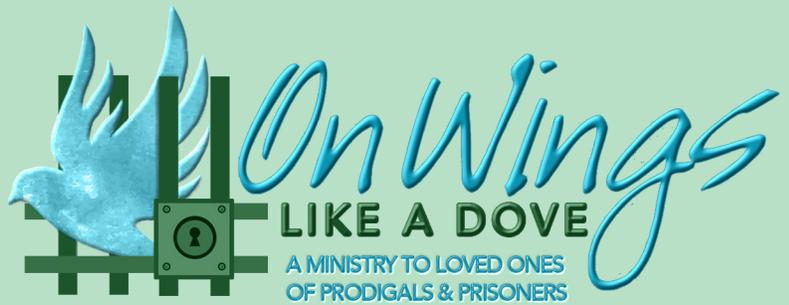


Behold
The Lord's hand is not so short
That it cannot save,
Nor His ear so impaired That it cannot hear.



Isaiah 59:1

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Ladies Bible Study

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

We are studying
"The Bait of Satan"
By John Bevere

Come Join Us!

Upcoming Events

Save the Date
Ladies Spring Retreat
April 10-12
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A Spiritual Mentor

"As iron sharpens iron,
so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."
Proverbs 27:17

Do you understand the importance of a Spiritual Mentor? My Dad was my mentor in so many ways, not only in word but in deed. He was in love with Jesus and it showed in his actions. He was called to the ministry in his twenty's and chose to go to the local Bible College to begin his study of God's Word to prepare him for that calling. He worked at night, came home to sleep briefly and then off to college. He was a devoted servant of the Lord and exhibited it to all who knew him.

As I became an adult there were many mentors in my life, but I remember one that I refer to as my Spiritual Mother. God brought us together to pray each Sunday for our pastor and the church. My mentor's guidance went way beyond those seven years, and she was a blessing to me and set an example I think back on many times. I have since become a mentor to others and found it to be energizing to me. I love to help others go deeper in their walk with the Lord.

In February, we had a Ladies Spring Tea, and learned from the book of Esther about how to choose a mentor. When Esther came into the King's palace she met Haggai the eunuch who was impressed by not only her beauty, but what exuded from her heart. She was teachable and learned from his advice about what pleased the King. The other subjects seemed to only be interested in what they might get from him, but Esther wanted to know what he liked. It wasn't about her but the King.

We never know when we may be having an impact on someone God has connected us to. He may use you to be a mentor to a younger woman either in age or spiritual maturity. Your role as a mentor will be an awesome responsibility as you show by example what an intimate walk with the Lord can be. God wants to mentor and guide you as you submit to Him by His indwelling Spirit, but it can be prudent to have a human mentor to guide you as well.

Here are some guidelines for choosing your mentor:

- Choose someone you have observed for a time on their journey with the Lord. Do they practice Godly principles? Are they solid in their faith?
- Do they wholeheartedly love the Word and direct you to it? We don't need someone else's opinion, but rather a word from God.
- How do they handle the trials of life?
- Do they set aside personal time to retreat with the Lord to hear from Him regularly and encourage you to do the same?
- Are they seeking the mind of Christ through personal Bible study and personal growth? • Does their passion for the Lord ignite in you a hunger and thirst for God and the things of God?

~ Sandra



MARCH

One of the first things you learn when you join the military is how to march. No matter what branch, marching is an integral and important skill.

Marching as a group always requires someone to set the pace, keep the correct foot leading and guiding the group's direction. As you are marching along - sometimes doing a little skip to get your feet back into cadence with the leader's - you are always listening to the leader to ensure you are aligned and ready for the next move.

As followers of Christ Jesus, we have the Holy Spirit serving as our "group leader". He nudges us to adjust our movement, to slow down or quicken our steps, to turn left or right. As the Holy Spirit is calling out the cadence, it is up to us to listen and to keep in step with Him.

A military march is never a solo event. Groups come together to parade down the field or street. One must look side-to-side to stay aligned and front-to-back, too. A march is impressive to watch while at the same time it provides protection, strength and solidarity. Our spiritual walk is much the same. As we come together with fellow believers we are strengthened while Scripture keeps us aligned and moving. We encourage and exhort each other to stay in step and unified.

It is easy to distinguish different branches of the military because of their uniforms. Each branch has a color and style unique to it. We, as believers, should be easy to distinguish. Our way of walk, our speech, behaviors, love for each other, kindness to others and humility should set us apart.

One of the most enjoyable parts of being on a march, or observing one, is the singing and chanting that goes along with it. "I don't know but I've been told, heavens' streets are made of gold", "One day soon and very soon, there won't be anymore gloom". Oh, how our Christian life is full of songs that keep us in step, keep us moving forward together and keep us looking heavenward.

A parade never walks in a circle or aimlessly. There is always a destination, a place and a reason to "forward, march". God has given us an assignment, too. He wants us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8) No "marking time" (marching in place) on this assignment; step out with purpose.

