



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 my brothers and sisters in Christ. The staff and I at the Lord's Mountain Movers would like to apologize for not generating a newsletter for the month of February 2018. Our Technical Director, George Bishop, and myself have been moving our residences and been living out of boxes and in some degree of disorganization. Equipment and internet services were not up and running and although our hearts desire is to be diligent to the ministry God has placed in our hands, we also did not want to produce some halfhearted newsletter. We thank you for your understanding and patience in this matter.

Sincerely,

Pastor Pete

REGRETS!

Webster's dictionary defines regret as; "*sorrow aroused by circumstances beyond one's control or power to repair.*" This is what's called, cause and effect. Simply put, I am experiencing deep feelings due to a current condition caused by some previous action. I believe that Webster's definition also links the person, the feelings, and the circumstances as inseparable as the links in a chain. Why else would the sorrow and the circumstances be connected using the preposition "by"? What Webster's definition does separate in this definition is, the cause from the correction. "*beyond one's control or power to repair.*" Please also take note that the word regret and sorrow are synonymous with each other.

I don't believe there is anyone who has ever lived here on earth, including Jesus Christ, who has not experienced some degree of regret in their life. I know that including Christ in this statement will cause some to question my position, but please bear with me for a moment. Let's look at the following passage from the Gospel from Matthew.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord!'" (Matthew 23:38-39)

I believe the regret here is obvious for several reasons. First, the repeated word Jerusalem is meant for the purpose of emphasizing what follows in this passage. Anytime you find a Biblical passage that has a repeated word it is meant to emphasize the feelings expressed by the person speaking. Secondly, we see

the tender act of a hen gathering her chicks under her wings, an act of love and protection. We see the incredible desire (regret/sorrow) of Jesus for things to be different than the circumstances that existed. Lastly, we have circumstances beyond one's (Jesus') control or power to repair. Note the fact that Jesus said, "*How often I wanted*", and, "*but you were unwilling.*" Desire in direct conflict with ability! Do you see the distinction between His desire and His ability? Some of you are probably thinking that I don't believe in the omnipotence of God to do anything. Well I absolutely do believe He can do anything, to a point! Here is the difference, God cannot violate His own nature, character, laws, promises, plans, or prophecies. Here is a perfect example. God's plan for our salvation before the foundation of the earth was through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. In the garden before His crucifixion Jesus prayed, "*My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me, yet not as I will, but as You will.*" (Matthew 26:39) Later He prayed, "*My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.*" (Matthew 26:42)

Even though Jesus knew beforehand that His crucifixion was all part of the plan before time as we know it existed, His desire for things to be different was evident. We also see that He did not possess the control or power to change things. He did not because He could not, plain and simple. He would have violated His predestined role in His Father's plan for the salvation of those who would be willing verses those who would be unwilling. We will not get into the causation of a person moving from unwillingness to willingness in this study. Even a cursory reading of Scripture dealing with the process of salvation takes us back to the, cause and effect statement.

I hope that I have settled any issues concerning the fact that Jesus experienced regret during His time on earth. We can now move on to a fact that we all can accept, being that we have all personally experienced regret in our lives. What are some of the regrets that you have experienced? Maybe I can spark some memories for you.

Regrets from missed opportunities. These can also be called the regrets of omission. How many of us have looked back and saw times when we made choices to "not" do something that could have changed our, or someone else's, lives for the better? Opportunities that included things like; jobs that could have become careers, saved money that could have been used for better purposes, words of encouragement that were never uttered, trips that were never taken, time with loved ones that was spent elsewhere, acts of kindness shelved, hugs, and the words 'I love you' kept inside. The list could go on and on and I am sure that right now you are thinking of missed opportunities in your life that I have not listed here.

We all know that the past cannot be changed and that we, and others, will live with the consequences of these regrets. However, we can use these as motivations to change what we choose to do and not create more missed opportunities or future regrets. We can use the past to change the future. God has given us the gift of memory to help guide us through this life and into the next. George Santayana a writer and philosopher is credited with writing, "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it." It would do us all good to glean from our missed opportunities and use that knowledge for the betterment of ourselves, others, and the kingdom of God, now and in the future.

Just like Webster's definition says, "*beyond one's control or power to repair.*" We have no power to change the past or undo what has been done. However, we do have the ability to surrender to the control and power of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose and do better.

