



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Prayer Support Groups

Monthly Prayer Support
Monday Night
April 5th
Shannon Hodge will share

River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
Room #4
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday
at On Wings Office
from 12:30 - 2:00
We are studying
Finding I Am
by Lisa Terkuerst
Come join us!!



SAVE THE DATE
MAY 21-23
Women's Retreat
at Apple Hill
Our Theme this year is
Whispers of God's Love

I Am with You and That's All You Need

As my Dad prepared for a heart implant, he was told it would have to be postponed due to his blood results. It appeared his kidney function was abnormal. The following days found him feeling weak and homebound. His appetite was not good, and his sleeping habits were messed up. His health was changing rapidly.

On the way to his house I got him some soup, he ate it all which gave me hope and encouragement that things were improving. The next day my husband and I took him to his primary doctor for more blood tests. As Dad and I visited in his home later, the phone rang with instructions to take him to the emergency department to be checked out. They took Dad to do cat scans, ultrasounds and more blood work, then the doctor came to tell us that his cancer had returned. Dad and I just looked at each other in disbelief. We had certainly not anticipated hearing that report.

A nurse practitioner who attends my church came in right after that diagnosis to introduce herself and expound on the report, she left with promises to pray for our family. I sat quietly trying to wrap my head around what we had just heard as I talked to the Heavenly Father. I knew we were about to travel a tough journey but as always, God spoke to my heart. He took me to a passage that He had given me during my mother's illness "I am with you, and that's all you need". Very simple words with a powerful truth I would hold on to in the coming days.

Covid has not only isolated us all from church, school, and family functions but has kept families from being together at vulnerable times. I am glad our family chose to continue to celebrate birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas together because of the memories we now cherish more dearly knowing now that it was our last year together on earth. Because of Covid, only one person could visit per day and no other family member or friend could even switch off for a visit. The visit had to be for the entire day or else leave him alone, so it was agonizing for family not to be able to see him. As Dad and I sat alone together we sensed the distinct presence of the Lord.

My Dad, true to character, spoke a word to each one who entered his door or wherever he went for tests about their relationship with our Lord. Many engaged and some blew it off, but all were confronted with his concern for their souls. I loved his boldness not to miss any opportunity to share Christ with others.

After twelve hours in emergency, my Dad was moved to a room where he stayed the next seven days with me by his side. Once it was determined the doctors could do no more, we discussed going home. The hospice nurse, who had been a member of a church where my dad had been an interim pastor, was instrumental in expediting his release when I sensed the need to get him home quickly that Tuesday morning so he could have his family surround him.

Thankfully, we were able to lay Dad in his own bed where family could come and visit. We laughed and cried together. The most memorable moment was when I asked Daddy to baptize the last remaining member of the family, his youngest great grandson, Kane. Kane had made the decision long before, yet we could never arrange a time for baptism, but it was not too late. I placed Dad's hand in a cup of water as Kane knelt by his bedside and he performed the whole service with a prayer of blessing at the end. What a special occasion that will be remembered for a lifetime.

As last month's article reminded us of watching for things that only God could have done in our situation, this was a time of seeing many, 'Only God' moments. At times when I felt like I was sinking I quoted the passage, "I am with you, and that's all you need" over and over. I praise God for His faithfulness yet again in a hard journey for our family. My Dad went to be with Jesus Thursday morning quietly and peacefully, just two days after he left the hospital. It was just as he had prayed it would be and even as I know he is rejoicing in heaven; I will truly miss him. I know many of you have walked this path before and know it's sorrow, but we have God's blessed hope to comfort us.

I am praying for each of you as you walk through your own dark days with the hopes that you will keep your eyes stayed on the Light. Believe me as you do you will come out knowing the One True God more fully. He is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. We choose whether to believe Him or not. I believe!

~ Sandra



Prayer Thoughts

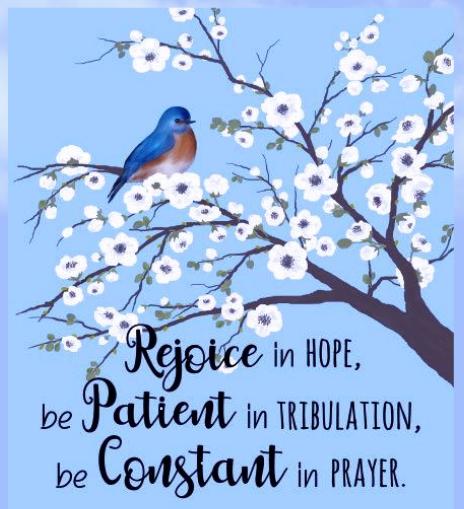
The Sound of His Voice

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them,
and they follow Me.
John 10:27

The Eastern shepherd of Jesus' day raised his sheep primarily in the Judean uplands. The countryside was rocky, hilly, and creased with deep crevices and ravines. Patches of grass were sparse. So the shepherd had to establish a personal relationship with each sheep, nurturing its love and trust in order to lead it to where the path was the smoothest, the grass was the greenest, the water was the cleanest, and the nights were the safest. The shepherd always led the sheep. He knew their names, and when he called them, they recognized his voice and, followed him. When he stopped, the sheep huddled closely around him, pressing against his legs. Their personal relationship with him was based on his voice, which they knew and trusted.

The Bible describes our relationship with Jesus as being similar to the relationship between the Eastern shepherd and his sheep – a relationship based on the sound of His voice. And make no mistake about it, His voice is God's Word, the Holy Bible.

Taken from Joy of My Heart, Anne Graham Lotz



**JESUS
SAID TO HER,
“I AM THE
RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE.
THE ONE WHO
BELIEVES IN ME
WILL LIVE,
EVEN THOUGH
THEY DIE.”**

JOHN 11:25



Your Spiritual Passport to Heaven



Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1

What is the spiritual passport we need to get into heaven? It's not a heart stamped "Catholic." If your heart is stamped "Catholic," you are not going to make it into heaven. It's not a heart stamped "Baptist." If your heart is stamped "Baptist," you are not getting into heaven. Nor are you going to be welcomed into heaven if your heart is stamped "Church of Christ," or any other denomination. Only a heart stamped "Forgiven" will be welcomed into heaven. That's all that matters: being forgiven of our sins. No other stamp makes a difference in the presence of God. The Bible has a word for being forgiven. It's the New Testament word justified, which means "to be declared righteous." Justified is a legal term that refers to what God does for us when we trust in Christ as Savior. When we put our faith in Christ alone for our salvation, God justifies us—He declares us "not guilty" based on what Christ did for us on the cross. Romans 5:1 says, "Having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." The only way we are allowed into heaven is by being forgiven of our sins.

There are not MANY ways to heaven; there is only ONE WAY to heaven, and that is through faith in Christ. I realize that is an unpopular statement today. Many people think there are other routes to heaven. Billionaire Warren Buffett donated 85 percent of his net worth to charity, saying, "There is more than one way to get to heaven, but this is a great way." I commend Buffett for his generosity, but he will be surprised when he discovers that he cannot donate his way to heaven. There is only one way to heaven, and that is through faith in Jesus Christ.

What "stamp" is on your spiritual passport? Have you been forgiven of your sins through your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior?

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