



The Lord's Mountain Mover's **NEWSLETTER**

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Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

One would have to think with all that is going on in the world today behind the recent Corona Virus Pandemic, where is God in all this? Some have even openly asked this question of themselves or others. Those individuals who spend their time listening to the news being written and broadcast over the airwaves are wasting their time in finding the answer to this question. Sure, you can get the latest statistics on the number of those infected or that have succumbed to this virus, if you are willing to believe what you hear. You can believe all the hype, rhetoric, hysteria, and buy into all the chaos of hoarding and mean-spiritedness that is spreading faster than the virus itself. We are being called to social distancing and self-quarantine. What is the result of all this? Fear, anxiety, hatred, and even violence.

One of the things that baffles me the most, especially among professing Christians, is the blame game. Who is responsible for this virus? You listen and hear that it is China, our president, our military, some government policy (past or present), lack of medication, too much medication, and the list goes on and on. Somebody must be wrong, or maybe everybody! It is unfortunate that we get it this childish blame-game, but it is as old as mankind, it is unfortunately part of the nature of mankind. It started in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve and continues to this day. *"The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."*, *"The serpent deceived me, and I ate."* (Genesis 3:12-13) The unfortunate consequence of what took place in the Garden of Eden was the fall of God's creation, both man and nature. What was created for perfect harmony became what we see today and can expect in the future until Christ comes to reign once again.

Who's to blame? Well you won't find the answer listening to the bad news on television, the radio, newspaper, or any other man-made media source, but you will find the answer in the Bible. *"Therefore, just as through one-man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned..."* (Romans 5:12) You may want to shout out, Adam did it! Well in one respect you are right, but every person who has perpetuated and acted out on their sinful nature bears the same responsibility as Adam. Who's to blame? Every person who has lived, is living, and will live until Christ comes to finally and fully rectify man's sin on God's creation.

While man is frantically searching for a vaccine to fight against the Corona Virus that is killing so many people God already has a cure for the cause that is killing far more than any virus ever will. That is the sinfulness of each person who has or ever will live. You may never catch the Corona Virus or any other disease, but know this with all your heart, mind and soul, you were born with the deadliest disease

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known to mankind, the disease of sinfulness. Good news! There is already a cure, active faithfulness and belief in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Son of man, the Savior of those who have and will believe in Him.

My original question was, where is God in all of this? The simple answer is, right where He has always been. There is no way for me to enlighten you completely in this newsletter about how God is actively or statically involved in all that is going on in the world today. All you need to do is study your Bible and pray for that knowledge to become real and relevant to you. *“To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: **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 call us by His own glory and excellence.**”* (2 Peter 1:1-3) Do you want grace and peace, life and godliness to permeate your life? Well it will only come through the knowledge of Him! Seek and you will find, ask and you shall receive.

The bigger, and more important question is the one God asked of Adam and Eve after they had sinned against Him. *“Where are you?”* (Genesis 3:9) Where are you in all this current chaos? Are you joining with the world and its mentality or are you joining with God? Are you perpetuating the lies, innuendos, finger-pointing, and hysteria of the world or are you preaching the Good News to those who will die a death for which there is no cure? How many people that have died from the Corona Virus never heard or accepted the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Now that is something for us to grieve about.

We will all someday face Christ, whether it be through our own physical death or through His second coming. What will you do then? Here is a song I heard recently that really touched my heart and made me deeply and sincerely ponder its message.

“If Jesus Comes Tomorrow (What Then)”

If Jesus comes tomorrow to spend some time with you

Would you answer all His questions or lie to hide the truth?

Would you welcome Him with open arms or even let Him in?

If Jesus comes tomorrow what, then?

If Jesus calls your number could you leave today

Are you ready to lay down your worldly goods and walk away?

Would it take a month of Sundays just to tell Him of your sin?

If Jesus comes tomorrow what, then?

If the sky turns black as midnight in the middle of the day
And somehow you knew that Jesus would soon be on His way
Would you have to beg forgiveness or could you reach out and take His hand
If Jesus comes tomorrow what, then?

(Author Unknown)

Jesus will come again. Are we ready and willing to meet Him face to face? Will He be proud of how we are handling ourselves during this pandemic? Are we using this as a wake-up call to the bigger issue of our salvation and the salvation of others? Let's strive to be a voice of love and compassion. Let's strive to be a reflection of the Light of Jesus Christ in the darkness that seems to be prevailing. God will win, His light will shine, and darkness will be driven away. Stand for what you believe in so others will be drawn to it. God bless you all and keep you safe within His loving arms.

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Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You." Psalms 119:9-11

Keeping in theme with what Pastor Peter just shared with us, I would like to encourage you this month to memorize Scripture. Once we start to clear out the junk and sin in our lives, there must be a way that we can help to maintain our sanctity. Scripture gives us the best way to do that.

When I was a newer believer, one of the first weekly Bible studies I attended called us all to memorize a passage or verse each week. Then the following week when gathered together again, we would test each other to see how well we were able to memorize the Scripture. For the majority of that first year of study I couldn't seem to memorize one single verse when I was called to recite it. This puzzled me and made me feel embarrassed. It took this long for me to cry out to God to ask Him for help in memorizing His word. You see, I was able to memorize lyrics from songs and even scenes from movies that I liked. So, why couldn't I memorize the Scripture?

This passage helped me to realize that I must treasure His word, in my heart! At that time, I treasured my sin. But as God and I worked together to clean out my sin, He enabled me to replace it with His word. To be transformed by it, this led me to treasure it even more. Then as different moments of temptation were presented, I was able to recall Scripture to battle the temptations. This is the same example Christ gave us during His earthly ministry and even Paul called it the "sword of the spirit."

Sharpen your sword brothers and sisters, so God can use you more and more in His ministry!

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May God continue to bless you my brothers and sisters in Christ and let us glorify His name in all we do. Amen,

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Ricardo MPray for God's continued protection, mercy, and unwarranted attacks from Satan. Prayer for peace in his life.

TJ WPrayer for his continued transition into retirement.

Denice DPrayer for forgiveness for those whom she has offended.

Michelle M.....Prayer for her health and financial situation.

Perrin.....Prayer for him and his family, that God will continue to meet their needs.

Piper & Rex.....Prayer for them as they get closer to retirement, that God will meet their needs also to this transition.

Joe A.....Seeking forgiveness from the victim's family, that God would reveal the truth in this terrible loss of a loved one. Asking for the prison board to give me a second chance and letters of forgiveness.

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How Old are You?

(Part One)

As children we could not wait to grow up. We even noted the time between birthdays because well, those little milestones mattered to us as children. Have you ever heard a child say something like, "I'm three and a half years old?" Or maybe another one said, "I'm almost ten!" As we grew older, we began marking our maturity by other milestones. Things like, we became a teenager, we graduated junior high, got our driver license, then graduated high school. We became old enough to vote, drink, and get married. It is amazing how we note our physical growth into adulthood with so much awe, anticipation and enthusiasm. I wonder why there are so many Christians that do not do the same with their spiritual growth.

So many conversions seem to be climatic in the beginning and then the effects seem to fade away. How many times I have heard someone say, "I was saved, or born-again, on such and such date." You could hear in their voice or see on their face that it really meant something to them. They could remember where it happened and who they were with. As the conversation progresses their face changes and the enthusiasm fades. Start asking how things have gone since then and you get all kind of answers. "Well, I went to church for a while but lost interest." "They gave me a Bible and a piece of paper that said I was Christian. I keep that paper in my Bible and I think the Bible is in the bedroom closet for safe keeping." "I found Jesus, but I haven't found a church yet." "I repeated the prayer they told me to, so I guess that was all I needed, right?" The answers are limitless, and very telling of what happened on that faithful, or fateful, day they remember so well.

I believe there are two main reasons for this type of pseudo-conversion or fruitless salvation. I will not spend much time on these but want to bring them up as I believe they are relevant.

