



THOU WILT KEEP HER IN PERFECT PEACE,
WHOSE MIND IS STAYED ON THEE:
BECAUSE SHE TRUSTETH IN THEE

ISAIAH 26:3

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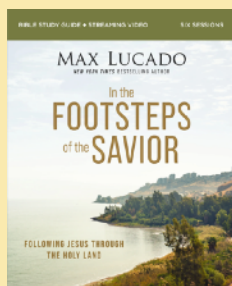
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Ladies Bible Study

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

We are studying
In the Footsteps of the Savior
By Max Lucado



Come Join Us!



"The great thing to
remember is that though
our feelings come and go
God's love for us does not."

~ C.S. Lewis

A Spirit of Hatred

"Your love for one another will prove to the world
that you are my disciples"

John 13:35

I was praying about the upheaval in our world the other day, asking the Lord what was at the root of it all, when I sensed Him say, "It is a spirit of hatred". I started investigating what that spirit looked like and wanted to share it with you to ponder.

We see nation come against nation, people against people, violence in the streets, and a divided people. There is chaos and confusion every way you turn. We are seeing things occurring in America we used to only see in other parts of the world.

There is a spirit of hatred that is growing in our midst. It is an evil or negative influence that fosters intense dislike, animosity, and even hostility towards others. It is often associated with negative emotions like resentment, bitterness, and a desire for vengeance. It is a demonic force that can corrupt individuals and lead them to act against God's will.

Hatred is linked to strife, conflict, and division even in families, in communities and nations around the world.

In Matthew 7:16, Jesus says, "You will recognize them by their fruits". A tree is known by its fruit. Christians are to mirror the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23. They are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Which one of these do you find yourself needing to work on more frequently?

So, a true disciple of God is known by the way they love and treat others. A peaceful protest is one thing but when bricks are thrown, cars and buildings set on fire, and people abused or even murdered you can recognize that it is not an act of love or respect for others and their property.

In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, "A new command I give you; love one another as I have loved you, so, you must love one another, by this men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another". This is not a suggestion Jesus made, it is a command, we are to love one another!

I suggest that we all ask God to examine our hearts by asking Him to deal with any evil or hatred within our hearts toward others and to give Him permission to cleanse our hearts in an act of repentance. If we continue to harbor hatred in our hearts, we will never have peace within or be a part of promoting peace in our world.

God's Word says we are to be at peace with others as much as it depends on us. If you have no peace and have an innate desire to strike back at others whose view on a matter is different from yours, you just might be part of the reason we are so divided in our nation and if that attitude continues, we will become more and more divided. That mindset delights Satan but grieves the Holy Spirit.

Let's pray against the spirit of hatred and look within ourselves. Are you truly representing God as His disciple in that you have love for others, even those with different views? Change can come to one person at a time as it begins in you and me.

~ Sandra

Kathy's Korner



BE REFRESHED

I've probably mentioned this before: August is not my favorite month. It has thirty-one days...thirty-one long, hot days. My flowers are struggling and the vegetables have thrown in the towel. My once-green grass is now a little crispy, and even the pond has heated up so there's little relief with the splashes from the kayak's paddle.

I recently took a little walk around my neighborhood, watered a few plants and came back inside looking like I had watered me along with the plants. I eagerly anticipated being able to sit down with a cool glass of water to replenish, relax and refresh.

Water - so essential for life and health, and so easily taken for granted, especially in cultures with clean, easily accessible water. Water replenishment is an ongoing requirement for us, with our bodies comprising 55-60% water! During hot seasons, I'm reminded frequently of my need for water, and how bad I feel when I don't replenish enough. Headaches, tiredness, thirst and irritability are frequent indicators of my need to stop and drink. It's hard to survive without water! And if that is not enough, water is also needed for bathing, cooking and cleaning.

Water is mentioned over 700 times in the Bible. Scripture opens with the mention of water in Genesis 1:2 with the Spirit of God hovering over the waters, and closes talking about water in Revelation 22:17, "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life." Water is mentioned with Noah's flood and the parting of the Red Sea and the Jordan River; it's mentioned as being cleansing, as spiritual refreshment and an indicator of the Presence and Protection of God. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." (Isaiah 43:2) In the New Testament, Jesus speaks of being the Living Water, giving a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. The water Jesus gives is needed daily, with frequent replenishment for spiritual health, refreshment and cleansing. Fear, worry, doubt and confusion are indicators of my need to stop and take in some spiritual water. Drink freely and drink often!

If summer is leaving you feeling a little spiritually dehydrated and needing a fresh dose of some Living Water, we are starting a new study on Tuesday (8/5) at the Doves office. "In the Footsteps of the Savior, Following Jesus Through the Holy Land" by Max Lucado. The lessons address following Jesus when you doubt, in your storms, when you worry, when you need hope and when you need grace. The lessons will give guidance and encouragement, and the fellowship and discussion with the other participants is always the best!! We share times of tears over sadness, disappointments and the unknown, and we always share times of lots of laughter. If you are feeling tired, worn out, isolated or a little bit down - this is the place for you. Come, grab some water and be refreshed with the Living Water and the sweet fellowship of some beautiful sisters!

