

On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

GOD DOESN'T GIVE
THE HARDEST BATTLES
TO HIS TOUGHEST
SOLDIERS, HE CREATES
THE TOUGHEST
SOLDIERS THROUGH
LIFE'S HARDEST
BATTLES

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Prayer Support Groups

On Wings Prayer Support Group

First Monday of each Month

On Wings Office:

455 S. Church Street
(beside "God's Acre" in Old Salem)
Winston-Salem, NC
6:30 to 8:00pm

Monday, June 5, 2017

Robert Vega will share his prodigal testimony. His parents also will share encouragement from their perspective on the journey to Robert's freedom in Christ. These will be encouraging testimonies before our summer break for July and August

River Oaks Prayer Support

Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
6:30-8:30 River Oaks Church
Room #4.

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

First Baptist Church in Sparta

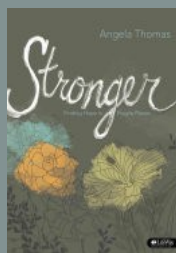
meets for Prayer/Support each
Monday night at 6:30.

Led by: Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell

Ladies Bible Study

Join us each Tuesday from 12:30 to 2:00 at the On Wings Office for our Ladies Bible Study. On Tuesday, June 6, Cynthia Moore will share on: Being Fearfully and Wonderfully Made.

Our next study begins Tuesday, June 13 and will be facilitated by Sandra Hoots. Join us for the study



"Stronger—Finding Hope in Fragile Places" by Angela Thomas. The study teaches that believers do not have to live in weakness. God is stronger than every struggle we will ever face.

Up Rooted

By Sandra Kearns

Jesus replied "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots." Matthew 15:13

Each year the Lord reveals a focus passage for the On Wings Board of Directors. This year I felt that we were to examine ourselves, consecrating our lives to the Lord and His calling on us. I discovered there were things in my heart that God had not planted, rather the enemy had. Now God wanted them pulled up by the roots.

I began to imagine them coming up and out just like the monkey grass in my yard at the first of the year. The plow came and dug it up by the roots but some of the topsoil was also removed. The dirt was replaced but it was hard work to shovel the dirt into the empty space beside the sidewalk. Just when it was in place and level enough to plant the seed we would have a rain shower and the good soil would wash away even with the covering of straw. This went on until we had a space of time to fill in the dirt, plant the seed, gently water it and see it become the solid ground we desired.

Each time God pulled up my roots of sin and disobedience, I realized the enemy would cause a storm of self-doubt and self-condemnation which washed away the truth of my situation. I not only had to pray for God

to root out the evil in my heart but I had to keep shoveling the top soil of His Word back on a daily basis. I had to go to His Word to repeat the Truth of His Word into my situation. The enemy would mess with my mind, come in and leave deep crevices in my soul and try to wash away the seeds of Truth God had planted in me.

After much hard work, reseeding, and covering myself with His Truth it began to take root and I found God had not only pulled the sin out of my heart by the roots but He had planted His Truths in my heart and I was at rest in Him. God didn't just use weed killer, He pulled it up by the roots so it wouldn't come back up in my heart again.

Is there a sin that's taken root in your soul, an untruth, a wrong attitude, or unforgiveness? Whatever it is, ask God to pull it up by the roots. Then remain in His Word, speaking His Truth over the situation and live in freedom.



It will be hard work but you'll be pleased with the results, but more importantly, God will be pleased with your results.

Prayer Thoughts

By Janet Linville

Nothing Lasts Forever

I just recently lost a brother who I loved and took care of. His passing was expected, but yet, I was still so unprepared. When we lose a loved one, we grieve because we no longer enjoy the company of their presence. But, if our loved one knows the Lord, we rejoice because we know we will see them again. And in this, I did rejoice.

I was now responsible for handling his estate and business matters, of which I knew nothing about. I asked God to help me in making the right decisions. One night while praying, I was stressing about the many decisions that I needed to make about all my brother's arrangements and asked God to help me make it through this journey. God gently spoke to my heart and told me that He would handle all my brother's business and personal matters going forward and not to worry. I rested in His promise and immediately was at peace.

As I prayed about each decision, God lead the way. He also gave me a scripture to rest on during my time of grieving. Psalm 103:6 says, "The Lord does righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed." I knew this to be true because I felt His presence each day.

Bible teacher Arthur W. Pink said, "Whatever the attributes of God were before the universe was called into existence, they are precisely the same now, and will remain so forever." Our circumstances may change but we can be assured that God is always consistent to His character. He never changes. He is good and everything He does is good.

I'm so grateful that He walked beside me through this ordeal and held my hand all the way. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word...'

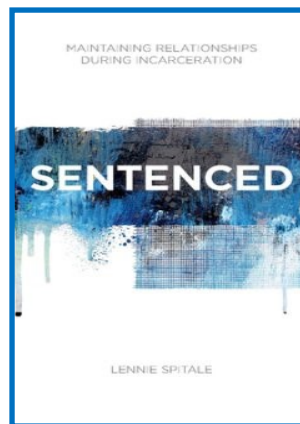
Prayer - "Calm our hearts today with the grace and peace that come only from You."

She waited for the call
that never came;
searched every mail
for a letter.
or a note,
or card,
that bore his name;
and on her knees
at night,
and on her feet
all day,
she stormed Heaven's gate
in his behalf;
she pled for him
in Heaven's high court.
"Be still, and wait; and see"---
the word God gave;
then she
knew that He would do in and for and with him,
that which she never could.
So doubts ignored
she went about her chores
with you---
knowing though spurned,
His word was true.
The prodigal had not returned,
but God was God,
and there was work to do.

Taken from Prodigals and Those Who Love Them by Ruth Bell Graham.

Recommended Book of the Month

Sentenced: Maintaining Relationships During Incarceration



Your loved one has been sentenced to jail. Now what? Not only is there a barrier to your physical connection, there's a whole new emotional landscape to navigate. It will be tough. But you can protect and build your relationship even as you live in two separate worlds. Communicating with your loved one and maintaining a right relationship with God are the keys to understanding how to cope

when the steel doors close.

Lennie Spitale has been involved in prison ministry for nearly forty years. A former inmate himself, he came to faith in Jesus Christ in 1975. He later served as a para-chaplain for Cru, as director of prison ministries for Vision New England, and as part of the chaplaincy training team for Good News Jam and Prison Ministry.