March is a fabulous time to check left, check right, align front and back, and make sure we are ready to keep marching in the Lord's army. As we hear the word "March" often over these next 31 days, let's make sure our uniform is on correctly, our shoes are polished and we are listening to the Drill Sergeant as He cries out "Forward, March!"

"If we live in the Spirit,
let us also march in the Spirit."
Galatians 5:25 (paraphrased)



Prayer Thoughts

The Lesson of the Chicken Sandwich

We were on a mission to an impoverished country. The heat was sweltering. There was no air conditioning, barely any electricity, and no clean water, yet everyone was fine with it. We knew we were on a mission - not to get - but to give. On the way back, we missed our flight and were put in a hotel and given a free meal so everyone ordered. When our dinner was served, someone noticed that the restaurant had gotten their order wrong. They were upset that their chicken sandwich came with extra cheese when they didn't order cheese. Just a few hours before we would've been happy to have had clean water. If you live expecting to be served by this world, then you'll always be unhappy. But if you live your life as one whose life is to serve and bless this world - without expecting to get - then everything you do get in this life is a gift and an extra blessing. So live your life as a servant of God, a heavenly visitor on a mission to this world - and you'll never lose your joy over a slice of extra cheese.

Taken from
Jonathan Cahn's Daily Sapphire



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Scripture Philippians 4: 11-13

At On Wings Like a Dove, our board reads and prays over the letters we receive from inmates and family members. Often, there are reminders of the work God is accomplishing in the lives of those facing great challenges.

As I reflect on this, I am reminded of the letter the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi while he was in a Roman prison. He was thanking them for the gifts they had sent him while he was in prison. Under the Holy Spirit's direction, he wrote to them and shared one of his most impactful spiritual lessons. A lesson that has ministered to millions of believers even to this day.

Paul acknowledged the special gift that the dear believers had sent. He said, "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound (thrive)."

Think with me for a moment about these statements. It is likely that because you are reading this newsletter, you have a loved one who, for many possible reasons, is separated from you and your family. You and your loved one may be facing serious setbacks. It may be that at one time your circumstances were going well, but now you are experiencing what Paul described as being "brought low."

Paul elaborates on this in greater detail as he continues. "In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need." Perhaps you are sitting there at this very moment, confronted with some of the largest insurmountable challenges of your life. Can you, as Paul did, say that you know the secret of peace and confidence when facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need? Paul gives us the answer in verse 13, "I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me."

Take a moment to reflect on this passage. The key to the Lord's message here is less about circumstances, good or bad, and more about our response to these circumstances – contentment. How can we face the overwhelming challenges in our lives? How can we arrive at deep confidence that God is in control? How can we find contentment in any circumstance, even incarceration, loss of control, loss of family, and freedom? Paul tells us: "I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

I challenge you to read and reread this passage, and prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to give you new insight into your circumstances. Do you know this Jesus, who has the power to change your life? He has the power to meet your every need. He has the power to strengthen you in every situation. Surrender to Him today and find peace and contentment in your current circumstances. Your friends at On Wings are praying for you. We would love to hear how God is working in your life.

We are praying that the Lord will give you the strength to meet the challenges of taking care of things while your loved one is unavailable. We pray that the Lord will demonstrate his power and provision for all your needs. You can do all things through Christ, who strengthens you.

~ Kent Oviatt

Saint Patrick

ORIGIN: Born in the late 4th century (roughly 390–422 AD) in Roman Britain, possibly Scotland or Wales. His father, Calpurnius, was a deacon and a Roman town councillor.

SLAVERY: At age 16, he was captured by Irish raiders and enslaved for six years, working as a shepherd. During this time, he reported finding faith, later writing that he prayed frequently while in captivity.

ESCAPE AND RETURN: He escaped after hearing a voice in a dream promising a ship, traveling roughly 200 miles to a port. After returning to Britain and reuniting with his family, he received a vision calling him to return to Ireland as a missionary.

MISSIONARY WORK: He was ordained as a bishop and returned to Ireland to convert pagans, establishing churches, monasteries, and schools, likely over a 29-year period.

PRIMARY SOURCES: His two surviving Latin works, *Confessio* (his spiritual autobiography) and *Epistola* (a letter condemning a tyrannical leader), are the only generally accepted, evidence-based documents.

DEATH: He died on March 17 (year uncertain, often cited around 460-493 AD) and is believed to be buried in Northern Ireland.



*While it looks like things
are out of control,
behind the scenes
THERE IS A GOD
who hasn't surrendered
HIS authority*

A.W. Tozar



Our Tuesday Bible Study and the Thursday volunteers' Christmas celebrations were a special time. We have a great time in fellowship together whether in Bible Study or when volunteers gather amidst their work to enjoy each other's company. We deeply appreciate everyone who faithfully comes to help us. We believe in community and know we need to interact with others when possible. If you would like to volunteer in some capacity let us hear from you. We are always in need of volunteers whether that is preparing the Newsletters to go out to our families and prisoners, by answering the phone, working in our resource center, putting together hygiene packets for the local prison, preparing for our community outreaches, reading letters from inmates, etc. We would love your help accomplishing this, so call us at 336-829-5060.

