



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 the Lord. As I sat down and contemplated what it was that God wanted me to share with you, He brought to mind a parable that He had given me several years ago. I had found myself busy doing and saying the things I felt were needed in the lives of those who I was ministering to. So let me share with you what God shared with me.

The Parable of the Faithful Minister

There was a certain young man who began hanging out with a group of other men his own age. These men were always partying and drinking. The young man had never been inclined to this type of lifestyle, yet over time, he began to follow after their ways. One day they all agreed to get together and go on a cruise ship. This is where the young man met with disaster.

On the second evening of the cruise, after a full day of drinking and having a good time, the young man ventured to the upper deck of the ship for some fresh air. Leaning over the railing he lost his balance and fell into the ocean, unnoticed by anyone around him. He yelled for help after surfacing, but nobody heard him, and the ship cruised off into the distance, leaving him all alone. He continued to try and stay afloat, fighting against the cold water and the fear that was overcoming him.

Shortly after sunrise a man in a small boat noticed the young man in the water and came to him. The young man had been in the water for hours and was exhausted to the point where he could barely speak. The man in the boat leaned over the side and began to tell the young man about the effects of hypothermia, how the cold water will affect the body's ability to function. How the heart begins to slow down and eventually the person dies. He also told him about the benefits of a neoprene wetsuit, how it could help fight against the effects of the cold water. Lastly, he explained that a life jacket would help him stay afloat and save his energy. Then the man in the boat motored off to where he was headed.

Several hours later a second small boat noticed the young man floating in the water and he also came to him. When he arrived there, he too leaned over and began to talk with the young man. He began to tell him that the reason he was in this situation was because he had been hanging around the wrong crowd. That partying and drinking all the time never turned out well. He told him that he should choose his friends better and think about his actions. He asked why he had

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not paid attention to the signs on the railing of the ship, warning people not to lean over. This man then motored off to where he was headed.

The young man in the water was nearing his death. The effects of the cold water, lack of strength and hopelessness were taking over. He was about to give up when a third small boat came to him. When the boat arrived the man leaned over, and without saying a word, pulled the young man into his boat. He dried him off, got him some warm clothing, and wrapped him in a blanket. He gave him some water, food, and made him feel comfortable. When the young man began to regain his senses the man in the boat started to talk with him. He asked him what had happened and how he had come to be in this situation. He also asked him how he could help, and what he might need of him. The two of them then motored off to dry land.

Which of these three ministered to the young man's needs?

Although the first two men spoke the truth and gave the young man valuable information, neither ministered to his immediate needs. They both possessed the truth, but knew not how or where to apply it. They both had agendas, but they were misguided. They were both being led, but not by God.

Ephesians 2:10 says, *"For we are His (God's) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them."*

Proverbs 15:23 and 25:11 say, *"A word spoken in due season, how good it is!"* and *"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver."*

As we embark on this New Year, let's be mindful of our ministering to others. Let's remember that it is God's work we should be doing and not our own. That He is the one who has foreordained the works that we should be doing. If we are doing our work, His work is being left undone. Let's also remember that what we say, how we say it, and when we say it matters too. Most of us have had someone say the right thing at the wrong time and been hurt and not helped by it. Sometimes we can get so full of, "good advice," we end up having no, "God advice."

May our heavenly Father guide us in all wisdom and understanding. May we walk in His will for our life and the lives of those he brings to us. Let us be effective ministers of the gospel of grace and mercy, glorifying and honoring the God who saved us for His purpose and not our own. God be with you all and may He supply your every need as you minister to those within His kingdom and share the good news with those outside. Amen.

Please feel free to contact us, using the information at the bottom of each page, and share any prayers you have for yourself or others. Also, feel free to request an emailed copy of the monthly newsletter, or if you do not have email, you can have one mailed to you free of charge. We would love to hear from you and look forward to hearing what God is doing in your life.

In His service



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THE WORD IN MOTION message

Who am I, really? (Part 1 of 3) “THE PROBLEM” Reprint from November 2013

How or what do you feel about yourself? When you compare yourself to those around you, family, friends, co-workers, and even your fellow Christians, what goes on in that heart and mind of yours? How do we respond verbally, in our mind, or in our actions to those around us? The answer to these questions may very well cut deep into our hearts, revealing some very dark things.

In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus tells us a very poignant parable about a Pharisee and a Tax Collector. The main point and purpose of the parable is justification before God, but there is also another lesson, a lesson in personal perspective. This is what I want to share with you in this message. The parable goes like this:

And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector, I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’ I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, be he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

I want us to look at this attitude of what I call, “status by negation.” What I mean by this is that attitude, whether internally possessed or externally expressed, that we use to make us feel better about ourselves. We’ve all been there at one time or another if we would dare to be honest for just a moment. It’s those times when, for whatever reason, we see someone and we begin to look down our nose at them. We so easily find something about that person that we cannot or will not see in ourselves. Suddenly we begin to feel better about ourselves. It feels so good we start looking for more flaws in that person or character defects in other people we know. How can this be wrong or ugly if it makes me feel so good, so justified before myself? Remember the Pharisee was, “praying this to himself.”

