

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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Greetings to all my brothers and sisters in Christ. I wanted to let you know that The Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry mailing address has changed. The new address is PO Box 9324, Moreno Valley, CA 92552-9324. Please make note of this for your future correspondences.

The Lord's Mountain Movers Ministry has some exciting opportunities for the future. We recently met with a representative from Prison Fellowship and are working to link our ministry's efforts in helping men and women find good, safe, and appropriate housing and other resources. Also, we have had several meetings with a group of people who are interested in investing in developing some of these resources. We have also just recently filed our federal paperwork for our non-profit status as required. So please join us in prayer as we seek only God's will in the things we do in His name.

It is exciting for us as we take this journey with God as He ministers to His saints in so many ways. I enjoy seeing people's lives changed as they meet and get to know their Savior. It is better than having a front row seat at a concert or sporting event. For those of you who are in God's service, through evangelism or discipleship, know what I am talking about. I like what the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 4:1, "Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown." What an awesome way to perceive those whom we minister to and that belong to God.

One of the many blessings God affords His obedient children is the restoration of family and friendships. I, along with many others, have experienced this in the past year. What a wonderful Savior and Master we serve! Walls that were built up, separating us, have been torn down and restoration is the result. Bridges that were burned down have been rebuilt and the love that once existed now passes freely from one to another. There is no better feeling than putting your arms around someone who you have been at odds with, or has been at odds with you. I can barely imagine the joy that God feels when a sinner repents of who he is and God welcomes him into the eternal family of saints destined for eternity with God.

I hope that God is working the same for all of you and pray that you are doing the things necessary to bring these things about. What a wonderful place heaven will be, let's work together on making a little heaven exist here on earth while we can. God bless you all.

In His service,

Pastor Pete



THE WORD IN MOTION message

One of the most often quoted Old Testament verses is Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." I have to admit that it is one of my favorites too.

My question to you is this, have you ever read the passage in Jeremiah that this verse comes from? I think we all know that the things we say to ourselves and others will have an impact in that moment and maybe in the future. But, what may have a greater impact is where and when those things are said. Proverbs 15:23 reads, "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!" and Proverbs 25:11 reads, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances." These two verses show us the importance of where and when we say things. Knowing the emphasis that Proverbs puts on when and where we say things, then let's look at when and where Jeremiah made this proclamation from God to the nation of Israel.

The northern tribes, known as Israel, had systematically been taken captive by the Assyrians over several decades and replaced with foreigners. Now the southern tribes, known as Judah, were being conquered by the Babylonian King, Nebuchadnezzar. God's people and their kings had chosen time and time again to serve other gods instead of the one and only true God and now God was going to bring about the consequences for their disloyalty. You can imagine the chaos and heartache as families were dragged away and God's land, city, and temple were pillaged by outsiders.

It was in the midst of all this that God inspired the Prophet Jeremiah, who was still in Jerusalem at the time, to write and tell these captives that although they had abandoned God, God had not abandoned them. (Jeremiah 29:1) Besides the inspiring promise from God, "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope" Jeremiah also related that there were some instructions for these captives to follow. I believe that these instructions were important to their welfare, both physically and spiritually. I also believe they are relevant to us today when we may face our consequences.

In verse 4 of Jeremiah chapter 29, we have a statement that could be unsettling if a person does not understand the nature and intentions of God. The verse goes like this, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon." Right away we see that God had a hand in this whole thing. He was not an innocent bystander, caught off guard with no knowledge of what was happening to His people. God "sent" Israel and Judah into captivity just like He had led them out of captivity from Egypt, led Abraham to the promise land, led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted, and the Biblical examples are endless when it comes to the leading of God.

To me this knowledge is important because when it seemed by all accounts that Nebuchadnezzar was in control, we get a different perspective on the situation, as I am sure the recipients of this letter did. When we realize, or are reminded, that God is always in control of every situation it helps to keep, or get our perspective right. Even when our consequences are overwhelming and God seems to be distant, if not completely gone, we need to know He is there and in some way or another has His hand in it. This must have turned their heads from looking at their circumstances and back to thinking about God, the one they

had abandoned through their disobedience. Remember what God said in that verse we love to quote, "For I know the plans that I have for you."