The first is the pseudo-conversion, it was not real. It was a euphoric experience inspired by music, inspirational speaking, peer pressure, clever presentation, or something along that line. The compulsive confession was merely an act driven by external stimuli. In the Gospel of Mark is the record of Jesus teaching what is known as, The Parable of the Soils. (*See Mark 4:1-20* for a complete reading of this parable.) In this parable, Jesus teaches of three soils that yielded no crops: seed sown by the roadside, rocky ground and among the thorns. These three areas represent hearts that were never prepared to

receive the Word of God or produce a viable crop. The fourth area was good soil and it produced a crop yielding thirty, sixty and a hundred-fold.

The first three soils represent these pseudo-conversions I spoke of above. No real conversion comes from external stimuli, it is always the work of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Lord can use external things to bring a person to the point of salvation, but even that can be the work of the Holy Spirit. Just as the sower must prepare the soil and make it good and acceptable to the seed so God must prepare a person's heart, if He is to indwell it. The gospel message will bounce off a hardened or shallow heart just as seed will not penetrate hardened soil. Jesus gave the disciples some 'on the job training' on this when He sent them out into the cities to teach that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (See Matthew 10:5-15). He told them beforehand that the same message would be received by some and not by others. "*Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.*" (Matthew 10:14)

The only way to validate the difference between the first three soils and the fourth is the by the harvest. It is the same with conversions. If it produces some fruit unto righteousness it is real; if it does not, then it is fake.

The second reason is the fruitless salvation. This is not the fault of the person being led by the Holy Spirit, but by the church or those who are out evangelizing. Whenever the Gospel message is being preached and someone truly confesses Christ it must be followed by tutoring. Fruit must be nurtured to maturity. Not only must they have a real conversion, they must become disciples of the message. Every new believer must be taken under the wing of a mature Christian. Jesus was under God the Father, the apostles were under the teaching of Jesus, new converts were under the teaching of the apostles and so on. Every Christian, no matter how mature, needs to be under the guidance of someone more mature than they are. Effective teachers are efficient students first. There is always something to learn.

The number of years a person is a Christian does not equate to a certain level of maturity, it should, but unfortunately it usually does not. One time I overheard a counselor and his counselee arguing over an issue. The argument went back and forth until the counselee finally got up and told the counselor that he did not know what he was doing. The counselor replied, "I do to, I have 39 years' experience!" The counselee promptly replied, "No, you have one year of experience repeated 39 times!" Unfortunately, this is true of many Christians today. It has been many years since their conversion, yet little learning has happened since that time. They were never brought into the fold as they should have been. They weren't told there was work to do, in order to grow as a Christian. That you needed more than an introduction to Christ, you needed to become more like Him and the only way to do that was by becoming a disciple, a follower of Christ. This is the fruit that Jesus was referring to in His parable of the soils.

There is one especially important point I want to make here. Only God knows who is saved and who is not. We can look at the person's life and get a good idea, but ultimately only God knows. Just because a person does not accept, or has not truly accepted, Christ as their Lord and Savior does not mean our work is through. How many times did you hear the Gospel Message before you were saved? We continue to share the message in hope that God will open their heart to receive Him regardless of how

many times we have said it before. We do not determine the results of our sharing the Good News, God does! He decides when, where, and if it will happen. If we set up expectations of the results of our sharing, we will soon find ourselves discouraged and defeated. Remember that God is teaching us as much as He is teaching those whom you share with.

We will continue this study next time. I hope that this newsletter found you at the feet of Jesus and with the heart, mind, and soul of a disciple of Christ. God bless you all.

Pastor Pete

In His service

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

Even more than we ask for.

“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

Many of you already know that I play with metal for a living. I shear, cut, fold and form pieces and parts for various things in construction. Since this whole madness of illness and pandemic started, I left my job in sales meeting with many clients daily. I didn't feel that it was wise to continue to expose myself so much to potential illness when I do not have any kind of health care. I did try to talk to my boss about it, but he wouldn't respectfully listen to my concerns or ideas to try and make things safe. So, I walked away, asking him to call when he was ready to discuss my concerns. He never called. After a week of not hearing anything, I called. Again, he didn't want to talk about it, he said he felt it was time for us to go our separate ways.

I have been praying that God would take me out of the dark and depressing environment I was in for many years. However, I always felt like God was working on me in this place, so I didn't leave. It wasn't all needless suffering, and it wasn't always that bad. But when I did leave, the feeling of negativity was lifted off of me like a heavy weight. It actually changed my prayer life and my whole life feels so much better just being free from the drama. I have been playing with metal, as work, for many years and believe it is time to start my own business again. I started praying for this and asking others to pray with me about the future of my career. Knowing God can do so much more than we even ask, believing His word and exercising our faith in it, is not always easy to do.

“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.” Romans 1:17

When we witness God answering our prayers, it builds our faith and trust in Him more and more, and makes it easier to ask Him about other things in life. Many people feel that having faith in this day and age is not relevant because of all they are taught using science, philosophy and religion. Having trust and belief in Jesus is not religious, it is relational. It is not always easy to exercise, and it is even harder in the beginning, but the more we do the easier it gets. Especially, when we pray according to the will of God. In these last 3 months God has been giving me another opportunity to run my own business. He has reminded me of things He did before and is renewing my faith in Him daily. If things continue as they appear to be leading, I will be moving my business into a new building come September 1st and the 2 pieces of equipment that I feel I needed the most have been found with finances having been made available.

It is a beautiful thing to see the hand of the Lord moving in your life. God can do even more than we ask for, so when we approach Him, let us do it with this assurance and praise Him for all his grace and goodness in our lives. He is worthy of our praise and deserves all the glory for what He is doing in our lives, so let us share what He is doing with others, then they will want to know Him like we do. God bless you and keep you in this strange time we are in.

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Charles EPrayer for my mental health and a smooth transition as I have entered a new institution.

Lee KPrayer for all Incarcerated brothers and sisters ask the Lord to keep them safe from COVID-19 and provide shelter in His grace. I also asked the Lord for a companion who would share and value each other's emotional needs.

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A Moment, a Day, or a Lifetime in His Shoes

As we get ready to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I want us to ponder on something for a while. No human being that ever lived or will live, chose to be born into this world. It was the result of an act committed before our conception and outside our will or desire. A question we might consider asking ourselves is this, Would I really wanted to have been born into the life that I have lived or something less arduous? I think that most of us would have chosen a life of more ease and less heartache.

The uniqueness of Christ's birth is that He chose to be born of a woman into this world. As part of the triune Godhead, He was fully in agreement with the Father and the Holy Spirit. I know that as part of the Godhead He could not be in opposition to the plans of the Father as they were His plans also, willingly! As Jesus spoke in John 10:30, *"I and the Father are one."*

Not only did He willing become fully man and fully God through being born of a woman, but He also knew full well what He would go through during His time here on earth as an incarnate human being. He knew of the rejection, the persecution, the hatred, the lies, the hurt, and ultimately His crucifixion. He knew full well, although His mission would be successful in the eyes of His Father, that many would never realize the life-giving gift that had been offered to mankind, then, now, and in the future. Did knowing all this make Christ indifferent to this rejection and His willingness to follow through?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!

³⁷ *"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who have been 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."* (Matthew 23:37) Jesus hurt at the knowledge that there were those who were not going to accept this free self-sacrificing gift that He was offering. Especially those who had already been given so much from the Father in the past.

The following passage is just one of many examples that illustrate Christ's foreknowledge of those who would reject who He was, His teachings, and what He was here to do. Yet He still spoke with them and tried to enlighten them so they might be saved. He stared rejection in the face and followed through.