Regrets from destructive choices. These can be called the regrets of commission. These are regrets generated from doing the wrong thing, making the wrong choice, or choosing the path of conscious rebellion. While the regrets of omission entail the idea of not gaining or moving upward, the regrets of commission move us downward and backward. They come directly from deliberate indifference to what we know to be true, right, and holy. The consequences are usually far greater when it comes to these types of regrets.

These choices may come in the form of uncontrolled anger, jealousy, covetous desires, hatred, revenge, selfishness, or any other thing that is contrary to who we are supposed to be and how we are to conduct ourselves as children of God. If you need a longer list, you can refer to the Apostle Paul's writings in Romans 1:28-32. The regret and sorrow for these things can only be realized for the following reasons: First, we must understand and accept the fact that we are not entitled to act this way for any reason whatsoever. We are responsible for our thoughts and actions and cannot pass the buck. Adam and Even tried that and it didn't work out in their favor.

Secondly, we must, without excuse, wholly and completely accept the fact that we have offended not only ourselves and others, but our Heavenly Father. King David, in Psalm 51:4, cried out to God, *"Against You, and only You, I have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are justified when you speak and blameless when You judge."* I think it is interesting to note that David did not reach this epiphany without God intervening through the Prophet Nathan. David, like us, found himself in a situation that was, *"beyond one's control or power to repair."* But once again we, as Christians, can go to our Heavenly Father with this God generated regret or sorrow and find the relief we cannot give ourselves. Please take time to read II Corinthians 7:7-13 on godly sorrow as my space here is limited.

I want to close with the following thought. Failures do not need to be the end of the story for us as Christians. They can also be the beginnings of new and better things. Failures can be a turning point where we go from indifference or rebellion to awareness and adherence. What we cannot do for ourselves or others, God can. Let us embrace the regrets and sorrows for a moment then move onward and upward to the higher calling of God for us, others, and His kingdom here on earth.

If anyone is reading this that has not received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior there is still hope that you will not suffer the ultimate regret and sorrow that even God cannot and will not remove, and that is when you find yourself in a heard of goats standing at the judgement before almighty God! If you are a true believer, do you know someone like this? What are you doing about it?

May God bless you all with His love and fellowship.

In His service,

Pastor Pete

A brother's testimony...

IS HEAVEN REAL

Matthews 7:13-14: ENTER through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only few will find it.

So, here's my question. Is heaven our default destination or is it hell. If you listen to most Christians today the thought seems to be we're all going to heaven. It's easy just believe. But is that really all there is to it? The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God, and that sin separates us from a relationship with God. Because we are sinners, we are not entitled to enter God's presence or to be in his Heaven. So, HEAVEN is not our default destination. No one goes there automatically. Unless our sin problem is resolved, the only place we will go is our true default destination.... Hell.

If you're like me, you spend much of your time burdened with the problems of this world. We concentrate all our efforts and time, trying to succeed in the physical world we exist in. The world tells us that Heaven is some ethereal place that we cannot even imagine. Many believe that heaven and hell do not even exist. Nothing could be further from the truth. As long as the resurrected universe remains either undesirable or unimaginable, Satan succeeds in sabotaging our love for heaven.

Colossians 3:1 is not a request, it is a command. "Set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated (Heaven) at the right hand of God". There is an old saying "so heavenly minded you're of no earthly good." On the contrary, many of us are so earthly minded we are of no heavenly or earthly good. Once the matter of our sin has been resolved, our next objective is to be earthly good. It is said that those who are heavenly minded are the most effective for the kingdom of God. Our minds are so much set on earth that we are unaccustomed to heavenly thinking.

If Christ is truly the center of our life, then we should desire to be where he is... In heaven, and if we're going to spend eternity there with him we should know where it is we're going. Since our salvation is assured, because we have put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ, we can know for sure where we will spend eternity. John tells us that we "**can know**" (I John 5:13) "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may **know** that you have eternal life."

So now back to the original question. Is heaven a real place? If you believe Gods' word, then the answer is a definite **YES**. The next thing we need to do is to find out all we can about where we will spend an eternity with our Lord. The answers are all found in our Bibles. If you need some help in your research I would recommend the following; read "HEAVEN" by Randy Alcorn. He covers every question with answers from the word of God. Will you have a physical body? Will you see your loved ones? What does the Bible say Heaven looks like? What will our lives be like, and what will we be doing? Good luck and Gods' blessings as you start to look into your future.

