



On Wings
LIKE A DOVE
 A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES
 OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

Behold, I am making all things new
 Revelation 21:5

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Whispers In The Wind

“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit”
 John 3:8

With the entrance of March, we know the winds will be expected to blow. As we think about the wind, I am reminded of an article written by Jack Hayford that spoke to me years ago. It is as follows:

“In Isaiah 43:5-7, God declares His commitment to breathe His call to 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”.

The Holy Spirit has the ability to breathe life into deadened spirits so we must choose to believe Him. As humans, we often find ourselves doubting change will ever take place in our prodigals’ lives, but we must trust the One who does not lie.

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!” This is the passage I hung on to when we were in the throes of our son’s addiction. It was a promise that there was hope in our future as God breathed His call to our son.

Often times it takes a long time for them to hear His call to them and let’s face it, we don’t always witness their return but I kept praying believing that he would return at some point. We are blessed to have seen our son come to his senses little by little. It is not always the way we envision though. We want it to be fast and immediate, but it is often a gradual process.

As I learned to let go and let God fight the battle, I began to see so much in me that also needed change. I began to walk my own journey toward healing and restoration as He pointed out ways I needed to make my own return to fellowship with Him.

As I totally surrendered my prodigal and myself to Him, life began to come together in ways I didn’t imagine. Did that mean life was easy, no, but it allowed me to trust the Refiner as God walked with me through the fire burning the dross off of me.

The Potter continues to mold and make us into usable vessels for His service if we allow Him to do what He needs to do in us. I wouldn’t want to go back through the process but I’m so glad He turned up the heat in my life so I would start to look more like Him.

Cry out to the Lord and expect Him to cry out to your Prodigal with whispers in the wind.

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We are studying
12 Daring Women of the Bible
 Lisa Harper and Friends

In this twelve-session video Bible study, some of today’s best-loved Christian authors and speakers look at the spiritual lessons learned from twelve daring women in the Bible and what they mean for you today

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WOMEN’S RETREAT
 May 30-June 1
 More details to come





WIND

It's one of those things I can count on.....March will bring warmer temperatures and gusty winds. Drying the laundry on the line will be challenging as the wind whips, flips and makes it an annoying mess. Windows that are opened to let fresh air in will also expose a winter's accumulation of dust bunnies that have been hiding under the furniture. The wind indicates the seasons are changing and spring is right at hand.

The wind helps clear the yard too. Stray leaves and tree debris are blown into piles at various spots in the yard. The trees are forced to get rid of the dead leaves that have somehow hung on during the winter. As trees, weeds and flowers begin to bud, their pollen is blown to other flowers that are ready to receive it. The wind brings new life and new opportunities to clean.

Globally, winds move air over the face of Earth to moderate the temperature and move rain-bearing clouds from one region to another. They interact with the ocean to cause currents which, in turn, support ocean life and affect climate where we live. Wind helps provide and regulate our North Carolina climate which we often enjoy.

I read an interesting article about an experiment done in the Arizona desert in 1991, called Biosphere 2. Scientists locked themselves in an artificial closed environment for two years. The trees inside of the Biosphere grew more rapidly than those outside the dome, but they fell over before reaching maturity. In studying why the trees fell over so quickly, scientists determined that this artificial environment had removed the beneficial effects of wind from the trees. Wind is necessary for the trees to build resistance and strength. Wind is needed to strengthen the wood and the roots so that they will be able to hold up the weight of the tree. Wind is necessary for strength and growth.

The Hebrew word for wind is Ruach. It can also mean breath or Spirit. I find it interesting and comforting to think that when the Holy Spirit breathes on me, change is coming, I am being cleansed, and I am strengthened and growing.

While I struggle against gusts of wind to bring in the laundry or try to keep up with the abundant pollen deposited on the porch and dust appearing in the house, I think this year I just might smile. The March winds can remind me that the Holy Spirit is blowing on me! And that is good news!



Prayer Thoughts

In Genesis 27, Isaac is blessing his sons. He wants to bless Esau, but Jacob comes to him in disguise. Due to his poor eyesight, Isaac blesses Jacob instead, thus fulfilling prophecy. Are you having a hard time blessing, loving, or forgiving a person in your life? When you look at them, do you see all their faults and all the things they've done wrong, and you can't forgive or bless them? The problem is that your eyesight is too good. It's hard to bless when you have good eyesight. In order to bless them, you have to have faith, not to see their sin, but to see the blood of Messiah. God has blessed you and chosen to not see your sins through the blood of Messiah. That's God's grace. Learn to have His grace towards others. Look through the blood of Messiah in order to not see all of their faults. The eyes of your heart need poor vision so that you will see only the face of God and you will be a blessing. For you are not only blessed by what you see but by what you don't.

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