²⁴ *The Jews then surrounded Him and began saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."* ²⁵ *Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me."* ²⁶ *But you do not believe, because you are not*

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of My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.” The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.” (John 10-24-31)

Jesus lived and demonstrated the love of the Father, even to those who rejected Him and ultimately to those who crucified Him. ³⁴ *But Jesus was saying, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots, dividing His garments among themselves.” (Luke 23:34)*

Jesus commanded us to love others, even our enemies, and share the Gospel message with the lost.

⁴³ *“You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors, do they not do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Even the Gentiles, do they not do the same? ⁴⁸ Therefore you shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:43-48)* What a great step to take as we strive for perfection, to be like Christ!

As the title of this message indicates, let us take every opportunity to walk in the shoes of Christ, if just for a moment, a day, or a lifetime. Not expecting anything other than the will of the Father to be accomplished. Not setting up any expectations of our own but willfully accepting either acceptance or rejection of the Gospel message through preaching, teaching, feeding, sheltering, clothing, and loving as God, through Christ, did and does to this day. ¹⁶ *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him. (John3:16-17)*

I believe that we all strive to be like Christ and to be followers of Him. No one of sound mind likes to be rejected, we want to be loved, needed, and appreciated. It is in our nature; it is in God's nature. Your temporary suffering in being rejected by someone may lead to them being accepted by God and avoiding an eternity of suffering. A moment verses eternity, an immeasurable ratio. It is what Christ did for us! He suffered for a little while so that one day we would never suffer again, for eternity!

That is why He was born into this world and why we should remember this as we celebrate His birth. The cradle and the cross have been connected for all eternity, past and present.

Share the birth of Christ in you with someone who does not have that relationship with Him. Make them feel loved, needed, and appreciated.

In a world filled with rising hatred is it not time for Christ's light and love to be spread around?

⁴ *In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.* ⁵ *The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not **comprehend** it.*” (John 1:4-5) Comprehend; overcome, overpower. His light cannot and will not be extinguished! Let it shine forth through you, God bless you all.

In His service,

Pastor Pete

The Real Reason for Christmas

It's that time of year again. December has come with all the hustle and bustle and commercialism. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, Turkey dinner with family and friends, snow in the yard, stockings hanging in the living room and shouts of “Merry Christmas” to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

For many people Christmas is a time of sorrow. They don't have the extra money to buy presents for their children, family and friends. Many are saddened at Christmas when they think of their loved ones who will not be able to come home for various reasons. I too am one of these.

Yet, Christmas can be a season of great joy. It's a time of God showing His great love for us. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God sent His only begotten Son into the world to be born to save sinners (1 Timothy 1:5). His birth brought great joy to the world. Shepherds, wise men and angels all shared in the excitement knowing this was no ordinary baby. The prophets had told of His coming hundreds of years before (Isaiah 7:14; Isaiah 9:6).

“So, Joseph also went up from the town of Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you; You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” Suddenly a great company of the heavenly hosts appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” So, they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2:4-19

Why did He come? Why did God send His Son to this sinful and cruel world? He sent His Son Jesus to bring salvation, love and hope to all of us. Without Jesus, we would all die in our sins. Jesus was born so that one day the price could be paid for the things that we have done wrong. The bible says that all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). We are all born with a sin nature and do things that do not please God. Through the fall of Adam, we have all inherited that sin nature (Romans 5:12). We need to have that removed. The only way is through Jesus. Jesus was born so He could die on the cross for ALL our sins.

So, look at Christmas in a new way this year. This is the time to invite Jesus into your heart. You will have a “Merry Christmas”. Christmas can be a time of restoration, healing and renewed strength. May God bless you and fill you with His love, joy and peace in knowing that truly “*Jesus* is the Reason for the Season”

In His Love and Service,

Brother Gabriel

Ex-lifer who Jesus set free

Something to think about



Merry Christmas or Mary's Christmas!

Greetings to my family and friends,

What is the first thing that pops into your mind when you hear someone say, Merry Christmas? What fond memories do you have, or expect to create during this holiday season?

Can you recollect ringing a doorbell and being welcomed into a warm home that was filled with joy? Or do you think about the knock on the inn's door that creaked open just enough to say, Sorry there's no room for you here?

Does the smell of fresh baked cookies, pies, and honey-baked ham stir up and tantalize your senses? Or do you imagine the smell of sheep, goats, and oxen standing close by?

Do you remember ornate decorations and brightly flashing lights covering the inside and outside of your house, and the homes around you? Or do you envision the cold bare walls of a dimly lit livestock shelter.

Are you reminded of excited children in their pajamas, all tucked into warm beds? Or do you recall a newborn baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying on cold stalks of straw.

There is quite a contrast between Merry Christmas and Mary's Christmas, isn't there?

It seems like every year the store shelves become stocked with Christmas decorations earlier and earlier. Advertisers start hammering away at your senses before our summer clothing gets put up for the winter. It has become a relentless attack on your pocketbook, time, energy, and most importantly, your focus on what the celebration is all about.

"Hark the herald angels sing..." What were they singing about again? Oh yeah, something about a newborn king. Wasn't He born on Black Friday, no no, I think it was Cyber-Monday?

"Si - lent night, Ho - ly night...all is calm, all is..." Yeah, who are you trying to kid? Those must be two different nights, Right? When was the last time you had even one of those?

I am trying to imagine God watching all this from heaven. Here we are frantically buying, wrapping, and stuffing gifts under a decorated tree. All the while we are forgetting that the greatest "free" gift was unwrapped and hung on a tree. We buy things to make people happy, God purchased people to make them whole. We buy things and go into debt; God paid the debt so we could be free. I sometimes wonder if Jesus is still saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

I think things need to change. We do not have to throw the baby out with the bathwater, but maybe it's time to drain the tub and see if the baby is still there! Let us take a little effort this year to set aside all the rhetoric that is the Christmas of today and reflect on Mary's Christmas. A Christmas far removed from what we know or celebrate. Let us begin to celebrate the birth of our Savior, not once a year in stress and chaos, but every day of the year in solemn reverence for the greatest gift only God could give.

One last thought. On this Christmas I cannot help but think about those who have, for whatever reason, found themselves locked up in prisons and jails for many years. Yes, they may have broken the law and are receiving the penalty for their sin against society and God. And yes, part of the penalty is being separated from family, friends, and the freedoms they had so lightly regarded. But the paradox of the situation just might be that they are in a better place than most of us are at this Christmas.

Before you color me crazy, or think that I have lost my mind, let me explain. You see, those who have spent many years in these places have lived without all the glitter, glamour, and gluttony of Christmas as it is celebrated today. The first couple of years were hard as the memories lingered from past Christmas' spent at home with family and friends. Then the memories began fading away. Christmas cards and letters became less frequent. Phone calls were harder to make, and sometimes not even accepted. Christmas as they knew it no longer existed.

These men and women are far removed from the world's idea of Christmas. The truth is that they may be closer to Mary's Christmas than some of us have ever been. There are no decorations hanging around, no laughter or joy filling their bare cells or dorms. The air is not swimming with the smell of fresh baked goods, nor are their tables overflowing with delicious food. No, they are like Mary and Joseph, alone, far from home, family, and friends.

Their blessing is this. They are not alone; they have their Savior there with them. Everything that has hidden the meaning of Christmas from the world has been removed from their lives. The bathwater has been drained and baby Jesus is there! They have the best gift of all, the One that fits perfectly into their hearts. A gift that cannot be lost, but One that came to save the lost. A gift that will not be returned but one day will return.

As you celebrate Christmas this year please take a few moments to pray for the men and women in jails and prisons. Pray for their families too. Thank God that He has spared you this cup in your life. Lastly, trust and believe this; that they are praying for you, that you have a Mary Christmas this year. How do I know this? I was there my friend.

God bless you all this year with the bare-bones reality of what Christmas is about.

Your friend and brother in Christ,

Pastor Pete. In His service, Have a “Mary Christmas”

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November - December 2020 Prayer List

Marla WPrayer for safe appendectomy surgery and fast recovery.