Brother Darrell

How would you like to bless and encourage someone?

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.

February - March 2018 Prayer List

Mar CPrayer for healing after a fall, broken ribs and collapsed lung. She is in the emergency room as we type this prayer list. Pray for a fast recovery.

Michael SI request prayer for my walk and to continue to grow in faith. Also, that my prison sentence be shortened, For my family and their safety. For my wife "Angela" stays in our marriage. That all non-believers become unmuted and unblinded by Satan so that they can become believers, that any strongholds that Satan has on me that God binds them and that He becomes my stronghold. Also, for your ministry that God allows it to prosper and he blesses every brother and sister involved. In Jesus name, Amen.

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

Richard DPrayer as he goes through some medical issues, three family members have taken their own life. Pray for the surviving family's healing. Please keep him in pray as he

transitions to a facility. Also, for Richard to be strong, kind and humble as he moves to a new living environment. Pray that Robert G. to find peace inside these concrete walls and electric fence, and for his Mom- Kids and Family.

Yolanda.....“The Cable Lady” asks for prayer for her people and her situation. God knows what she needs as we reach out for her to be uplifted in the Lord.

Robert G.....Prayer for the Griller, Solorio, Latner, Brown & Griffin Families that God Strengthen and comfort all of these families and draw those who don't know Him close unto Him. Asking for prayer for Richard D's., daughter's safety and that they be able to write him more. Also pray for Linda L. that God comforts her as she battles cancer and she stays surrounded by family & Christian family during this trying time.

Aimee P.....Prayer for relief from Multiple Sclerosis and her comfort and for her to draw nearer to Christ throughout this trial.

Thomas G.....Prayer for God to restore him to his family and keep him healthy. Pray for his children and grandchildren's safety and salvation.

Daniel VPrayer for better employment and relief from harassment he is experiencing from community. Keeping his faith in Jesus Christ.

MichaelPrayer for healing of medical issues and that his leg amputation will restore his health after a blood clot.

Guylene MPrayer for healing and recovery after she was diagnosed with Ovarian cancer, and her daughters who were diagnosed with breast cancer.

Nikolaus OPray that the Lord blesses my mother, Elizabeth J with strength, courage, and His protection. Remember He is near to those with broken hearts and contrite spirits. I also pray for thanksgiving for my brother in Christ, Roger C. I pray he is well, in great spirits and want to thank him for his kind, compassionate words. Stay strong and may God Bless.

Leonard SGoing for Governors Pardon on Dec 10, 2017 for innocents in all. Praying for favor on my Lawyer and myself in Jesus Christ of Nazareth name. Amen, Luke 1:37

Jason M.....Prayer for him and his family as he endures the challenges of accusations for charges he is states he is innocent of.

Hazel C.....Prayers for health to improve as she is suffering from diabetes. Prayer for Kryshawn and son to be safe and well in their return to Houston, Texas.

Tony M.....Prayer as doctors change his medications to find which meds were poisoning his system and causing kidney damage. **Praise Report: They found the doctors over prescribed a**

deadly medication which he is no longer taking. He is doing much better. Kidney damage is slowly resolving itself.

Bobby CPrayers for the courts to drop enhancement in his case so he can be released. Prayer to keep himself and family safe and pull the family together and get brother home from Hawaii.

Brett WHe found his son dead last month, please pray for him and his family.

Linda G.She is suffering several critical health issues and we request prayer for her healing.

John D.Prayer for my Uncle Denny to take care of himself, eat right and get his diabetes under control. Praying that his new roof works for him, and that his nephew can come see him soon.

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: Connie is no longer suffering with cancer. The Lord called her home on July 27th. I knew Connie since 8th grade and we spent the last 6 months together. What a love story. I will be forever grateful and blessed. Thank you, Heavenly Father.**

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 has requested for many of the Christians who are behind the prison walls and the different protestant chapels, their leadership and their congregations. Pray for those who are captive in false religions and/or 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 for 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 14th will resolve long time issues and that she will no longer suffer from past afflictions. **PRAISE REPORT: She is back home and doing great!**

Gen PrayerThat 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 her 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 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.

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.

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.
PRAISE REPORT: My son Jeffrey is doing great, clean and sober for 14 months and living with me.

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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