The next thing God says to them is in verse 5, "Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce." Wait a minute, you mean this is going to last a long time? In God's divine wisdom, He knows how long our consequences need to be. I can remember many times in my past where I finally got caught and was facing my due punishment and cried out, "Okay I learned my lesson, I won't do it again." only to go out and do it, or something worse, again. I hadn't learned anything except that I got caught. I just wanted to avoid the consequences of my actions.

As painful as some consequences may be, it is important to stay put until we learn not to do the things we do. In Hebrews 12:11, it tells us, "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness." Two things stick out to me in his verse, "those who have been trained by it" and, "it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness." You can't get stronger if you walk into the gym, and then walk right back out again. You have to spend some time there doing what is necessary to get the results you want. The same thing goes for growing stronger in spirit and character.

I also like the fact that in verse 5 it says, "plant gardens and eat their produce." Have you ever thought of being nourished in your consequences? Instead of thinking that you must be depleted and torn down, think of it as a time of nourishing. Remember what Hebrews 12:11 said was the result of being trained in our discipline is, "it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness." We must also put some work in. You can't have fruit if there has not been some planting done first, amen!

Verse 6 gives more instructions to those in captivity, "Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease." Not only did God want His children to be nourished through their captivity, He wanted them to grow. Remember that the nation of Israel entered Egypt with seventy people and left 400+ years later several million strong. Now I am not saying that every time we get in trouble we should get married or bear children that would be absurd. What I am suggesting is that while we are going through our correction that our Christ-character can grow beyond what it was when we began. Isn't that what God is trying to do, make us better? God forbid that we should leave our chastening the same as we entered it.

Our last instruction in this passage is in verse 7, "Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare." This would be contrary to everything the flesh would desire. Our attitude would be more like that of the Prophet Jonah where he would have rather seen the destruction of his enemies than see them change their ways. If you have ever been arrested or incarcerated, how hard was it for you to pray for those who now held you captive? Isn't that what God is telling His children to do? He says I want you to pray in a positive way for those who are administering my judgment upon you. He also says it will be better for us if we do. Talk about an exercise of the heart. Didn't Jesus pray for those who had just hung Him on the cross?

In verses 8 and 9 we have a warning, "For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, 'Do not let your prophets who are in your midst and your diviners deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams which they dream. For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them,' declares the LORD." I believe all of us have experienced the negative influences that come to us in the midst of our consequences. Remember the bad advice that some of Job's friends gave him? The last thing we need to do is listen to

bad advice and become our own worst enemy when God is trying to correct us. Wasn't it bad advice that we followed in the first place?

Lastly Jeremiah writes, "For thus says the LORD, 'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you, to bring you back to this place." There is an end in sight, a light at the end of the tunnel. Although the process of being sanctified goes on, God's chastening does not last forever but the Christ-like character it develops will last for eternity. Know that there will be times of correction, but also know it will not last. God is wiser than we can even comprehend; He knows how long our chastening should be. Also, be where you are supposed to be when God is ready to lead you back. Trust Him in the work He is doing in you and in others.

The next time you, or someone you know, is going through a period of chastening go ahead and quote Jeremiah 29:11, but don't forget to relate the things that come before it. That it is about knowing that God has purposed this. That it may take a while and that we can be nourished through it all with a little work on our part. Also look at the consequence as a chance to grow spiritually, invest in that aspect of the consequence and you will be investing into yourself and your future. Take the opportunity to pray in a positive way, it may change your heart about God, your situation, and yourself. Remember to only listen to those things you know come from the mouth of God. Study His word and receive only godly counsel.

Lastly, do not be overcome with the circumstances you are in. Trust that God will one day, in His timing, bring you out of that situation. Don't run from the chastening of God or you may not hear Him calling you back to better times and better things.

In closing I leave you with this, God said, "For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." Have a great month and may God bless your richly in the knowledge of Him and the One whom He sent.

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

"I will sing of loving-kindness and justice, To You, O Lord, I will sing praises. I will give heed to the blameless way. When will You come to me? I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart. I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil." Psalm 101:1-4

Being a Barnabas is all about being an encourager. It is not always easy to do the right thing and for it to be perceived as something encouraging, especially when dealing with the sins of those around you as God calls you to be separate from them.