Sandy D.....Prayer for her as she lost her husband Bill.

Pete CPrayer to reunite with his daughter and her family.

Carmen &
Darrell R.....Prayer for help with health and finances.

George BPrayer to reunite with his daughter and her family.

Frank B.....Prayer for my family – faith, hope, love – righteousness, godliness, holiness. Wife’s relationship with daughters, Son staying with grandmother, alcohol issues, son who is a good husband-father.

Tammi HPrayer for healing from auto accident.

Donald H.....Prayer for freedom. I am 67 years old with 30 years completed on 168-year sentence for a crime that I did not commit. I have claimed my innocence for over 30 years. I am hopeful because God is able. I have stage 4 liver cancer and I am out of hospice. But God says, it not your time. Prayer for everyone to come together to end the Coronavirus.

Joey APrayer for father who is not in good health, I ask God to bless my father Robert with a long life so I can be with him upon my release from prison. May God bring us together. May my father be blessed with prosperity to help pay his bills.

Juan SChrist our Lord I am declaring my faith in him. Jesus Christ I am believing in a miracle. Come forth, cure my loneliness, my finances, my liberty, and all my works. Bless me a miracle to be blessed prosperous, turn all opposition into Christ Jesus to come forward for filling all my needs, God’s goodness to come forth.

Charles E.....Prayer for my mental health and a smooth transition as I have entered a new institution.

Lee K.....Prayer for all Incarcerated brothers and sisters. Ask the Lord to keep them safe from COVID-19 and provide shelter in His grace. I also ask the Lord for a companion who would share and value each other's emotional needs.

Brad WPray for Brad who is fighting for life, with the challenges of cancer.

Gary B.....Pray for his recovery from heart surgery and quick healing.

Alice WPray that she finds ways to combat loneliness after her husband died 2 years ago. May Christ fill her up.

Kurt E.....Pray that he may be healed of his chronic depression.

Dave GContinued prayer for appeal, financial assistance. I believe our Lord Jesus to deliver me out of excessive sentence and to provide for all my needs. I thank The Lord’s Mountain Movers staff for the newsletters and pray you are healed and blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Donald R.Pray for fast and complete recovery from open heart surgery.

Gabriel SPrayer for family as they grieve the loss of his brother Mike who passed from cancer.

John D.Prayer for his family as they grieve the loss of him. He led a full life and was a talented musician and teacher.

Monica HPrayer for successful treatment and recovery. She was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.

Rogelio CPrayer to reconcile with his daughter who has been absent from his life for 13 years.

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(Matt. 17:20)

January 2020

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THE SERMON FROM THE CROSS

Seven final lessons from Jesus

(Part five)

Well my brothers and sisters in Christ we have journeyed through the things Jesus spoke to us while hanging on the cross. His final moments while He was still fully man and fully God. I have been blessed to go over these valuable lessons once again and glean from those powerful words spoken by the person who gave me, and so many others, eternal life. Even in our society today, any person who is about to be executed for their crimes is given the opportunity to say some last words, something they may be remembered by. We have been able to recount the last words of the Person who paid for our crimes. Words to live by, words to share, words to believe in. I pray that you have been blessed by what Jesus did and said.

The Seventh lesson.

The last words our Lord and Savior spoke from the cross were, "Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit." Then bowing His head, He breathed his last.

Divine surrender, total self-satisfaction, utter contentment, pure unadulterated trust in the Father and no one else. The Greek word used here for "commit" means; To place alongside, to set forth, to deposit for protection. This was not something that Jesus had just decided to do before He died, it was what He had lived from the very beginning.

This trusting in God was, and is not, a new message. It is something we hear taught and see exercise throughout the entire Bible. We can read hundreds of passages exhorting us to trust in the Lord, to believe in Him. Then we read the wonderful promises and blessings bestowed upon those who do so.

There was never a moment in the life of Jesus where He did not trust in the Father. He was never afraid, never confused, and always relied on the Father for everything He needed.

Jesus' entire ministry was devoted to directing others into trusting in our Heavenly Father. Whether the needs were emotional, physical, financial, or spiritual. Jesus always pointed to the Father as the true source of all these things. Trusting in Him for these things is evidence that we believe and have faith in Him.

Can we begin to trust like this? Can we honestly, and without reservation, from the very essence of our being, say; Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit? Can we bow our head like Jesus and make this our final statement on the matter? Or do we say this with conditions? Do we say; Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit, but...? Or; Father into Thy hands I commit my spirit, when...? Or father, into thy hands I commit my spirit, except...? It is only the believer who can totally surrender his life to God that goes from “knowing” the will of God to “being” the will of God. It is a personal sacrificial choice each one of us must make on our own. No one can do it for us, and God will not do it for us either. It is the greatest commandment, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” When you do this, make it your final word. Just say, Amen, and do it!

The conclusion.

Seven final lessons from Jesus as He hung there on the cross. Forgiveness, immortality, good works, the consequences of sin, the need for refreshing, the completed work, and total surrender. Seven things we should all remember for the rest of our lives. It took the sacrifice of Jesus to bring us forgiveness from God. It took God's forgiveness to move man from mortality to immortality. The reality of our immortality, and with our future destiny settled we can begin to accomplish the good works we were called to do. Once busy about our Lord's work we need to be ever aware of the consequences of sin and its devastating effect on our relationship with God. When we do sin, we need to call out immediately to God for refreshing, a restoration, a reconciliation of the wonderful relationship with God. It is the finished work of Christ that is the foundation of our Salvation, and the faith in that completed work. It is because of all these things that we can totally surrender ourselves completely over to the care of our Heavenly Father. If any one of these things has touched your heart you may be feeling the hand of God upon you. Is He reminding you of where you have drifted away? Are you being drawn to Him right now? Do you hear Him calling you back into the fold? Are you hearing Him for the first time? Do not miss this opportunity, do not walk past this open door He is standing by. Let's remember the words of the Apostle Peter when he said, “humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you.”

He cared enough to die for you! Do we care enough to live for Him?

God bless us all, *Pastor Pete*

A note to our readers,

We will not be sending out a newsletter in the month of February. One of our staff, George Bishop, will be having neck surgery and will be going through extensive rehabilitation after that. I ask that you all keep him in your prayers as goes through this hurdle in his life. We are hoping to be back up and running for March. We are all in God's hands and know that it is His will that will prevail. Thank you for your prayers and understanding.

God bless,

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

“But I am afflicted and in pain; May Your salvation, O God, set me securely on high. I will praise the name of God with song and magnify Him with thanksgiving. And it will please the Lord better than an ox or a young bull with horns and hoofs. The humble have seen it and are glad; You who seek God, let your heart revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise His who are prisoners.” Psalm 69:29-34

Brothers and sisters in the Lord, you are not alone in your pain and afflictions. Even Paul suffered much and spent time in prison. Remember God’s word tells us if we suffer with Him, we will also rein with Him. This Psalm was written through the pen of David many years ago, and it was written for you. God knows what you are going through and how hard it is to endure. But it is not in vain!

As we begin a new year, let us also begin to focus on the things that have led us to praise Him even more. We know and are confident in our heart, through faith in His word, that we will be exalted with Christ soon. You are the light in dark places, He has placed you where you are so that you will shine even more. You are loved by God, so that you can love others. How good it is to have fellowship with the saints, and what’s more, to have fellowship with the Spirit of God.

Matthew Henry said it like this,” It is better to be poor and sorrowful, with the blessing of God, than rich and jovial and under His curse. For those who come into God’s righteousness shall soon see an end of their poverty and sorrow, and His salvation shall set them on high.”

Be blessed in Him,

Brother Daniel Rodney

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Rich H.....Prayer for sever medical issues. Please include his wife Michelle in your prayers.

Faye A.....Prayer for her continued healing from heart surgery.

