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### PRAYER SUPPORT GROUPS

**Prayer Support at On Wings Office** 

# Monday, MARCH 4 —6:30 to 8:30 pm—

Antoine Charles-Licensed Clinical
Addiction Specialist will share
and answer questions

River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
Meet in Room #4
2nd & 4th Tuesdays @6:30 pm
Letting Go
by Dave Harvey and Paul
Gilbert
Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

First Baptist Church Sparta, NC Wednesday night @6:30 pm Currently studying Reaching Your Prodigal by Phil Waldrep

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

Led by Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell
Each Tuesday
At the On Wings Office
from 12:30 to 2:00

We are studying To Live Is Christ by Beth Moore Led by Pat Julian



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# Whispers in the Wind

"God declares His commitment to breathe His call on 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" Isaiah 43: 5-7.

Each March, I like to go back to an article I read years ago based on this passage from Isaiah. It gives us such hope. As we cry out to Him on behalf of our loved ones, He calls out to them through the wind of His Spirit. We cannot see it's working anymore than we can see the wind blowing, we just know it is because of the movement that is happening around us. He knows where they are and how to reach them even though we don't. We can't often see Him working but He always is.

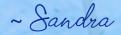
Jack Hayford writes: "In Response we stand with fellow servants and lift our hands to receive Your Promises Lord. Bring all the children home! In Jeremiah 31:16 it says, "Thus says the Lord: Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord, and 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 it gives.

God gave me this passage back in the nineties when we were desperate for our son's return from the far country. I held on to it for years before I saw him return. I am also reminded that the promise may not be on this earth, He may call them upwards to pull them out of the enemy's territory, but we can hope even in that if they know Him. To know that they are safe in His arms is a comforting thought. I always knew that his deliverance could mean an end to physical life but knowing he was a child of God I knew that he would be free from all that bound him on this earth.

Many of you know our granddaughter has walked away in rebellion. As I searched for a promise from God's Word for her this is where He took me: "But I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you rage against me. Because you rage against me and because your insolence has reached my ears, I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth; and I will make you return by the way you came" Isaiah 37:28-29.

I can't explain to you the comfort these words have been to me and they remind me that He is in control.

I share in my book "Where Was the Prodigal's Mother?" something I had remembered reading before that if you are a grandparent, your pain is double because you are not only grieved by the actions of your grandchild, but you are grieved for the parents of that child as you watch them suffer their loss. Remember friend that Romans 4:21 tells us, "He is the One who has the power to do what He has promised". Our choice is to believe His promise, Lord help our unbelief!



### Abba means Daddy, Father

Abba is the most intimate form of God's name, showing us His character as our loving daddy. He is the One who can be fully trusted, the One we can lean on, the One who cares about all that concerns us. Just as a godly father's presence in our daily lives is one of protection, security, and unconditional love, the constant presence of our heavenly Father is what gives us the strength and covering we need for this life's journey. This particular name for God conveys His heart for each of us, as His children. He gives us the privilege of being called his own sons and daughters. He provides the way for us to call out to Him and the assurance, beyond a doubt, that He hears and will answer. In our most difficult to painful times in life, we can crawl up into the lap of our heavenly Father, and know that He is for us, and His arms will hold us secure.

"Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

Galations 4;6





Luke 18:27

# Ladies Spring Retreat

Friday, May 17 to Sunday, May 19
Caraway Conference Center
www.carawayconferencecenter.com
4756 Caraway Mountain Road - Sophia, NC

We're excited to announce our annual ladies retreat again this year at Caraway Conference Center. Step away from the fire-like life situations you are going through and come into the presence of the Refiner. Our theme this year is "The Refiner's Fire" None of us like being in the fire of life, because it's often painful... and no one likes pain. Come retreat with us and we will discover how the Refiner uses fire for our good and for His glory!

To make a reservation either:
Phone: 336-829-5060 or email: Sandra@onwingslikeadove.com
Registration deadline: Tuesday, April 16

The cost is \$250 & includes two nights, 5 meals, snacks, & all retreat literature.

The first \$100 is due at time of registration and the final payment is due no later than Thursday, May 4, 2019





#### **Everywhere & Nowhere**

My favorite chapter in the Bible is Psalm 139. If you are not familiar with this chapter, I would encourage you to read it. Psalm 139:7 says, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?"

In this Psalm, David describes being overwhelmed by the reality of God's constant presence -- feeling it is 'too wonderful' and 'too lofty' for him even speculating whether he could hide from God. But ultimately David celebrates the wonderful reality that he was personally created by God to be tenderly held and guided by Him and to know Him.

We too might have similar feelings when we try to comprehend the glory of the One who is always with us. Wherever we go on this earth, God is there. He's there to guide, strengthen and comfort us. We cannot go where He is not. We don't see Him, but He's everywhere. In each trial we face, that's incredibly good news.

As you reflect on the wonderful truth of God's presence, thank Him that He is there even in the midst of your pain.