Him. Do you know Him? How well do you know Him? What do you know about Him? Does He know you?

One of the questions I hear most often from Christians, especially those in some level of crisis, is; "What is God doing, or why is He allowing this to happen?" The answer is always found in understanding the nature of God, and that information is found in His Holy Scriptures. If we would understand more of His nature, then we could avoid more pitfalls and experience more blessings. But most of all we would accept and trust God in any and all situations.

The Old Testament is full of great stories that teach us something about the nature of God. Gaining knowledge of His nature is essential to us as Christians. The Apostle Peter puts it like this, "*Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; 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." If we are to walk in His grace and peace, if we are to experience godliness and a regenerated life, then it will only come through an intimate knowledge of who God is. Sounds pretty important to me!*

Over the next couple months we will be looking into the nature of God. We will look at Biblical examples of how God reacted to individuals and the things they were doing. By doing this, we should be able to look at what is going on in our life and get the answers to, "What is God doing, or why is He allowing this to happen?" I hope that we will all grow and mature in the knowledge of God through this study.

In His service,
Pastor Pete

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THE WORD IN MOTION message

Why Lord, Why? (Part 1)

I would like to take this opportunity to share a story from the Old Testament that will help shed some light on God's nature through His interaction with His people and especially through a certain Judean king by the name of Jehoshaphat. Our study will be coming out of 2 Chronicles, Chapters Seventeen through Twenty.

Jehoshaphat became king of Judah when he was 35 years old. His father, King Asa, like most of the other kings of Judah and Israel, were ungodly rulers who brought down God's anger upon themselves and those whom they ruled over. Jehoshaphat began his rule seeking to bring back order and defend his kingdom against their enemies, which sadly enough, even included the northern ten tribes of Israel. God responded to his effort in a positive way, as Scripture points out:

“The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because he followed the example of his father David's earlier days and did not seek the Baal's, but sought the God of his father, followed His commandments, and did not act as Israel did. So the LORD established the kingdom in his control, and all Judah brought tribute to Jehoshaphat, and he had great riches and honor. He took great pride in the ways of the LORD and again removed the high places and the Asherim from Judah.” (2 Chr. 17:3-6)

Jehoshaphat continued in a positive direction by sending out officials, Levites, and priests throughout Judah to teach the people the way of the Lord. Once again, God responded to what Jehoshaphat was doing. *“Now the dread of the LORD was on all the kingdoms of the lands which were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat”* (2 Chr. 17:10). God's response was a fulfillment of His previous promise to all of Israel, if they would only obey Him. *“The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways.”* (Deut. 28:6-8)

So far we have seen some very pleasant aspects to God's nature. We have seen Him establish, provide for, and protect His obedient people. This is a character theme that runs throughout the Bible depicting the nature of God. In the Book of Ruth we find God revealing himself in the same way. Ruth, a humble pagan widow, sought to glean in a field where she might find grace. God, responding to her character and earlier declaration of submission to the God of Israel, provided her with protection, provision, and a purpose. (Ruth 2)

Now I know that some of you are thinking or saying to yourself, “Well I am not Jehoshaphat or Ruth, nor am I a king, or a Jew”, or “This is now, and that was then”, or even, “That was the Old Covenant, we are in a New Covenant.” The problem with that type of thinking is that **who God is does not depend on who or what we are.** God's nature is eternal, and unchanging.

Because we serve an unchanging God, we can rightfully expect God to respond in the same way if we follow the examples we have looked at here. Are we committed to seeking after the God of the Bible? Are we submitting to His will and plan for our lives? Do we take great pride in the ways of the Lord? Are we sharing with others who God is and what He expects from us? These are all things that Jehoshaphat and Ruth did, and we see the response God had toward them and toward his enemies.