Kenny CPrayer for Theda as she has passed away, she is now in a better place.

Bobby GPrayer for Legal guidance³, Solorio, Allen, Griffin, Latner families. Ask God to strengthen my walk and remove thoughts of addiction. **Praise Report: Ed M. is back from Hospice and tumor removed from neck. Thank you for Praise, Praise Jesus.**

Anthony M.....Prayer as he recovers from heart transplant surgery and his continued strength and healing. **Praise Report: Anthony is doing great with his new heart and up and walking around.**

Bud A.....Prayer for fast healing from foot surgery.

Everett MPrayer for dealing with end of life issues.

Richard D.....Prayer for peace and help with financial issues while in prison. Prayer that God will bless everyone at The Lord's Mountain Movers.

Manuel B.....Prayer for health issues and reconciliation with his brother. Prayer for a more permanent place to live.

Dave GFor appeal, need knowledge or assistance to file proper forms to get relief from excessive sentence. I believe God provides all things for all who trust in Him.

Marty TPraying for his ongoing health issues.

Peter C.....Prayer to find a good local bible teaching, God fearing church.

George BPrayer for his health and upcoming neck surgery.

Sue C.....Prayer for her health issues and her retirement.

Mary S.....Please pray that God will continue to heal her and restore her ability to drive and get around.

Sue/Glen R.....Prayer for their health issues and strength as they deal with John's health and living arrangements.

Ricardo MPray for God's continued protection, mercy, and unwarranted attacks from Satan. Prayer for peace in his life.

TJ WPrayer for his continued transition into retirement.

Denice DPrayer for forgiveness for those whom she has offended.

Michelle M.....Prayer for her health and financial situation.

Perrin.....Prayer for him and his family, that God will continue to meet their needs.

Piper & Rex....Prayer for them as they get closer to retirement, that God will meet their needs also to this transition.

Joe A.....Seeking forgiveness from the victim's family, that God would reveal the truth in this terrible loss of a loved one. Asking for the prison board to give me a second chance and letters of forgiveness.

John DPrayer for him as he deals with end of life issues.

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Issue 0064

Testing of your Faith

There is a purpose for your life. You are meant to know and love God...

We live in a society that is virtually devoid of faith. Since most people do not read the Bible, they don't know much about God or believe He even exists. What about you - do you lack the faith to believe in God?

Having true faith will help you make sense out of the troubling and confusing world you live in. It will give you the confidence you need to move forward with your life despite trials and setbacks.

Growing in faith requires believing in God and maintaining a close relationship with Him. You can have this relationship with God through daily prayer, Bible study and applying what God says in the Scriptures to your personal life.

"How do you handle stress?" Do you depend on yourself, or do you depend on God? Psalm 50:15 (NIV) says, *"and call on Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor Me"*. Do you turn to other things when you're in trouble?

God often uses people in your life to test, stretch and develop your faith. This test asks the question, "How do you handle disappointment?" Life is often disappointing. Careers, marriages, and even plans don't turn out the way we planned them. But the most disappointing thing in life is people. Why? We get disappointed by people because we expect them to meet a need that only God Himself can meet. This is a test!

Your problem is not the people in your life. Your problem is your response to the people in your life. People are not the problem, and they're not the answer to the problem, either. The answer is God. When you expect other people to be your savior, you're setting yourself up for disappointment.

Jeremiah 17:7 (NLT) says, *"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence"*. What happens if you trust in the Lord? Look at God's promise in Isaiah 49:23 (NIV): *"...Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who hope in Me will not be disappointed."*

Which of these tests is God using in your life right now to stretch your faith? How will you choose to respond to the stress and people in your life that are testing your faith?

Here are a few Bible verses that tell us how to deal with our struggles and challenges to our Faith in Him and the teachings of Jesus Christ. The question is are we listening or following these teachings with our hearts and minds?

Please feel free to contact us on our website, www.TheLordsMountainMovers.org. You can sign up to get the monthly newsletter free of charge. You can also place your prayer request on our website and join us in praying for our other brothers and sisters in the Lord. You can also contact us at The Lord's Mountain Movers, PO Box 1211, Boulevard, CA 91905-0311. We look forward to hearing from you. ☩

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“You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. Thus, you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.” (Deuteronomy 8:2-5) (NASB)

The Israelites were constantly having their faith tested as they were led through the wilderness. They argued amongst themselves, built false idols, and failed to see the blessings they had. *“Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.”* (Deuteronomy 8:5) (NASB)

Never satisfied, they were looking for what they wanted instead of being satisfied with what God had already provided for them. Such is the struggle of mankind throughout the ages.

Many people don't have the faith described in the Bible because they do not believe or practice what Jesus said: *“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments”.* (John 14:15) (NASB)

“In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” (1 Peter 1:6-7) (NIV)

“Not only so, but we[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” (Romans 5:3-4) (NIV)

“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope.” (Romans 5:2-3) (NASB)

“Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction.” (Isaiah 48:10) (NASB)

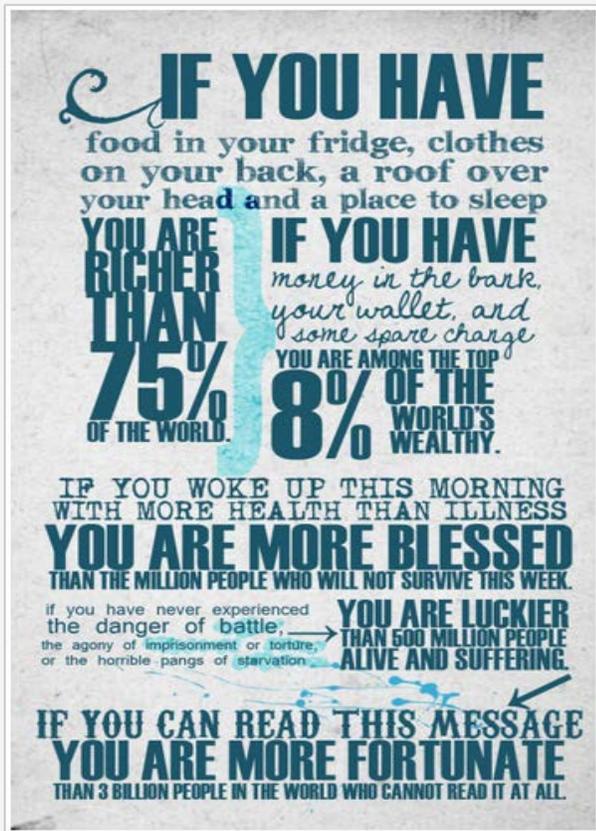
We all run into periods of our lives where we are challenged. Have we really had it so bad? Are we starving, do we have enough food to eat, clothes on our backs, a roof over our head or clean water to drink? Remember what Satan put Job through... *“So, Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.”* (Job 2:7) (NKJV)

If you refer to the graphic on the next page, and stop to think about where we are at, even if in prison, you are richer than 75% of the people who are free in the world. Let us look at what we have and be thankful for it, not worrying about what we want and desire.

The Lord has us exactly where He wants us. When we stop and think about what is going on around us and give it to God, understanding it is in His timing, and when we struggle, if we give it all to our Savior, Jesus Christ, we suddenly have a sense of peace in our lives. That is exercising our Faith.

Can you give all your cares, desires and struggles to Christ? Remember; *“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”* (1 Corinthians 10:13) (NKJV)

“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” (1 Peter 5:10) (NASB)



“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” (James 1:12) (NIV)

Give to each other hope, prayer and encouragement through Faith in Him. May God continue to bless you my brothers and sisters in Christ and let us glorify His name in all we do. Amen.

In His Service,

George Bishop

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

Solar Powered Christians: I was using an old solar powered or battery powered calculator and the battery was dead, so I had to keep it in the light for it to work. This made me think about our faith and our Christian walk. I thought (or maybe it was the Holy Spirit that put it in my Spirit), that this is how we are supposed to be all the time! Only working in the light of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ!