This Psalm is believed to have been written by David, whom we know both struggled with his own sin and the sin of others within God's kingdom. David loved to sing praises to God and here he is praising God for those whose way is blameless. Please take the time to read the rest of this Psalm. Notice how David really focused on the integrity both within himself, those in his service and the kingdom of God. David didn't have a perfect track record, nor do any of us. But his focus was consistently brought back to do the right thing in the sight of the Lord. He also didn't want to keep company with those who had fallen

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away from the things of God. We know a little leaven, leavens the whole lump. That bad morals corrupt good company. So while it may be perceived by some as a harsh thing, as a follower of Jesus, we need to make the right steps in maintaining a way that is pleasing to our Lord. Even as far as cutting some off for a time, until God grants them repentance. This is done, not only so we can have a solid and strong walk in the public eye, but also within the privacy of our own homes. God wants His people to be pure so that His kingdom will flourish, having nothing to hinder the prayers or desires of His people.

God's mercy cannot be separated from His justice. There is a right time for both. This month, sing with praise and thanksgiving for God who has pulled you out of darkness and into His wonderful light. Be patient with those who have not gotten to that point yet. Separate yourselves from those who are fallen away, always being ready to restore them when they return. And encourage your fellow brothers and sisters to stand in a way that is pleasing in the sight of the Lord that His people may continue to be blessed!

Be blessed in Him,

Brother Daniel Rodney

We here in America forget that people are dying for their faith in Jesus Christ. Most of us cry persecution at the littlest things. Here is an example of Biblical persecution going on today.

I just received this prayer request from Samaritan's Purse who is ministering to those in Iraq. This is firsthand information as to what is happening in Iraq and how all Christians need to be in prayer! Please pray and pass it along. We are living in dark and very challenging times.

Urgent prayer request from Samaritan's Purse

Dear Friends, last month the following text message was received from Sean Malone who leads Crisis Relief International (CRI).

"We lost the city of Queragosh (Qaraqosh). It fell to ISIS and they are beheading children systematically. This is the city we have been smuggling food too. ISIS has pushed back Peshmerga (Kurdish forces) and is within 10 minutes of where our CRI team is working. Thousands more fled into the city of Erbil last night. The UN evacuated its staff in Erbil. Our team is unmoved and will stay. Prayer cover needed!"

Please pray sincerely for the deliverance of the people of Northern Iraq from the terrible advancement of ISIS and its extreme Islamic goals for mass conversion or death for Christians across this region. May I plead with you not to ignore this email. Send it to as many people as possible. Send it to friends and Christians you may know. Send it to your prayer group. We need to stand in the gap for our fellow Christians.

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart". Psalm 91:3-5



Cur 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. 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 is now in hospice care. ANSWERED PRAYER, SHE IS DOING MUCH BETTER NOW. FOUND HOUSING IN OREGON RalphRecovering from a coma. ANSWERED PRAYER, DOING MUCH BETTER, OUT OF HOSPITAL. Pat MHad serious back surgery and is doing great back at church. (Praise report) Almost back to normal. Chip C.....Needs prayer for a back injury will be seeing a doctor soon. HE IS FULLY RECOVERED Joanna......Went through 12 hour surgery for cancer and needs prayer for recovery. WENT HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD AT THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES HEALING. Pat P.....Having a heart valve replaced. Please pray for her and her family. 90% RECOVERED BACK IN CLASS. Trent B......Just completed OCS and started Ranger School. Bill B.In hospice care, pray for him and his wife and two adult children. Liberty Church, Moreno Valley Lee P.....Pray for his health issues and God's strength through them.

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The Church......Pray that God would continue meeting their financial needs in the coming year. Also the church is

starting a recovery ministry to help those individuals who deal with addiction issues in their lives and the lives of their loved ones. Pray that our youth would have a greater impact on their peers.

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

Harold BNeeds continued prayer for his recovery from a broken hip.