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I often wonder what my life would be like today if I had continually lived a life dedicated to the Lord. I am not saying a perfect sinless life, but one that was dominated by obedience. I think about how much was left undone in His kingdom due to my lack of concern or zeal over the years. Who was there to help fulfill God's plan when I fell short of His expectations for me? But then I have to snap out of contemplating the "what if's" and get into the "here and now." I cannot change the past no matter how hard I try, but I can change today, I can make a positive difference in my life and the life of others if God is the focal point.

One of the things that Scripture says about King Jehoshaphat was, "*He took great pride in the ways of the LORD.*" Great pride! In the Hebrew language it literally means, "*His heart was high.*" What a great attitude from the very core of his being. That has to be what it means to have the true heart of a servant, a willing bond-servant. It doesn't sound like his relationship or service to God was a burden, but a pleasure that fed the need of his heart. I know I have had moments like that, and you may have also. What would it be like to live a life like that? Could our hearts actually experience a spiritual high that as we looked back was really a plateau in our life that went on and on?

We will never know if we don't try.

My prayer is that we will seek the heart of God through a heart like that of King Jehoshaphat. What do we have to lose? Nothing! What do we have to gain? EVERYTHING!

May our Heavenly Father stir you up in your faith and inspire you to good works in His name. May He continue to reveal Himself to you as you seek to know Him better. May you learn to trust Him for everything you need for today and tomorrow. May you realize your potential through His provision. God bless you all. Amen.

Pastor Pete

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 would like to include something each month from our faithful readers such as; poems, drawings, short testimonials, or other such items. All submissions must be within Christian thinking and acting. We will choose at least one submission each month for inclusion into the monthly newsletter. If your submission does not make it in that month, we will keep it for upcoming issues. You may send your submissions to the address listed at the bottom of this page.

I thank you all for your encouragement and prayers that continue to come in. We look forward to what God will do for His great name. I also thank those of you who have taken the time to write and please know that your letters are important and will be answered. May God bless you and continue to grow you into the person He desires.

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Here is a great poem/song for you to enjoy:

The Day My Life was Changed

The darkness covered all the land,
the light can not be shown.
Clouds of thickness fill the heavens,
the air was really cold.
The waves of the sea were all but calm,
boisterous and very mighty.
Lightning and thunder filled my world,
chaos was all around me,
I had no hope, I had no peace.
Despair was in the midst of my heart,
my house I built crashed in the sand.
My life was torn apart,
What do you do, where do you go?
When living you have come to hate,
and all you know to do is fail.
While destruction succeeds and remains.
I carried this all in my mind and in my heart,
as I walked from day to day.
Then one day I had enough,
I got on my knees to pray.
With tears as rivers flowing from my heart,
through streams unto my eyes.
I cried "Dear Lord have mercy on me,
please Father hear my cry!
I'm sorry for the things I've done,
my God my life ain't right.
hear me from this prison cell.
From this day I give You my life
I don't know or understand You,
but if you're real please meet me here,
I can't go another day like this,
not possible, another year."
And at that moment the sun came up,
more beautiful than any sunrise.
Be still you said unto the seas,
and that moment I felt new life.
The lightning and the thunder faded,
Your peace surrounded me.
Though before chaos had filled my world,
You spoke order unto my inner being,
and now today I have a hope, an anchor for my soul.
It's you my Lord, my God, my trust, because I give you control.
You counsel me, you lead me, your faithfulness never stops.
My life is whole because Your love, my foundation is on the Rock.

By Matthew R. @ Desert View, CA

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Answers to last month's Crossword Puzzle.



8 - Down had a formatting problem that we missed. The answer is Nisan which is the first month of the Hebrew calendar. We apologise if it drove you crazy trying to find the answer.



Our Prayer Requests for God's Children

Calvary Church, Santa Ana

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

KathyPlease 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 HWent 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.

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

RalphRecovering from a coma.

ANSWERED PRAYER, DOING MUCH BETTER.

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Pat MHad 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

Church.Pray for the church as they reach out to the surrounding community in their evangelism effort to get to, "Every door in One-four."

Youth Group.....Pray that the youth group, going to Canada, will be successful in their missionary journey. They will be ministering the gospel to people their own age.