John 1:4 & 9 tells us that Jesus is the light of this World. And our Heavenly Father is frequently spoken of as connected with light, true light and not just the fake dull light that the world tries to offer us. Only the true light of our Lord and Savior can bring you and I joy, true joy even when the world is falling apart around us.

Psalms 27:1, 119: 105 tell us that the Lord is our light and our salvation and the light upon our path. Psalm 97:11 tells us that this light is gladness for the upright in heart. Throughout Scripture men and women of God are told to walk in the light and the world hated the light. As long as you and I continue to walk in the light and keep our eyes open to the direction of the Holy Spirit we won't stumble around in darkness. We have all been there and tried to do things on our own without the true light shining on our paths. We all have scars, bumps, and bruises from stumbling around in darkness!

Be solar powered Christians and stay in the light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Walking in the darkness will only lead to sickly creatures, pale skinned and unhealthy. I'm sure most of us have seen the pictures of the sea creatures in the deepest part of the ocean that never see the sun, all of them pale and puny looking.

Without light, true light, we leave room for our fears to be manifested and moreover without light, evil rules. Don't fear the darkness, just stay focused on Jesus Christ the true light from God. Isaiah 9:2 Remember that

darkness is just spiritual ignorance and blindness we were all spiritually blind or ignorant and in darkness. Now be reflectors and reflect the light of Jesus!

As long as you are reflecting Jesus Christ you can't focus on yourself and the surrounding troubles or sorrow that the darkness offers. As long as you are reflecting the light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the darkness can't overcome you!

The light brings comfort, Jesus came so that we can be set free from sin (darkness) and condemnation (sadness; judgement). He exposes the things that are hidden in darkness that can harm us and keep us separated from His joy!

So again, I say to you stand firm in the eternal light of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Stand tall reflecting the true light.

Brother Kenny Johnson

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April 2020 – June 2020 Prayer List

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Gary BPray for his recovery from heart surgery and quick healing.

Alice WPray that she finds ways to combat loneliness after her husband died 2 years ago. May Christ fill her up.

Kurt EPray that he may be healed of his chronic depression.

Dave GContinued prayer for appeal, financial assistance. I believe our Lord, Jesus to deliver me out of excessive sentence and to provide for all my needs. I thank The Lord's Mountain Movers staff for the newsletters and pray you are healed and blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Donald R.Pray for fast and complete recovery from open heart surgery.

Gabriel SPrayer for family as they grieve the loss of his brother Mike who passed from cancer.

John D.Prayer for his family as they grieve the loss of him. He led a full life and was a talented musician and teacher.

Bobby GPrayer for Mom, Linda L, Richard D, Griffin & Allen Families & Solorio family. families. Ask God to keep us all in His sheltering love during this crisis and that He would bless Richard D. and me with a Christian woman to write to and grow with.

Suzy LPrayer as she goes through many personal issues.

Monica HPrayer for successful treatment and recovery. She was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.

Rich HPrayer for successful treatment and recovery. He has sepsis and is recovering from toe surgery.

Rogelio CPrayer to reconcile with his daughter who has been absent from his life for 13 years.

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(Matt. 17:20)

March 2020

Issue 0062

As I wrote you in the last newsletter a member of our ministry was having neck surgery. George made it through the surgery but is still dealing with post-surgery pain issues. I ask you to keep him in prayer and forgive us for not publishing the newsletter on time. We will be back up to speed as the Lord allows. Thank you all.

Are You Struggling with Something?

With all the cares and concerns this world exposes us to it can sometimes become overwhelming at best. Many of us struggle to make ends meet financially and it seems just as we get a little ahead something happens to consume what we had worked so hard to save up. It is as though the "rainy day" always finds us out and our spirit becomes dampened.

Maybe you are one of the ones without financial problems, but yet you deal with other issues that can be just as overwhelming. Perhaps your challenge is dealing with someone in your life that can't seem to get it together. You are emotionally exhausted from countless hours spent trying to help this person overcome their struggles. You have problems focusing on your own tasks because this person is always on your mind and heart. Most of your prayer life is dedicated to this one individual and it seems as though God is not listening or responding.

Then there are those of you who are dealing with health issues. You have been dealing with the same thing for years and it never seems to go away. Or just as one health issue gets dealt with, another comes along to knock you off your feet. You spend most of your time fighting through the pain, seeking treatment, and longing for the day when you will be healthy and just feel fine. Your friends and family seem to distance themselves from you because they can't deal with "your" issues. The pain of your loneliness can even overshadow the physical pain.

Finally, there are those who deal with spiritual issues. Those issues that go deep down into the very core of who you are as a person. You are plagued by the same sinful thought's day in and day out. No matter how much you fight against them they keep popping back into your mind. The battle seems endless and there is no end in sight. You feel as though God has left you out to dry, or even worse, that He doesn't see or care. You study and pray but it is as though you are drinking air and eating sand, you find no refreshment in these activities.

I want you to know with all your heart that we have a Heavenly Father who does see all these things taking place and does love and care for us even if it doesn't feel like it. He cares so much that He sent His Son to not only identify with our sorrow and grief but to walk with us through them. Take some time to read the Gospel of John and see how your Savior dealt with these issues. Stand above your

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circumstances, hold your head up high, fight the good fight of faith, and hold onto the hope of better things to come in the next life.

*When the world my heart is rending
With its heaviest storm of care,
My glad thoughts to heaven ascending,
Find a refuge from despair.
Faith's bright vision shall sustain me
Till life's pilgrimage is past;
Fears may vex and troubles pain me,
I shall reach my home at last.*

(Charles Spurgeon)

In His service,
Pastor Pete

I am blessed to do a daily devotional with about six men spread out over the United States. We all read the same devotional each day then text our insights on a group text. It has proved to be a blessing over the past six years. Over the past couple of weeks our devotional has focused on friendships and some of their aspects. One of the topics has been flattery and gossip. It is for that reason that I want to reshare this message with you and myself.

Value of a Friend

Who do you call, friend? What kind of a person fits your description of a true friend? What do you think of your friends and what do they think of you? Under what circumstances did these people become your friends? What is the longest tenure you have had with a friend? I could go on and on asking questions about friends, but I will let you ask yourself the rest.

Below are some notable quotes about friends that may, or may not, ring true with you. Either way I have placed them below so each one of us can begin a mental conversation within ourselves about why certain people are in our lives and the intrinsic value each person possesses. We may even see where they overlap in their qualities. This information may help us to choose friends better in the future. It may also help us to develop into better friends ourselves.

My dad said to me growing up: "When all is said and done, if you can count all your true friends on one hand, you are a lucky man." (Josh Charles)

"Friends show their love in times of trouble, not in happiness." (Euripides)

"Friends are the siblings God never gave us." (Mencius)

"It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them." (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

“In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” (Martin Luther King, JR.)

“So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good.” (Helen Keller)

“Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?” (Abraham Lincoln)

“True friendship multiplies the good in life and divides its evils. Strive to have friends, for life without friends is like life on a desert island...to find one real friend in a lifetime is a good fortune, to keep him is a blessing.” (Baltasar Gracian)

Word in Motion

It is all well and good to hear from those who have encountered and benefited from having a true friend in their life, but I feel it will benefit us if we look into what the Bible has to say about friends. Have you ever had a friend who told you what you needed to hear and not what you necessarily wanted to hear? You may not have initially liked or agreed with what they had to say, but when you calmed down and evaluated what they said, you knew in your heart of hearts that they were right. You may have even known it yourself but didn't think anyone else knew.

