

I have wished this was all a dream...



Grief The Unspoken

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Monday Night Prayer and Support Group
6:30-8:00 pm every first Monday night of the month at Calvary Baptist, Bldg B, Rm B1309.

Chris Pritchard-Plan for Re-entry for our Prodigal will share with us on April 7.

Jeanette Weygandt, Experiencing Grief on this Journey with our Prodigal will share with us on May 5.

Susan Young Martin will share her testimony with us on June 2.

We will take a break for the summer and reconvene in September. We will keep you informed of upcoming speakers through the newsletter and the website. Thanks so much for your support this past year. Feel free to contact us by phone or email.

**Save the date:
Spring Retreat—Moravian Falls, NC
May 16-18**
You can reserve your spot with a deposit of \$50. Total cost is \$250 which includes everything you will need. Scholarships are available.

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

Spring Retreat-The Favor of the King based on the Book of Esther

Come to Me, all those laboring and being burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28.

Our Retreats are designed to pull you aside from your difficult circumstances to a place on the mountain to find rest for your weary soul. Retreat means: to withdraw; it's a place of retirement, quiet, security.

If our Lord needed to withdraw from the daily activities as He walked the earth, how much more do we?



We believe this invitation is from God calling you to come aside to rest in Him. Recently I found these words in my Charles Spurgeon Devotional: "Come to Me," "Come,"----- a simple word, but very full of meaning. To come is to leave one thing and to advance to another. Come, then, laboring and being

burdened; leave your legal labors; leave your self-reliant efforts; leave your sins; leave all in which you have trusted before, and come to Jesus.

In the Greek it might be rendered like this, "Come here to Me all you who labor and are heavily burdened." It is a "come" which does not mean "Come tomorrow, or next year, "but, come now, at once!" Advance! Flee from your taskmaster now. Weary ones, recline on the promise now, and take your rest! Come now and rely on Jesus, and He will give you rest."

If you want to come before His throne and find His favor in your walk, join us in May. We will discover together the Preparation needed to approach Him. We will also talk about the Protocol of the King and what He longs for as we draw closer and closer to His chambers. One night with the King changes everything. Come and join us. The time is drawing near.

We already have several who have registered, so be sure to reserve your spot. Remember there will be part and full scholarships

available if you need them.

If the King is calling you away with Him please don't say no to Him. Come and find REST for your weary



souls. Come and advance towards your King of Kings in a deeper more intimate relationship. Be refreshed and renewed on the mountain so that you will be better equipped for the valley.

Email me at sandra@onwingslikeadove.com to register and send in your \$50.00 deposit. The rest will be due by May 1, 2014. I am looking for you to COME.

Sandra

"Do not be afraid of the enemy; (earnestly) remember the Lord and imprint Him (on your minds), great and terrible, and (take courage to) fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." Nehemiah 4:14.

We will begin the Thursday night bible Study on April 10, 2014 at Calvary Baptist Church, Bldg B at 6:30 pm. Email if interested.

Thank You!

Recently, I received a mug in the mail from an inmate who I have been writing for several years. I've seen remarkable progress in his walk with our Lord since we have been writing.

Along with the mug was the following note:



"My Dear Friend, you simply can't imagine what a gift from God it's been to lean upon your kindness time and time again. To know that I have someone who will

listen with concern, and help me through each trial with lessons learned. You simply can't imagine how you've blessed me beyond measure, and how I pray your life is blessed with all the joys you treasure."

Oh my goodness, what a blessing! It really touched my heart and I cried tears of joy at what God has done in both of us through our correspondence. I would like to encourage all pen pals with the knowledge that you are making a difference in lives as you write to your pen pal. God is doing a work through the relationship you develop with them as you share how God has worked in you and your journey.

Most of these folks have no one else who writes or visits. You are their connection to a world outside the darkness they see daily. Thank you for your commitment. Always share the light of Jesus with them in hopes that they will begin to have a closer relationship with Him. If they don't have a personal relationship with Jesus, pray that they will come to know Him through the love you show them.

Thank you, Robert, for this wonderful unexpected gift. It means more to me than you can imagine. I pray that you will continue to follow Jesus and walk with Him regardless of your daily surroundings. I can't wait to see how God uses you!

Sandra

God's Healing Touch

By: Sylvia Gunter

Listen to God's word for you in Isaiah 42:3. "A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice." And in Psalm 147:3. "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Come to the promises of God for healing. In his humanity Jesus knew all your sorrows and griefs, your rejection and scorn, your shame and guilt, your infirmities and afflictions, your crushing and wounding, your oppression and suffering, your helplessness and your tendencies to go astray (Isa 53:1-6). He identified with you in every respect, because he was made like you in every way, and therefore he is able to come to your help (Heb 2:17-18). He understands feeling bruised, broken, wounded, and barren, and he turns them to shouts of joy (Isa. 54:1). He is your healing sacrifice.

Healing prayer is about applying God's healing words to wounded, sinful, helpless, and hopeless places of life. Isaiah said that God takes our wounds as an opportunity to display his glory (Isa. 61:3). That's how God can be glorified in the broken places. And the greater the wound, the greater the glory. In the end he "will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away" (Rev 21:4). God can restore what the enemy plundered. He said, "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten" (Joel 2:25).

Let the Holy Spirit of truth bring those things to the surface that he wants to touch, and be blessed to partner with him to do his work. Bring all memories to him so he can shine his light into the darkness, into the nooks and crannies of the mind, in all storage areas of the brain and your emotional mind. Give him all blocks to healing, especially unforgiveness, inner vows, judgments, unworthiness, negativity, and hopelessness. Be blessed with the healing love and compassion of Jesus touching everything from the past. Be blessed as Jesus lifts from you the scar tissue of past wounds, be they physical, verbal, emotional, or mental.

Let your spirit lead the way. Choose release, choose to open the doors of the prison of fear in the soul. Identify all burdens the soul is carrying of shame, guilt, and rejection. Identify the lies, confess them, and renounce them. Ask the Holy Spirit of truth to minister truth and expand on it, and let him bring you into his light. Be blessed as he heals deeply and profoundly at the root, inside the core issue, not just put a band-aid to cover over the injury.

Be blessed with the comfort of the Lord for disappointment, pain, loss, abandonment, grief, fears, and all negative emotions. Look into the face of your tender Abba to heal them all. Allow him to address your pain and minister his healing. He feeds you with gentleness and kindness, nourishing you with hope in him, gathering you under his wings, drawing you deeper into his grace.

God told Hezekiah, "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears, I will heal you." That's quite a promise, and it is as true today as when it was spoken then. He responds to our tears with healing. Jeremiah said, "Heal me, and I shall be healed indeed." Spirit, be excited by those words. God remains faithful to you. Rest in those words. Breathe in the love and healing of God.

Your Comforter indwells you. He is now administering comfort and healing in every area of hurt. Be blessed in the peace of God that rests upon you with his joy and strength. Be blessed in the courage of the Holy Spirit. The risen Jesus living in you is bringing you resurrection power. Align yourself with the Spirit of Christ Jesus every moment of every day. Be blessed as he rubs his oil into all the places that were barren, broken, and hurting. Be blessed as he washes those areas that were tender and raw. Be blessed as he brings back to life those parts of your being long denied or buried. Be blessed that he is everything to you that you need.

Spirit, be blessed in confidence that your heavenly Father honors your tears that seek him, your patience to wait for him, your eyes to behold him, your wisdom to perceive him, your heart to meditate on him, and your life to show him forth in the power of the Spirit of Jesus your Lord. Be blessed to receive more peace, more love, more power, more of him who is All and fills everything in every way (Col 3:11; Eph 1:23).