



A newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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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

November 6: Richard Maas
"Emotions Meant to be Spent"
December 5:
Light refreshments & fellowship
with a time of prayer.

River Oaks Prayer Support
Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
6:30-8:30 River Oaks Church
Room #4
Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall
They are studying
"Addictive Thinking"
by Abraham Twerski, M.D.

First Baptist Church in Sparta
Meets for Prayer Support
each Wednesday night at 6:30
Currently studying
"Entrusted" by Beth Moore
Led by
Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays from
12:30 to 2:00pm at the office.
"Gideon" Led by Kay Eyler
will finish November 7.
This study encourages
recognizing weakness as the
key that the Lord gives you to
unlock His strength in your life
If you've felt insufficient,
ill-equipped, or incompetent
this study is for you.



Jennifer Gentle will share
November 14th
November 28
Thanksgiving Break

Walking in the Truth

by Sandra Kearns

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.
3 John 1:4



Just like you, I pray for my family daily, oftentimes several times a day. They are always in my heart and often on my mind. I have often prayed the 3 John passage for them.

Recently God has revealed how He is working in both of my children's lives. Let me share with you:

My daughter called and said, "Mom I want to share what happened to me while I was at our local Christian Bookstore. One of the clerks was helping a lady purchase her items and kept apologizing when she keyed in something wrong and had to redo it. She had obvious physical limitations and somehow, I felt her pain and embarrassment as she struggled to ring up the customers items. When I got into the parking lot I just prayed for her—that God would bless her, give her favor and success as she waited on other customers. I felt like something enveloped me and tears came down my cheeks. As I got into my car I just sat there and could do nothing but weep."

I said, "Oh Mel, you just experienced God's presence". When His presence comes down we can do nothing but worship Him. He just envelops us, holds us, and ministers to us if that is what we need. What a faith builder that was for her.

I pray she will seek Him more and more as He continues to reveal Himself to her.

Then our son, his family, and one of his daughter's boyfriends came to our house. We were all sitting there talking and laughing when my son got up and said, "Mom and Chase, can you come with me"? He took us on the porch and said, "Mom, Chase wants to know about Jesus"! As Chase and I began to share, I discovered he was ready to invite Jesus into his heart. He prayed the sinner's prayer and Jesus came into his heart.

I am so thankful that my son was bold enough to ask him the question earlier, "Have you ever asked Jesus into your heart"? God is showing me that he is drawing my children into a deeper walk with Him as I have released them to Him. "Pray Sandra and watch Me work as you get out of My way. Call unto Me and I will call unto them".

Maybe you are still trying to be in control of your prodigal. As I watched the leaves falling from the trees this past weekend, I realized once again that release can be a beautiful thing! Maybe it's time for you to release them to God.



The excerpts below are from Mrs. Graham's book,
Prodigals and Those Who Love Them

1. It's important to have a plan

I will Encourage.

Keep communications open at all times.

Let them know they are loved and welcome at home, always.

Permit the children to disagree with me, provided they do it respectfully. (And I find occasionally they are right and I am wrong)

Make a clear distinction between moral & nonmoral issues.

Encourage.

2. Your own walk with God must come first

Mrs. Graham wrote about a time when she was worried about her son, Franklin, and his friend, who were planning to go on a dangerous trip.

I needed to recommit my life to God before I could ask that He do that for them.

I prayed, "Lord, You take care of them. I need to settle some things in my own life with You."

It is unrealistic to ask the Lord to do in someone else's life that which we are unwilling for Him to do in ours.

I settled some things with God that day. The load lifted, and peace came.

3. Worship and worry cannot live in the same heart

One night when she was traveling far from home, Ruth Bell Graham was awakened in the middle of the night, thinking about one of her prodigals. She turned to Philipians 4:6-7:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Suddenly I realized the missing ingredient in my prayers had been "with thanksgiving." So I put down my Bible and spent time worshiping Him for who and what He is. This covers more territory than any one mortal can comprehend. Even contemplating what little we do know dissolves doubts, reinforces faith, and restores joy.

I began to thank God for giving me this one I loved so dearly in the first place. I even thanked Him for the difficult spots that taught me so much. And you know what happened? It was as if someone turned on the lights in my mind and heart, and the little fears and worries that had been nibbling away in the darkness like mice and cockroaches hurriedly scuttled for cover.

That was when I learned that worship and worry cannot live in the same heart: they are mutually exclusive.

4. There is always hope

I, as a mother, need to walk with God in loving obedience, feeding on His promises. If I lose heart, how can I be of any help?

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

—Romans 15:13

5. Miracles are God's department

It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. —Lamentations 3:26

We mothers must take care of the possible and trust God for the impossible.

We are to love, affirm, encourage, teach, listen, and care for the physical needs of the family. We cannot convict of sin, create hunger and thirst after God, or convert.

These are miracles, and miracles are not in our department.

Prayer Thoughts
by Janet Linville

REST, as a verb means to cease work or movement in order to relax, refresh oneself or recover strength, be placed or supported so as to stay in a specific position.

Recently, I had the opportunity to escape to the mountains for some much needed rest, relaxation and quiet time. Do you often feel you need some "alone time" too? We are all busier than ever these days and get caught up in a spinning world of 'busyness'. But, even God took a day of rest. As Mothers, we feel we just can't drop our responsibilities of career, home, and family, and take off alone or with our best friend for a day or two. We convince ourselves 'that nobody can do things like we can, so we continue the rat race, stressing ourselves to the limits.

I came back from my little trip to the mountains refreshed, renewed and stronger in the Spirit of the Lord than I've been in several months. I spent a lot of quiet time alone with the Lord listening for His voice and reading His word. I watched no TV, and spent minimal time on my phone because the reception was very bad. Psalm 37:7 says, "Rest in the Lord; trust also in Him and He will bring it to pass."

So how about you? Start making plans now to find your quiet time with the Lord. Re-discover your first love and get to know His voice and soak in His Word. You'll be so glad you did.

Matthew 11:28-30 says, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy burdened and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me. For I am meek and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

In all things,
give
thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18