ANSWERED – THEY WERE NOT ONLY A BLESSING TO MANY PEOPLE, BUT THEY GREW IN THEIR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD DURING THE TRIP.

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.

MargretWonderful 80+ yr. young lady. She took a bad fall and is still recovering. She misses church.

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

Roger & BillThat God would use them to have a positive influence with the city water board.

Harold BNeeds 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.

Harvest Valley Church, Santa Ynez

CongregationPray 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.)

Mary & BillMary 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 DPray that God would help him be the husband and father that he couldn't be for the last 15 years. Need 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.

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Rodney (?).....Needs prayer. He is being sucked into discouragement and despair.
ANSWERED – RODNEY IS BEING ENCOURAGE AND MENTORED AND IS DOING MUCH BETTER.

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. Marriage.

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

Daniel V.....Reliable vehicle. To be reunited with his daughter. Praying for employment and a better place to live. He also needs prayer for some legal issues he is facing.
ANSWERED – COMMUNICATION WITH DAUGHTER HAS BEGUN THROUGH SISTER. LEGAL ISSUES RESOLVED. GOD HAS PROVIDED A BETTER PLACE FOR HIM TO LIVE.

Gary G.....That he reaches out to God and hangs on. Praying for his prayer circle idea. Pray for God’s guidance as he gets ready to transition out of the program he is in.
ANSWERED – PRAYER CIRCLE UP AND RUNNING THROUGH THE WEBSITE. GARY IS GROWING IN LEAPS AND BOUNDS IN HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. HE HAS MADE THE TRANSITION SUCCESSFULLY BY GOD'S GRACE.

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

Pete CPraying to find work. Reunification of his family. Healing of oldest son’s addiction issues. Needs stable vehicle for transportation.
PARTIALLY ANSWERED – DAUGHTER IS TEXTING AND CALLING HIM
PARTIALLY ANSWERED – SON IS SOBER AND GETTING HELP
PARTIALLY ANSWERED – HE IS WORKING PART TIME.
ANSWERED – AFTER MANY WEEKS, GOD HELPED PETE FIND A VEHICLE.

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.

Larry HPraying for healing for his continuing health issues.
PARTIALLY ANSWERED – COLONOSCOPY SHOWED NO CANCER

Randy C.....Praying he can find a job. Get a transfer so he can live with his Mom.
ANSWERED – HE NOW LIVING WITH HIS MOM.
ANSWERED – WORKING FULL-TIME DOING PROPERTY MAINTENANCE.

George B.....Pray for reunification of family, and that he would maintain a healthy relationship with God. Please pray for my children to open their hearts (Michael, Christina and Jason). Recently purchased his own place to live. Retiring later this month as Manager of RV Park.
PARTIALLY ANSWERED – I HAVE A FANTASTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH SON MICHAEL WHO IS CALLING ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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. TJ’s surgery on his wrist.
ANSWERED – SURGERY WAS SUCCESSFUL, HEALING WELL.

North Carolina

David(Daniel R’s. 14 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).

Washington State

StephanieWe are praying that the Lord will convict and correct her. She is traveling down the wrong pathand 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.

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

MoversPray 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 JesusPray that the issues with the city & county would come to a mutual agreement. 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.

ANSWERED – THE COUNTY AND CITY HAVE LET GO OF THE ISSUES THEY HAD.

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.

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

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.

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.

Ernesto M.Pray that he will leave prison the man, husband, son, and father God wants him to be.

Winifred W.....Please pray for his daughter Debra, she was diagnosed with stage 2 liver cancer and is undergoing treatment. Also pray for Winifred as his family is drawing close to him again.

PARTIALLY ANSWERED - DEBRA IS CANCER FREE

Tim P.....Pray for salvation in his family, and restoration with all his family members. Pray for God’s intervention in his board hearing so he will find favor and be released.

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.

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.

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.

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)

JamesFor 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.

GenoFor 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.

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