



A newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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PRAYER SUPPORT GROUPS

Prayer Support at On Wings Office

Monday, MAY 6
—6:30 to 8:30 pm—
Antoine and Tracy Charles
Licensed Counselors will share

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
Led by Joseph & Carolyn Caldwell

Please pray for Carolyn Caldwell
who leads this group
She is having heart issues



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Each Tuesday At On Wings Office
from 12:30 - 2:00

We are studying
Me, Myself, and Lies:
A Thought Closet Makeover
by Jennifer Rothschild



God is Near

LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS. 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 ESV

On Wings was privileged to provide Easter Baskets to our local prison for the prisoner's children when they come to visit on Easter Sunday. Our goal is to include items that share the truth of Easter with them and present God's love to them. We were also involved in an outreach in a local neighborhood where kids must grow up in a drug and often violent atmosphere. We gave out almost 200 Easter baskets and bags to the young ones and enjoyed fellowship while providing an Easter Egg Hunt.

First Christian Church in Kernersville, N.C. came along side us to provide food and cookies to the residents. We are developing relationships with this community as we keep a presence there at least twice yearly. If the children aren't shown a different way, how will the environment ever change?

We thank our volunteers for taking the time to stuff candy in plastic eggs, set up the baskets for delivery, and on the day of outreach help serve this community with the love of Jesus! A special shout out to Carlisle who is a resident there for her help and support.



We come to another Mother's Day and some of our readers are still in the grief cycle with a child in addiction, in prison, or estranged for one reason or another. As Richard Maas explained to us at our last Prayer Support Group meeting estrangement takes on the cycle of grief because you are no longer on friendly terms and you are grieving the loss of that communication you once had. Several of our families have been struggling with this issue in their lives for years, some without the answer of why their loved one has chosen to cut them out of their lives. Some have lost loved ones not only to addiction but in death this past year and you are especially in our hearts and prayers. Mother's Day is not always a day of celebration but a day that smacks us in the face with the vision of families celebrating at a restaurant together, or even at church when the focus is on mother's and their children. I know of Mothers who prefer to stay at home alone rather than go out in the world where they are reminded of their loss.

We are praying for you to have peace and comfort if you find yourself in any of these scenarios. God loves you all and so do we at On Wings. Remember not to ever give up and continue to love unconditionally. You might want to read 1 Corinthians 13 to remind yourself what love is and determine to demonstrate it whether you are the recipient of it or not. It is a heartbreaking journey, but we know our Father is ever near us because His Word says He is near the brokenhearted. Choose to take comfort in that today.

If you are fortunate enough to spend the day in celebration with your child, enjoy it to the full.

~ Sandra

I WILL BE WITH YOU...

When you

WALK

through the

fire.

YOU WILL NOT BE

BURNED.

the flames won't set you
ablaze.

ISAIAH 43:2

Psalm 91

I will rescue him

I will protect him

I will answer him

I will be with him in trouble

I will deliver him

I will honor him

I will satisfy him with long life

I will show him my salvation



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<https://3-mft.fireside.fm/>



Prayer Thoughts by Janet Linville

Contentment in Every Circumstance

Many people think contentment is elusive because happiness and peace never last. But is that really the reason? It's common to associate a state of satisfaction with a positive situation, but Paul challenges this idea when he says, "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am" (Phil. 4:11). Contentment isn't something that comes naturally; it is learned. And what kind of classroom do you think God uses? It's not in the midst of comfort and ease that we sense gratification most profoundly, but in situations that cause us to be troubled, fearful, and anxious. Paul had plenty of opportunities for these lessons because his life was a series of hardships (2 Cor. 11:23-33). And in his letters, he passes down what he's learned about contentment.

Focus on Christ Rather Than Your Circumstances. Paul had every reason to complain, because he was wrongfully imprisoned. Yet in his letter to the Philippians, he didn't blame anyone or grumble. Instead, he kept rejoicing in Christ because that's where his focus, affections, and devotion lay.

Focus on What God is Doing Through the Situation. Paul saw how the Lord used his imprisonment for the greater progress of the gospel (Phil. 1:12).

Focus on the Omnipotence and Goodness of the Lord. The apostle was confident that his circumstances were under the sovereign control of God -- the One who causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28).

In essence, we could say that Paul evaluated his circumstances through a God-centered lens. The result was joy and contentment in every situation.

(excerpted from In Touch Ministries Devotional, March 2019)



Today, you're crying
over the broken relationship
with your child,
the pain of feeling like a failure
is overwhelming.

You tried to love, care and raise
them with the resources and
knowledge base that you had.

Somehow, something happened.

Don't give up praying,
God is still in the healing
business and can restore
what feels
like it is gone forever.

Purpose Beyond the Pain

Happy Mother's Day

To all mothers:
To those who have given birth
To those who have lost
To those raising others'
To those who wait and yearn
To those with broken hearts
To those who impact countless
lives as a mother

We honor you.
Happy Mother's Day.

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