Why should we change? Why put any effort into becoming a better person when it is so easy to just put others down? The answer is easy if you know the truth. The real truth about who we are is determined only by the discerning eye of an all knowing God. A God who does not grade us on a curve. A God who sees through all the facades we parade before others. A God who will judge us by the content of our heart. And a God who will judge us as we stand there all alone before Him, no one else for us to compare ourselves against. Just you and I, all alone before a mighty and just God. Do you remember the handwriting on the wall in Daniel 5? “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN” (you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient). Sobering thought considering the attitudes we sometimes harbor.

Jesus said in this parable, “for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled.” Would it not be better for us to humble ourselves before God finds it necessary to do the humbling Himself? Does God’s word not say, humble yourselves in the sight of God and He will lift you up? Have you ever sung the song with the same lyrics? Have we ever meant it, or have we ever tried it?

Let’s seek to don the attitude of the tax collector in this parable. Let’s not look to see who is around us, who we can compare ourselves to. Stand, kneel, or lay prostrate before God and no one else. Cry out to Him for forgiveness and seek His mercy. Realize that we have faults, faults that will not go away by focusing on the faults of others. Let us leave our time with God and head home justified before Him and not self-exalted before ourselves or others. When we have done this, then we can reach up, to those we used to look down at.

May God bless you through His word and your effort to apply it in your life.

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BE A BARNABAS

Since my release from Tehachapi in 2010, I felt that I had also been released from ministry. I found myself constantly praying that I could someday be used as a minister of the Gospel again. Well just a few weeks ago, God placed someone new in my life who is hungry and thirsty to know the things concerning God and His precious word left unto us. Within a short time of fellowshiping with this new brother, God helped me to understand that I was never released from ministry, but that our ministry assignments can change. Also, several brothers pointed out that I have been sharing the Gospel, just not on the scale I was used to. I realized that it is not about quantity but will always be about quality. Even if it is just an audience of one. After all, our Lord spent the majority of his ministry with only 12 men. Isn't it funny how something so simple can be forgotten when you are not surrounded by wise counsel?

I used to lead Bible Studies in Tehachapi and Kern Valley, but now it has been over the phone with my Mom, with a co-worker or client or even at the supermarket running into a neighbor. It has been simply sharing a text message or scripture with a brother or sister in Christ. The "format" is not what I am used to, but God doesn't necessarily stick to one format for enriching us with His word. He does things His way and it works. As God leads us through transitions in life, I am still learning to keep an open mind about how He chooses to use us to minister His message. It is always an honor and a privilege to be used by the Master, and it is His prerogative when and how we are used. I would like to close by quoting one of my favorite testimonials I have ever heard. "*God does not want our ability; He wants our availability.*" *David Ring*

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

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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.

February - June 2016 Prayer List

Hazel C.....Pray for her condition to improve. She is now in a convalescent hospital.

Alice S.....Brother "Tee" prays for her and her kids during a difficult time and transition in her life.

Helen C.Keep Helen and her son "Tee" In prayer for safety and guidance from the Lord.

David G.....Pray for God's blessings and provisions and fund to pay for attorney for appeal and everyday needs. Pray the he can be reconciled back to his family.

John L.....Pray for his family's healing. He lost his son Michael who went to be with the Lord. He died of congestive heart failure in his early 20's.

Roger CPrayer for him in his current situation that it will be resolved soon.

Anthony S.Pray that my brothers in Christ; get blessed, have a speedy trial and go home soon.

Steve T.Pray for God's favor over trial- strength in fasting prayer, soften his wife's heart and not divorce him.

Winifred W. ...Pray that the attacks on chapel, pastor get resolved and evening services are restored.

Maurice A.Request urgent prayer for his young niece not to be tried as an adult and for his warrant to be dismissed.

Richard L.Please pray that he gets right with the Lord before he gets a life sentence, he is messing up bad.

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J. JacksonRequest prayer for Soledad Prison and its staff. Prayer for the Jackson and Packer family that God would become the center of their lives and reunify them again. Prayer that I will be a good person and husband and we will have a good life together.

Greg.....Prayer for clear vision on what God wants to do with “The Cure” Ministry. Maintain ministry’s focus on God only. Also prayer for his marriage to Shelia as he gets ready to go home. Also prayer for Shelia as she recovers from a work injury. Update on previous prayer requests; Aaron passed SD Sheriff’s test, Stephen is working at a Christian Camp, Justin has a job at Toyota Dealership and is working for EMT position.

Joshua H.....Pray to take me away from drugs and bless me with a new life and family of my own.

Timothy R.Pray that all families stop lying and tearing fathers from their kids and wife. Prayer for the Lord’s blessing in court case and trial.

R. WhiteThat the Lord will open doors for suitable housing upon his being paroled. **Praise report: He has found a place to welcome him and is doing well, reconnecting with brothers as well as family.**

Pete C.....Keep him in prayer that he will run to the Lord and not from him.

This Ministry..Please pray for this ministry that we may be girded up with faith and strength to keep this ministry going in order to spread the Lord’s words.

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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