

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

Words from Sandra

In the midst of a very difficult season in the journey with our prodigal, God sent a newsletter with an encouraging word of hope. It was written by Jack Hayford and entitled, "Whispers in the Wind". It was a call for the children to come home. It reads as follows:

WHISPERS IN THE WIND

Every March brings the reminder of God's dealing with young people to establish His will in their lives. This March, He is ready to do the same. In Isaiah 43: 5-7, God declares His commitment to breathe His call to our descendants "from the west, north and the south". He says, "I will bring them, I will say, Give them up. Do not keep them back. Believe My word of promise. There is no place My voice cannot reach your children. Call unto Me.....and I will call unto them"!

Bring the children home Lord! Jesus said, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit" John 3:8 (KJV).

With those words our Lord not only describes God's supernatural ability to breathe life into deadened spirits, but also He teaches us the wisdom of refusing to doubt He is at work in people we despair of reaching or in human circumstances we think may be beyond redemption.

"Even now, I am already going before you, faithful servant. I am breathing into the dark corners of hearts that are darkened, blinded, bound, and tormented. Though no one knows what I am doing or with whom I am dealing each one of them is aware of it".

What an encouragement to parents who are in the middle of a crisis with their prodigal, where it seems hopeless, and when they may feel like their prayers are useless. We often need to receive encouragement in the midst of what seems to be an impossible situation and that newsletter came at such a time for me.

We need to know our intercession is making a difference. What a beautiful picture this is as we envision our prayers going up to our Father and as we choose to believe He is breathing into our Prodigals His very breath which hopefully brings life to them as it restores them to walk in His plan and purpose for their lives.

On Wings believes this is the year of Restoration for our Prodigals. Won't you join us as we cry out to the Father on their behalf, expecting Him to call out to them. May He breathe life into their deadened spirits. Let's not doubt He is working in those we so often despair of reaching. All things are possible with God.

When the

Wind of the Spirit
Blows

"So don't be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be 'born from above'—out of this world, so to speak. You know well

enough how the wind blows this way and that. You hear it rustling through the trees, but you have no idea where it comes from or where it's headed next. That's the way it is with everyone 'born from above' by the wind of God, the Spirit of God."

John 3:7-8 The Message



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Prayer Support Groups

On Wings Prayer Support Group

First Monday of each Month
Calvary Central
5000 County Club Rd
Room B 1309
6:30 to 8:00pm

River Oaks Prayer Support

Second and Fourth Tuesday
each month
6:30—8:00 River Oaks Church
Room #4.

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall
The group will be studying the book
Boundaries. Books can be
purchased at the study for \$5

First Baptist Church in Sparta

meets for Prayer/Support each
Monday night at 6:30.
Leaders are Joseph and Carolyn
Caldwell

Calvary Prayer Support Speak-

March 7: Jeanette Weygandt, a
counselor at Calvary Baptist Church.
She will speak on Letting Go and
Letting God. We will have a question
and answer time at the end.

April 4: Randy Tesh will share his
powerful testimony with us.

Women's Spring Retreat

April 22-24

Apple Hill Conference Center
Lead by Velma McCloud
See page 2 for more information

This is My Story

I am the mother of a prodigal. I have walked a path of heartbreak that seemed unbearable. I have prayed and begged my Abba Father to answer my prayers. I have been on my knees and prostrate on the floor. My cup has overflowed with fear, grief and tears. I have been hurt, embarrassed, and even angry at my Abba Father for not answering my prayers. I am the long-suffering mother of a prodigal.

Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?" These words from John 18:1, leapt out at me. Jesus knew he was preparing to die a horrible death on a cruel cross. He knew the future yet He willfully drank from His cup. The Lord vividly showed me that He had given me a cup to drink from but I didn't willfully drink from this overflowing cup, I bitterly drank. Jesus knew what His cup held. If I had known what my cup held, I would have slapped it away and run from it. But my Abba Father knew what I needed. HIM.

Chances are you are the parent of a prodigal. Your cup is overflowing. In my journey, the Lord brought me to "On Wings Like a Dove" where I was around other women who were going through similar journeys. "Lord, I'm not the only one!" was my grateful response. I knew that the Lord had worked in my life by sheltering me with other believers giving me hope He was at work. I have grown stronger in my faith and have realized my relationship with my Abba Father was the most important one. I have been determined that I would seek the Lord and His guidance, asking for wisdom (James 1:5). I realized I shouldn't expect the Lord to lift me out of these trials but I asked the Lord to lead me safely and wisely through my trials so I can give glory to the Lord. On days I felt I could no longer bear the situation, I leaned on the Lord as if He was a wall – I was just being supported by Him. (Psalm 18:31) I had such fears and such worries, I would beg the Lord to take them away and would read the scriptures I had written down to help me through. (Isaiah 41:13) He was always faithful. On days when I felt like I couldn't breathe, I would repeat Psalm 34:4 "I sought the Lord and He heard me and delivered me from all my fear." I told the Lord I trusted Him and I did. I confessed to the Lord that I knew my worrying and fearfulness were not His will and eventually I would feel His peace. The Lord began to speak to my heart that He knew what my prodigal was doing and He knew the future. I was comforted that the Lord of the Universe knew the facts and I didn't need to. The Lord said to pray for His will and not mine. His will is perfect and to TRUST Him with my prodigal.

Even though I thought my will was best – I relinquished and began to sincerely pray for The Lord's will. I'm beginning to see The Lord answer prayers. They began when my prodigal voluntarily went to drug rehab after his life had been reduced to the proverbial pigpen. Then moving 800 miles away to live with his fiancé's family - people he'd never met. Then finding a job even better than the one he was fired from. Then saying he knew The Lord had led him to this job. Then asking for a new Bible. This mother knows the Lord has worked miracles. There is still a journey but I will TRUST in the Lord. If I could put one thing in a prodigal's parent's mind it would be TRUST in the Lord. Don't ever give up on the Lord. "Trust in the Lord FOREVER for the Lord God is an everlasting Rock." Isaiah 26:4

Prayer Thoughts

by Janet Linville

Chocolates, colored eggs, cute little bunnies! Easter has always been an exciting time of year for most all children. I remember when I was growing up that my Mother would spend some time dying eggs for us to decorate the night before Easter to put in our little Easter baskets. I always got a pink basket, which I loved, but my 3 brothers usually got blue or green baskets.

As we become adults, we no longer put so much importance on the 'Easter basket' but on what Easter really means. Easter is when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ. Did you know that Easter Sunday is typically the most well-attended Sunday service of the year for Christians? We believe Jesus was raised from the dead three days after his death on the cross, and, as part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday just before Easter. Through his death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in Him, eternal life.

Have you accepted Christ into your heart? Is He your Savior? If not, why not ask Him into your heart today. Let this Easter be the best decision of your life going forward. Ephesians 2:4-5 says, "But God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved."

I wish everyone a most blessed Easter. May God truly give you His peace.

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

Friday to Sunday, April 22-24, 2016

Apple Hill Conference Center in Moravian Falls

Velma McCloud will lead the retreat and the topic is **This Means War: Battle Plan for Prayer.**

The cost of \$250.00 is due by April 15, includes lodging, food and materials. Limited scholarships and partial scholarships are available. Please call the On Wings office at 336-829-5060 to reserve your spot. We hope to see you there for fun, fellowship, and the opportunity to hear a Word from God.

