

HE HEARD MY CRY

PSALM 40:1



On Wings

LIKE A DOVE

A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

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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 8:00pm

January 8:

Prayer and Sharing

February 5:

Sherye Hall will share her
journey with her daughter

River Oaks Prayer Support

Monthly: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

6:30-8:30 River Oaks Church

Room #4

Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall



Currently studying

"Overcoming

Addictive Thinking"

by

Abraham Twerski M.D.

First Baptist Church in Sparta

Prayer Support meets

every Wednesday night at 6:30

Led by

Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell



Currently studying

"Entrusted"

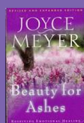
by Beth Moore

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday

from 12:30 to 2:00pm

at On Wings office



January 9

We will begin studying

"Beauty for Ashes"

Led by Kay Eyler

Sing a New Song

by Sandra Kearns

"Sing to the Lord a new song: sing to the LORD, all the earth"

Psalm 96:1

It is the season of New Year's resolutions with plans of dieting, writing that book we might have in our hearts but haven't put on paper, reading through the Bible, developing new friendships, teaching or joining a Bible study, making more time for family and friends...just to name a few. So often, it's easy to make the resolution but hard to follow through. Maybe God is calling you to sing a **New Song** this year, a song of praise to His name instead of complaints and groaning.

Let's start the New Year off right by not making resolutions we know we aren't going to keep. Maybe we should talk to God and get His perspective on what He desires for us this New Year. Write it all down in your journal, refer to it often and be intentional in seeing it to completion. If you start a project, a Bible Study or a new friendship--let's covenant to see it through to the end. I am a great procrastinator, knowing that about myself helps me to decide to follow through with what God reveals He wants me to accomplish this coming year and get it done. That will be my **New Song**. We know partial obedience is disobedience.

We often don't take advantage of the things God makes available through Bible Study, Prayer/Support, and fellowship. Does it take effort? Yes, but when it's all said and done, we can see it was worth the effort to come out of our

comfortable home of misery and be encouraged by others on a similar walk. They help us know that with God's help we can live a life of overflow. Are we going to become better not bitter this New Year? It's a choice. Let's all make the resolution to deny ourselves and pour into someone's life who is hurting. Are we going to choose to be open with our pain in a safe place or nurse it alone in isolation when we have the availability for healing in Christ.

I love Mark Batterson's words in his book *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*: "If you don't turn your adversity into a ministry, then your pain remains your pain. But if you allow God to translate your adversity into a ministry, then your pain becomes someone else's gain". How will you choose to translate your pain into someone else's gain this year? As you do you will find renewed hope, purpose, and healing. It may be time for you to sing a **New Song**.

We are looking for short testimonies from our families...ways God has spoken to you on your journey, scriptures of promise He has given you, God Encounters you have had, and how you have seen Him working in and around you. We all need to hear testimony from each other, it gives us such hope and encouragement. Submit your God story to sandra@onwingslikeadove.com.

Pray for the prodigals to return to the Father this year in huge ways and **let's share our stories**.

**BUT THE LORD
STOOD with ME
& gave me
Strength**
2 TIMOTHY 4:17



Testimonial by Rena Pike

I started going to monthly meeting and bible studies at On Wings Like A Dove (OWLAD) in April of 2017. It's been wonderful. Every Tuesday at our Bible study I get a hug. I have learned to be stronger. I have learned about doubt from Gideon. There was a lesson on Psalms 139. There is a wonderful lady who will come just to pray over anyone who asked. Praying over someone is powerful and healing. I have been so blessed. Everyone at OWLAD has been so kind, I can ask a question or get an opinion. And laughter--I thought I had forgotten how. My life has been hard, there have been a lot of storms, but I have found a safe place to go. I can't thank them enough. So as we study our Bibles, and learn to listen to God or as we experience God working around us-we can hold each other up. That is the best part having someone praying for my prodigal, for our struggles. We all have them, I wish I could gather up all who read this so you could be here.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you
Isaiah 43:2 NKJV

Volunteer Christmas Party

What a fun time we had with our Volunteers as we gathered at Jan Sharp's home. Jan is an awesome hostess and we thank her for having us. We had a good group as we fellowshiped and enjoyed a great spread of food. Henry Blackaby said "you won't have to beg people to volunteer when the power of God comes among His people. There will not be a shortage of volunteers or resources for His work when His power falls on a place." We believe He has called us to reach a lost world and will demonstrate His power through us as we serve Him. We believe we have seen His power fall down this year in bringing more and more volunteers to accomplish His work through On Wings. Thank you to each one and we look forward to what He will do in 2018.

Prayer Thoughts by Janet Linville

PASSION

Josh Davis was a three time gold medalist during the 1996 Olympics. He also credits Christ for his success. During an interview he referenced Colossians 3:23, which states, "And whatever you do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not to men."

As we prepare to begin a New Year, let's do so with passion and press on with a desire to lay hold of what God wants us to do and do it with all our might. A. W. Tozer wrote in a New Year's editorial, "If you ask God to give you a special message for the opening year..., you will be surprised how faithfully He will fulfill His Word."

Ask God to show you His plan for the New Year and then live it out to the fullest, until He comes.