MannyPrayer for their boy who just went into the Army.
Pastor StarrHis wife Debbie is dealing with some severe health issues and needs your prayers
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 has gone 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!
<u>California</u>
David DPray that God would help him with serious family and personal issues and that he become strong in the midst of trials and temptations. Praying for a solid job. Pray for his wife and children as they go through these trials as well.
Victor APray that God would open opportunities for him to begin teaching and preaching again.
Faye AThat God would bless and guide her in her musical ministry work.
Carlos RStill not able to find a job. Fighting against depression and trying not to lose hope. Please pray for him. PRAISE REPORT: HE HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH A GREAT JOB IN THE SAME LINE OF WORK HE HAD BEEN DOING BEFORE.
John BNeeds prayer for favor with the court system and be vindicated for wrongful conviction.
Steve LPraying for wisdom and guidance in fulfilling the ministry God has given him. Looking for another home for sober living.
Eddie SContinued reconciliation with family members. Needs a good job.
Joanne RPray that God give her strength to overcome the loss of her grandson and that He would bless her for her many gifts, prayers, and love for those in need.
Christine BPray for her as she is fighting cancer, since insurance changes, she is having problems getting coverage for her treatments.
Daniel RThat 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. Keep his eyes fixed on the cross daily.
Tom CThat God would bless him with a more fruitful job so he could be a blessing to others.
Pete CPrayer for God's will in his life as he steps into the next phase of his life.
John ParishNeedles California needs prayer for his health.
<u>Florida</u>
Scott FPray for resolution to his health issues and the safety of his children who are serving in the armed forces.

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Minnesota

TJ & Julie W......Pray for God's wisdom in conducting the marriage classes.

ANSWERED: JULIE IS BACK HEALTHY AGAIN!

North Carolina

David's familyPlease 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

TylerPlease 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.

Washington State

Todd S.Pray that God will bring the right lady into his life to be his soul mate.

Wes & Ashley B. Prayer for strength as they work on becoming a new family. Wisdom is raising the children.

Wisconsin

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

Dr. WhitePrayer for his cancer.

ANSWERED: LAST TWO TESTS SHOW NO CANCER! PRAISE GOD!

Mona & Willie...Pray for Willie as he gets ready to be with the Lord, and Mona as she deals with this loss.

Guatemala.

Benjamin A.......Praying to get Spanish Bibles for prisoners in Guatemala. Pray for the new, larger sanctuary being built around the old one since there isn't enough room for all who are coming to the services.

Kenya

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

Ministries

The Lord's Mountain

MoversPray for continued direction from God in where He wants the ministry to go and do. Also, for His guidance in obtaining the 501(c) 3 status for tax purposes.

Acts

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

Lost and Found

By JesusPray that the Lord would bless and increase their ministry. Pray for God to meet their financial needs this coming year.

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.

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Brothers in Chino

Facility AThat 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 HHe 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 KPray that he will be guided by the Holy Spirit as he helps to lead the church back under the will of God.
Bob GPray that God continues to restore family and friends back into his life.
Gabriel SGod'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. Prayer for his son who is facing serious legal issues. PARTIALLY ANSWERED: COURT FOUND IN HIS FAVOR, AWAITING FINAL DECISION. GOD IS WORKING ON OTHER PRAYERS TOO.
Kenny JPraying 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 PPray for salvation in his family, and restoration with all his family members.
Wallie RPray that God will continue to guide him towards a release date.
Brothers in Chowchilla Johnny LGod 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 WPray for his family's ministry and the men's home they desire to open in God's will.
Brothers in Desert View David PPray that God will continue to guide him as he shares God's word and help him to be a good example to all the men and staff there.
Greg FSheila (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 RDeepen his relationship with God. Prayer for his cousin Johnny and the brothers in Tehachapi. Prayer for Yang's father.
Yeng YPray 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

GabrielPray for chapel services to run smoother and for the Kairos Program.
Robert McPray for healing for Rudy, Betsy and Maria (Valley Fever, Carpal Tunnel).
JamesFor the program on the yard to change for the better.
MatlockPray for a closer relationship with his son.
Joe SFor 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 JackFor his health to improve and to get instruments on this yard.

Brothers in Corcoran

David G.Please pray for God's protection and provision for his kids; Emily, Natalie, and James, and their mom, Eileen. For their salvation, spiritual and physical needs. Pray for his ministry – that it would be fruitful, and that God would be glorified. Please pray for ex-wife's health, well-being, and salvation.

Chains for Christ

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

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.