

# I WILL GIVE YOU REST

Matthew 11:28



## On Wings

LIKE A DOVE

A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES  
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

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Tuesday-Thursday 10am-2pm  
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### Prayer Support Groups

First Monday of each Month  
On Wings Prayer Support:  
455 S. Church Street  
beside "God's Acre" Old Salem  
Winston-Salem, NC  
6:30 to 8:00 pm

March 5:

Rob Vega & parents will share  
April 9  
To Be Announced

River Oaks Prayer Support  
Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays  
from 6:30-8:30 pm

River Oaks Church  
Room #4  
Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

Currently studying  
*Anxious for Nothing*  
by Max Lucado

First Baptist Church, Sparta  
Prayer Support meets  
Wednesday nights at 6:30  
Led by Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell

Currently studying  
*Overcoming Addictive Thinking*  
by Abraham Twerski M.D.

### Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday  
from 12:30 to 2 pm

3/6 We will discuss spiritual gifts

3/13 We will begin a discussion  
based on the book *Reaching Your  
Prodigal* by Phil Waldrep

## Whispers in the Wind

by Sandra Kearns

*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

Every time March comes around I am reminded of an article written by Jack Hayford that blessed me years ago. You might remember reading, but if not, I hope you will be blessed by it.

"In Isaiah 43:5-7, God declares His commitment to breathe His call to our descendants 'from the East, from the West, from the North and from the South'. He says, 'I will bring them. I will gather them; I will say, 'Give them up! Do not keep them back!' God is asking us to BELIEVE His word of promise—there is no place My voice cannot reach your children. Call unto Me—and I will call unto them."

With the words of our Lord in this key passage, He not only describes His 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 that we think may be beyond redemption.

*In Response: So, we stand with fellow servants and lift our hands to receive Your Promises Lord. Bring all the children home! In Jeremiah 31:16 it says, "Thus says the Lord: Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy." Respond to this word by entering extended praise. Embrace this biblical promise and receive the promised hope.*

Call to God and He will call to your prodigal!  
Now mind you, there may be a waiting period.  
It will more than likely be a period when you must trust God—especially when you do not see anything happening. I always think of Abraham who was promised a son, but he had to wait 25 years. The trouble came when he tried to intervene; his actions are still felt in our world today. Waiting requires us to cease our pursuits and give Him our full attention. Waiting does not mean we are doing nothing. We are listening for God's voice. We are praying for our prodigal, but we are not trying to manipulate it to come in our way and in our timing. We are allowing Him to work on us and letting Him call to our prodigal from our place of rest in Him.

His invitation is to come to Him and find rest. The Lord's invitation to find rest in Him is hard to resist, you can confidently come under His yoke when you are weary and heavy laden. Don't keep resisting His invitation to Come to Him. There is no better place to be than in His very chambers.

### SHARE LIFE

We invite you to come join us, as you are now, experience the love of Jesus in a non-judgmental casual fellowship setting. No matter what your current life situation is or the circumstances in your life, please come and let us share with you the truth of Jesus

#### WHERE

On Wings Like A Dove office (directions on back)

#### WHEN

each Sunday afternoon @2pm

#### DO YOU FEEL

- Guilty or ashamed of current or past life choices
- A void in your life or hopelessness
- Tired and worn out on your current path

#### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT

- Who Jesus is?
- Why it is hard to change behaviors?
- The love Jesus has for you?

#### OUR FELLOWSHIP SETTING ACKNOWLEDGES

- We are all broken and have issues to deal with
- None of us are perfect or have it all together through our own efforts
- We live in a fallen world



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# SPRING RETREAT

## COME TO ME

### FOCUS PASSAGE

Matthew 11:28-30

Accept the Master's invitation to come to Him by joining us as we talk about how we have learned through our own hard journey to Come to Him and find rest.

### WHERE

CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER AT  
4756 CARAWAY MOUNTAIN ROAD, SOPHIA, NC

### SPEAKER AND WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADER, JENNIFER GENTLE  
SPEAKERS: SANDRA KEARNS, PAT JULIAN,  
AND JENNIFER GENTLE

### DATE

FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 20-22  
CHECK IN 3-5 PM ON FRIDAY, RETREAT BEGINS AT 5PM  
DEPART AFTER LUNCH ON SUNDAY

### COST

**\$250 INCLUDES LODGING, FOOD, WORSHIP,  
CONFERENCE AND MATERIALS**

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



PRAYER: DEAR LORD  
I NEED YOU TO HELP ME  
RELEASE MY PRODIGAL  
INTO YOUR HANDS  
HELP ME TO INTERCEDE  
AND TRUST IN YOU  
TO BRING THEM INTO THE  
KINGDOM OF GOD  
IN JESUS NAME  
AMEN



*Prayer Thoughts by Janet Linville*

## SORROW

Sorrow, under the power of divine grace, performs various ministries in our lives. Sorrow reveals unknown depths of the soul and unknown capacities for suffering and service. It is God's tool to plow the depths of the soul, that it may yield a richer harvest. In a fallen world, sorrow yet with despair removed, is the power chosen to reveal us to ourselves. It is sorrow that causes us to take the time to think deeply and seriously.

God never uses anyone to a great degree until He breaks the person completely. Joseph experienced much sorrow in his life time, but it led him into a ministry of food for all the nations. For this reason, the Holy Spirit said of him, "Joseph is a fruitful vine...near a spring, whose branches climb over a wall" Gen. 49:22 When Joseph confronted his brothers in Egypt, he said to them, "But as for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass as it is this day to save much people alive. Genesis 50:20.

Sorrow make us move more slowly and considerably and examine our motives and attitudes. There's a great lesson for us to learn when we pass through the valley of 'sorrow'. God's presence is on the other side.

(taken from 'Streams In The Desert' Devotional)

## My On Wings Journey

*by Wendy Young*

My husband and I have been on a journey with our prodigal son. Sam is 25 years old and walked away from his Christian faith in his late teens. While in college, he got involved with homosexuality. There has been much hurt over the years in our relationship over the decisions he's made. As a mom, it's been heart wrenching to watch.

The Lord assured me that He has our son in His mighty hands. We have been on a long road of loving our son and trying to mend our relationship. Back in the late summer, I was feeling particularly discouraged. The Lord spoke so clearly to me as I was doing my Bible study in Genesis 18. Verse 14 leapt up off the page, "Is there anything too hard for the Lord?" God so tenderly and powerfully spoke to my heart that I could trust him with my precious son. I felt a heavy burden lifted as I totally gave Sam to the Lord, who loves him so much more than I do.

My goal is to show him the love of Jesus, the same love He showed me when He died for my sins. My husband and I pray every morning that Sam's heart would soften and that he would turn back to Jesus. We plead the blood of Jesus over him. We pray that he would walk victoriously as the strong man of God that he was created to be. Praise God that He leaves the 99 to go get the 1. His love relentlessly pursues him and he's never out from the watchful eye of our Heavenly Father. That's a promise I hold onto.

As I walk this road, I have to keep my eyes on Jesus. Circumstances can be discouraging and distracting, but I hold on to the truth of who Sam is and who God is. As a mom, my job is to fight for my son on my knees and to love him unconditionally. This is not a fight against flesh and blood. The good news is the blood of Jesus always wins.