Day Retreat

SEPTEMBER 20TH

FRIENDS BAPTIST CHURCH IN CLEMMONS

10 AM - 3 PM

SPEAKER IS LORI HAUSWIRTH, BCC (BOARD CERTIFIED COACH)

TOPIC IS — TOOLS FOR LIVING COURAGEOUSLY

THIS IS AN INTRODUCTION TO A 9-WEEK CLASS THAT WILL BE HELD AT THE WINGS OFFICE

FROM 12:30 TO 2:00 EACH TUESDAY THEREAFTER

ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THOSE CLASSES



Prayer Thoughts

“Coming to Him as to a living stone,
rejected indeed by men, but chosen
by God and precious.”

1 Peter 2:4

The passage from which this verse comes features the laying of the cornerstone of the Jewish temple—the stone that Isaiah prophesied would be “a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation.” But here, Peter reveals an even greater truth: This rock is not hewn by human hands. It is living. It is Jesus Christ!

According to Jewish tradition, the builders of Solomon’s temple received a large, uncut stone from the quarry that didn’t match nor fit the construction activity of the moment. Workers questioned its presence as they maneuvered around it until a supervisor ordered the inconvenient stone pushed into the Kidron Valley. Later, when the chief cornerstone was called for, the quarry manager replied, “We sent it to you when the project first began.” And the supervisor remembered the stone he had rejected because it was in the way. From quarry to installation, great care was given to a cornerstone because once workers placed that costly foundation stone, the rest of the building was determined.

Likewise, all will encounter Jesus along life’s path, and each must decide what to do with Him. Will He be the stone they stumble over and reject in favor of continuing in sin, leading to destruction? Or will they come to the precious Rock and build their lives upon Him unto eternal life?

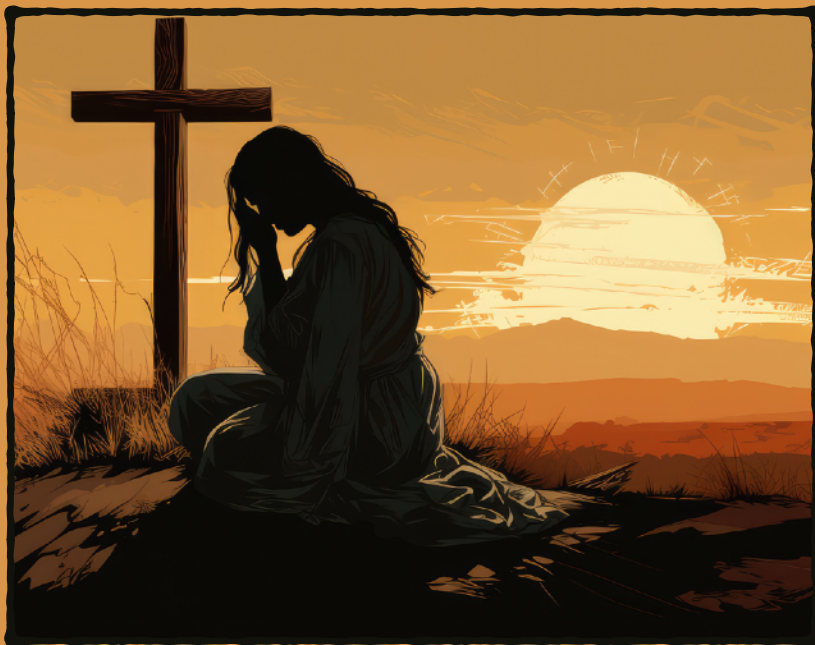
Our Rock is like none other—steadfast, immovable, the determiner of our days. Christ, our cornerstone, is our strength and stability, now and forevermore.

Taken from
Awaiting His Return Jack Hibbs
June 16, 2025

"I don't know" Prayer

Did you know there's a prayer called the "I don't know" prayer? You just go somewhere quiet and you sit at the feet of God and you say "I don't know". I don't know where to go from here. I don't know what is happening. I don't know how to process this. I don't know what to do with these emotions. I don't know how to handle this situation. And then with whatever little grain of faith you have, you say, "but You know." And you leave it there.

God most certainly hears your prayer. Declare Amen.



*"I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears".*

Psalms 34:4

About 15 years ago

we were asked to supply a family in Rolling Hills Christmas gifts for their children due to struggles they had financially due to the husband's incarceration. I went to visit with the family and met 4 young children for whom we supplied Christmas that year and the years to follow. As I left their home that day I saw drugs being used in the far complex and children in the street who also needed help and direction. We began to reach out in that community by taking in Treasure Boxes, Book Bags, Easter Baskets, and daily necessities.

I held a vision in my mind to teach the children the Gospel in a more concentrated way through offering a Vacation Bible School. That vision came to pass last year with the help of Galilee Baptist Church who planned a 3 night event in the community. There were classes for the young, middle school, and even high school kids and we saw much interaction as the kids came out to learn God's truths.

This year Galilee Baptist invited the kids to their church and agreed to pick them up for 4 nights of teaching. There were many challenges but it was oh so worth it as we saw the kids take leadership in presenting what they had learned about the fruit of the Spirit on the last evening. The group settled in and we know that seeds were planted into their hearts that week.

We believe God is working to pour into this community in other ways as we saw Him working to lead the adults to brainstorm about ways we could reach out with consistency to this community. Please pray for us as God opens doors for the expansion of His Word and shows us ways we can connect with these families in more powerful ways and extend the love of Jesus for each of them.

~Sandra