If someone calls themselves your friend, yet only tells you what you want to hear, then the Bible has a name for that kind of person. They are a flatterer. The dictionary defines to flatter as follows: **Lavish insincere praise and compliments upon (someone), especially to further one's own interests. To give an unrealistically favorable impression of. To make (someone) feel honored and pleased.**

This type of person, or action, seeks not the best for the person he/she is talking to, or about, but uses language and actions that will help them get what they want from that person or situation. They are self-serving at heart and will only do, or say, what is necessary to meet their own desire. I am sure you have met someone who has overrated themselves in front of others to get honor or praise. You may think to yourself how unrealistic and sad that is for a person to do that. Well a flatterer will overrate someone else for the same self-serving purposes. Having and maintaining an honest and realistic self-portrait of yourself will help you to detect flattery when it is being heaped upon you.

Flattery can also be defined as saying to someone's face what you would not say behind their back. It is the opposite of gossip which is saying to someone else what you would not say to the person directly.

King David and his son, King Solomon, must have encounter at least one person like this in their lives to write these warnings for us to take heed of.

*“They speak falsehood to one another; With **flattering** lips and with a double heart they speak.”*
(Psalm 12:2)

*A lying tongue hates those it crushes, and a **flattering** mouth works ruin.*

(Proverb 26:28)

*“May the LORD cut off all **flattering** lips, the tongue that speaks great things.”*

(Psalm 12:3)

The Apostle Paul put it like this:

*For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and **flattering** speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.*

(Romans 16:18)

Not much good comes from someone who practices flattery. It does not speak well of them and it does no good for the person who is being flattered. It is better to have someone who will speak the truth to you in love for your benefit and not their own, even though they will benefit indirectly from any positive changes that are made. Even though we may risk fellowship for a while with that person, I know from personal experience that we will gain a better friend and fellowship in the end. Better to lose a friend through truthfulness than to gain one by deceit. Solomon put it like this:

*“Better is open rebuke
Than love that is concealed.
Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.”*
(Proverbs 27:5-6)

And,

*“Oil and perfume make the heart glad,
So a man’s counsel is sweet to his friend.”*

(Proverbs 27:9)

In 2 Samuel 12:1-12 the Prophet Nathan openly and honestly rebuked King David for his sin with Bathsheba and the killing of her husband. Here is a common man speaking boldly to the king of Israel, someone who could have had his head cut off with a word, he rightly honored the position David held, but held the truth in even higher regard. Nathan was a true friend of David and of Saul, and Nathan saved David from the evil hand of sin.

David responded in a positive manner to this truthful rebuke and was forgiven. Nathan did not know how the king would respond and we do not know how others will respond either. Our duty is to stand for the truth regardless of the response we may get from others. God may call us to speak to someone and we should never shy away from it.

I want to offer a warning here. Let us never become the type of person who only looks for the faults in others without recognizing their positives. If one or the other always sticks out, then our discernment may need some spiritual adjusting. I have found over the years that acknowledging someone’s positive accomplishments and growth first will help them accept that, although they have overcome many things there are still things that need to be done in our character development as Christians. It will also help in their motivation to tackle the next goal.

I pray that the Lord will give us the wisdom and discernment to be a true friend to others. That He will enable us to hear the truth about ourselves and respond in a willing and godly manner. Lord let us cherish the truth and those who speak like you do. Thank you for being our friend and may we live up to the example you have left us. Amen.

God bless us all,

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

After He suffered much...

Why are people in the world suffering so much? More pointedly, why is there so much pain?

Guess what? My back went out again over the weekend from moving some heavy stuff at work. One item, I knew that once I moved it, I was going to regret it. But young me chimed up inside my head saying, "You got this man, show everyone you still got it!" Then pop, I knew I shouldn't have listened to that young man voice in my head, because I am not that young anymore, but apparently, I am not that much smarter either.

Enough about me. Christ, in His earthly life, suffered so much even to the point of completely giving Himself up for us. I wonder if He ever threw His back out.

In my early Christian walk I clung to Romans 8:28 and found great comfort and loving reasons why God was allowing so much pain and suffering to take place in the world or in my own life. I focused on how God uses all things to help mold those who love Christ into the image and likeness of Him. But it is not always easy to see things through that verse.

Depending on what we are going through in life, that verse might really apply to all things, but it doesn't mean it is necessarily very comforting when we are trying to comfort others in pain. It doesn't even work when we tell ourselves that every time. There is another major factor that we need to remember. Sin. Sin causes death. It causes pain and suffering to still exist in the world. The world is not paradise, nor will it ever be in this fallen state. Now that is comforting right? No, not really.

This world is not our home. Heaven and being in the presence of God forever is where we belong. In glory, praising Him with the heavenly host. In this world we will have suffering, but Christ has overcome the world for us so that we have something absolutely awesome to look forward to. When we pass on from here it is like we just finished the marathon in first place. We have a place that has been prepared for us. We know this because of the amazing love God has already shown us and continues to show us daily. Our faith is what keeps us strong. When our faith doesn't remember that, it needs to be fed more living water. The sweet water of Jesus Christ! And that is the only thing that is going to truly comfort any of us who are in constant pain or suffering. The good news about Christ and where we are going. Any other message or words are not going to do it.

And not only this, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings and rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance; Romans 5:3 Amplified Bible

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Ricardo MPray for God’s continued protection, mercy, and unwarranted attacks from Satan. Prayer for peace in his life.

TJ WPrayer for his continued transition into retirement.

Denice DPrayer for forgiveness for those whom she has offended.

Michelle M.....Prayer for her health and financial situation.

Perrin.....Prayer for him and his family, that God will continue to meet their needs.

Piper & Rex....Prayer for them as they get closer to retirement, that God will meet their needs also to this transition.

Joe A.....Seeking forgiveness from the victim’s family, that God would reveal the truth in this terrible loss of a loved one. Asking for the prison board to give me a second chance and letters of forgiveness.

John DPrayer for him as he deals with end of life issues.

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November 2020

Issue 0066

How Old Are You?

(Part Two)

In the last newsletter we started to look at the maturation of a person as a Christian. We looked at two main reasons that some do not mature. One, because there was no real conversion, therefore no real inner drive to complete what had supposedly been started. Two, there was no discipling administered to the new convert. Both have the possibility of being rectified.

For those who experienced a pseudo-conversion we must continue to pray that the Lord will prepare their heart as we continue to share the Gospel Message through our actions and our words. We should not lose heart or become discouraged as it is God's will when, where, or if the person will accept His offer of salvation. It is our responsibility and privilege to be entrusted with, and share, the greatest message ever given to mankind, for mankind. Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit to work through you. Never tire or give up because what you are doing for God seems ineffective. The seed that you plant will germinate in God's timing, not ours.

Discipleship is essential. Look at how Jesus disciplined His followers in so many ways. He fed them, led them, worked with them, rested with them, comforted them, taught them, wept for them, shared in their experiences, both good and bad, and prayed with them. Note that He always took time alone to talk with the Father for direction and strength. We have so many ways to disciple and God has gifted you with some of those methods.

It is never God's fault that we have failed at discipling His converts, the fault falls directly on the church and its members. Sometimes it seems as though the church is more concerned with the headcount rather than the quality of its members. How many church bulletins have you read that note the number of people who have confessed Christ and ignore the number who have failed to become part of the church body. I am not trying to church-bash because there are a lot of churches out there that understand the importance of discipleship and do a great job at bringing in and keeping the new believers in the fold.

I believe the key is that some do not recognize or accept their own responsibility in the discipleship process. They think that those who have titles in the church are the only ones responsible for preaching, teaching, and leading others to Christ and teaching them to be like Him. The church is a living entity, and it takes **"EVERY"** member to do their part and **"EVERY"** member has a part. It is never just dropping a few bucks into the offering plate as though you were hiring someone else to do your part.

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God may have blessed you with the means to financially help the church meet its needs, but that does not negate your responsibility to utilize the spiritual gift He has given you. Adding to, and developing, the body of Christ (the church) is far more important than adding a new parking lot, constructing an opulent building to awe those who may drive by, or some other man contrived idea.

God does not need our parking lots, buildings, or corporations that need insurance to build His church. He wants us as active individuals, working corporately, offering assurance that God is willing and able to complete the good work that He began in each person who is saved and will be saved. It is not someone else's responsibility to accomplish this task, it belongs to each and every believer. More than that, we should be inspired by the Holy Spirit, driven by gratitude, and overwhelmed by the honor God has granted to us to share His message for the salvation of the lost and the maturing of the saints.

Matthew 28:18-20 reads, *"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"*

This commission was originally given to the eleven disciples but is the charge of all believers to the end of the age. We are not saved for ourselves alone, we are saved for the building of the church through the furtherance of the Gospel Message and for the glory of the Father. In the above Scripture, Jesus commands, not requests, that we go and make "disciples" of all the nations. That we signify their inclusion through baptism and to teach those individuals what Jesus had taught them.

The question at the beginning of this newsletter and the last was, "How old are you?" It is not meant as a derogatory question but more introspective in nature. If you and I were to take an honest look at how our walk today is compared to the past, how much growth would we see? How much of our time is spent studying, praying, fellowshiping with other believers, sharing the Gospel Message with others, instructing our children, or being mentored by someone more mature than we are?

If your graph has an upward curve since your becoming a new believer then congratulations to you and to those who have been mentoring you along in the word of God! If you find that there was an initial spike upward then a slow declining slope, or you see a continual plateau then there is some work to be done. Everything we do outside of Christian discipleship is temporal at best. The material will fade away or become useless, the eternal things will last forever. Investing in our maturity, and the maturity of others as Christians, will reap dividends that cannot be imagined.

I have recently been challenged in my growth as a Christian. It has made me look at areas in my life that need improvement. It has also made me evaluate those around me. Are they helping me in my maturation as a Christian or are they pulling me toward more worldly things? How are they doing in their journey to grow as a Christian and am I abating or abetting them in that growth and visa-versa?

I want to close with this passage from a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I

have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:7-14)

We are not there yet, hopefully we are still striving upward. We are not alone; we have Christ and each other.

God bless us all on our journey together to grow in Christ toward the perfection and holiness we will one day enjoy.

In His service,

Pastor Pete

BE A BARNABAS (Acts 4:36)

Be instant in prayer.

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;”
Romans 12:12

Quite a few years ago, my good neighbor across the hall shared this verse with me. It doesn't read the same in all the different versions of the Bible, and I am not stuck on any one translation. I believe they are serving the purpose for which God intended them to be used, just like us. But I love the way this verse directs us in the King James version. I never found it easy to read old English, I think it is because I am not old enough. But after all the instant coffee I have had through the years, it is easy for me to understand this passage.

Just yesterday I had an issue arise in which I didn't know what to do. As I have mentioned before, I recently started my own business again, and I really wanted to take a few days off. I have been putting in 12-14 hours a day, 7 days a week for almost 3 months now, trying to get things established so I can hire an employee to help with the workload. The problem arose as I finally decided, that no matter what, I am taking a few days off this week, I noticed on my schedule a delivery of product coming on one of those days. I sat in my chair in my office and right away I prayed.

Is your first thought when you run into trouble to call your friends or family? Or call your Daddy in heaven? It doesn't always come naturally to talk to God first. When we run into issues, be them small or large, we should always run to God first. Phil. 4:6-7 However, even if we are instant that does not mean God will be too. We always need to wait on the Lord for things to happen in His timing.

In this case I mentioned above, God surprised me. Just as instant in prayer that I was, He was too. A friend of mine happened to stop by on his way home to see how things were going. He works about a mile away from my shop and I have known him in the industry for quite a few years. I mentioned to him my problem and right away he volunteered to help. I had a spare key made a few weeks earlier and now I knew who to give it to. God is good to us and He hears our prayers. It is funny how we trip out when He answers them right away. God wants us to talk to Him the way we talk to people. Take time to talk to Him right now. Be instant in prayer!

Brother Daniel Rodney

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 we have. Please keep your testimony to one page or less. We look forward to seeing and sharing God's 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 we are standing in the gap as prayer warriors.

Please note: We ask that you try to keep your prayer requests short when using the prayer request form. We have limited print space so multiple pages of hand-written requests (or Bible tracts, lengthy stories, and Bible scripture) we are unable to publish.

August - November 2020 Prayer List

Frank B.....Prayer for my family – faith, hope, love – Righteousness, Godliness, Holiness. Wife’s relationship with daughters, Son Staying with grandmother, alcohol issues, son who is a good husband-father.

Tammi H.....Prayer for healing from auto accident.

Donald H.....Prayer for freedom. I am 67 years old with 30 years completed on 168-year sentence for a crime that I did not commit. I have claimed my innocence for over 30 years. I am hopeful because God is able. I have stage 4 liver cancer and I am out of hospice. But God says, it not your time. Prayer for everyone to come together to end the Coronavirus.

Joey APrayer for father who is not in good health, I ask God to bless my father Robert with a long life so I can be with him upon my release from prison. May God bring us together. May my father be blessed with prosperity to help pay his bills.

Juan SChrist our Lord I am declaring my faith in him. Jesus Christ I am believing in a miracle. Come forth, cure my loneliness, my finances, my liberty, and all my works. Bless me a miracle to be blessed prosperous, turn all opposition into Christ Jesus to come forward for filling all my needs, God’s goodness to come forth.

Charles E.....Prayer for my mental health and a smooth transition as I have entered a new institution.

Lee K.....Prayer for all Incarcerated brothers and sisters. Ask the Lord to keep them safe from COVID-19 and provide shelter in His grace. I also ask the Lord for a companion who would share and value each other's emotional needs.

Brad WPray for Brad who is fighting for life, with the challenges of cancer.

Gary B.....Pray for his recovery from heart surgery and quick healing.

Alice WPray that she finds ways to combat loneliness after her husband died 2 years ago. May Christ fill her up.

Kurt E.....Pray that he may be healed of his chronic depression.

Dave GContinued prayer for appeal, financial assistance. I believe our Lord Jesus to deliver me out of excessive sentence and to provide for all my needs. I thank The Lord’s Mountain

Movers staff for the newsletters and pray you are healed and blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Donald R.Pray for fast and complete recovery from open heart surgery.

Gabriel SPrayer for family as they grieve the loss of his brother Mike who passed from cancer.

John D.Prayer for his family as they grieve the loss of him. He led a full life and was a talented musician and teacher.

Bobby GPrayer for Mom, Linda L, with comfort and peace as she nears the end of her race and goes home to heaven! Pray for Dan, Dianna, Sheryl, Robert, Wanda for God to be near them as we deal with our beloved mom, sis & daughters end of life. Prayer for Richard D, Griffin & Allen Families & Solorio families. Ask God to keep us all in His sheltering love during this crisis and that He would bless Richard D. and me with a Christian woman to write to and grow with.

Suzy LPrayer as she goes through many personal issues.

Monica HPrayer for successful treatment and recovery. She was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer.

Rich HPrayer for successful treatment and recovery. He has sepsis and is recovering from toe surgery.

Rogelio CPrayer to reconcile with his daughter who has been absent from his life for 13 years.

George BPrayer for a full and complete recovery from neck surgery. Still on the mend. Having to take too many pain meds.

Faye APrayer for her continued healing from heart surgery.

Anthony MPrayer as he recovers from heart transplant surgery and his continued strength and healing. **Praise Report: Anthony is doing great with his new heart and up and walking around.**

Bud APrayer for fast healing from foot surgery.

Everett MPrayer for dealing with end of life issues.

Richard DPrayer for peace and help with financial issues while in prison. Prayer that God will bless everyone at The Lord's Mountain Movers.

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)

Mail to: The Lord's Mountain Movers, PO Box 1211, Boulevard, CA 91905-0311

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