

A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove

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"Come" Is Our Kings Invitation. How Will You Respond?

"Blessed, happy, fortunate (to be envied) is the man whom You choose to come near, that he may dwell in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of our house, Your Holy temple"

Psalm 65:4

We had a great time at our Ladies Spring Tea on February 21, learning how to find the favor of our King Jesus following the examples set by Esther. Our Scripture was from the book of Esther and we learned how the posture of Esther's heart and actions point us toward our response to Christ. I pray the Lord was pleased as we set the tables as a representation of Esther's banquet. I can't imagine the Banquet table God is preparing for us one day, can you?

James 4:8 says, "As we seek to develop an intimate relationship with Him, we will hear Him speak to us." "Here is a quote from Henry Blackaby: "If you seek after God in a half-hearted inconsistent manner, you cannot expect to hear His speaking in the deepest levels. But if you will discipline yourself to concentrate on the Lord and if you diligently obey everything He says, then you will be prepared to experience God at an increasingly profound and personal level. God has invited you to go deeper in your relationship with Him. The depth of that relationship ultimately rests with you." God's invitation is offered to all, but you have a choice to accept it or stay right where you are without progression to His very chambers in an intimate relationship. The further you go into the court, the fewer the people. Often, we don't want to pay the cost of serving Him in ministry to others, of getting off the couch, or of putting Him first in all we do. We were created for something much bigger and more important than our own comfort and satisfaction.

We are forming a new process by pairing some of the new participants with a mentor. If you desire to have someone walk close beside you call Kathy Allen at the office (336-829-5060) and we will try our best to arrange that. We talked about the importance of mentors in the March Newsletter and at our Tea. The whole goal is to have someone pour into your life to help you become stronger in your faith and reject the lies of the enemy who attempts to tell you that you are a failure and try to discourage you with guilt. These mentors have walked the walk and can assist you in your journey towards healing and restoration even if your circumstances aren't changing. God wants to change us and our perspective. The mentor assigned will check on you at intervals by meeting for coffee or lunch, by phone, and hearing what your prayer requests are and pray with and for you, but mainly listening to your heart.

We discussed at the Tea, how Frankincense oil must go through the fire to produce a sweet-smelling fragrance, it does not have a pleasant fragrance until it is put in the fire. Being in the refining fire is not pleasant to us but oh so beneficial. We must trust the Master who knows just how much heat it takes to produce the vessel He desires us to be.

~ Sandra

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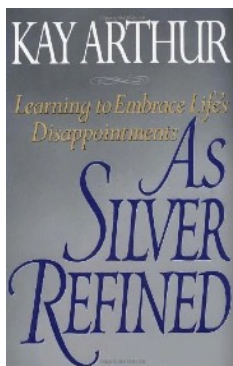
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Each Tuesday

Ladies Bible Study

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

We are studying
"As Silver Refined"
By Kay Arthur





PEACE

It is the last week of Jesus' life on earth. He knows He is headed to the cross. His time on earth is over. He is surrounded with friends and His disciples. He is healing the blind, dining with tax collectors and special friends while being anointed with costly oils. It is a festive, joyous time - and yet He knows that very soon the mood will shift. Jesus is desperately telling His disciples "I won't be here with you much longer", but there is no way they can understand. Life is good, people are happy, the number of believers is increasing. Jesus enjoyed a last meal with His disciples sitting around a table eating, talking, reminiscing. They are celebrating Passover, a time when God miraculously rescued His people out of bondage in Egypt. Scripture tells us "Jesus loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the end." (John 13:1) The mood is changing, festivity being replaced with foreboding. Time is short. Words are measured. Casual conversation is replaced with urgent reminders. "Don't let your heart be troubled. Trust in God." (John 14:1) "I am the Way, the Truth, the Life." (John 14:6)

The disciples may have started to worry. Jesus is talking about being betrayed and leaving them. They had just started to get comfortable and enjoying being with Jesus. Jesus reminds them of who He is, and promises an Advocate will be given to them who will never leave them, the Holy Spirit.

As I read these verses I can relate to the disciples. Our world is at war. Our society is depraved and wicked. Heresy and false teaching abound. I can feel despondency and heaviness begin to creep into my soul. But God - in His goodness - tells me, "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart." (John 14:27)

Peace - in Hebrew "Shalom" and in Greek "Eirene". Shalom reflects being complete and whole, healthy, safe and tranquil, and Eirene the tranquil state of a soul so assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.

Around me can be chaos, but God is giving me peace and tranquility. Through His death and my belief in Him, I am assured of life everlasting. Let me fix my eyes on Him and not the world or my circumstances. All this will fade away, God endures forever.

This Easter I choose the visible God over a hidden Easter egg. I choose the eternal God over a slowly decaying Easter dress. I choose the enduring love of Jesus over the temporary pleasure of chocolate. And I choose the revealed character of God - that He is my Companion, my Hope, my Intercessor and Redeemer over the hidden mystery of what is in an egg. This Easter I embrace the gifts that Jesus gives - His peace amidst our circumstances and the hope and assurance that the best is yet to come.

Christ our Lord has risen today! Hallelujah! Are there more joyous words to sing, a better reason to celebrate? Our eternity has been secured because of Jesus' victory over the cross! Amen and Amen! Shalom!



Prayer Thoughts

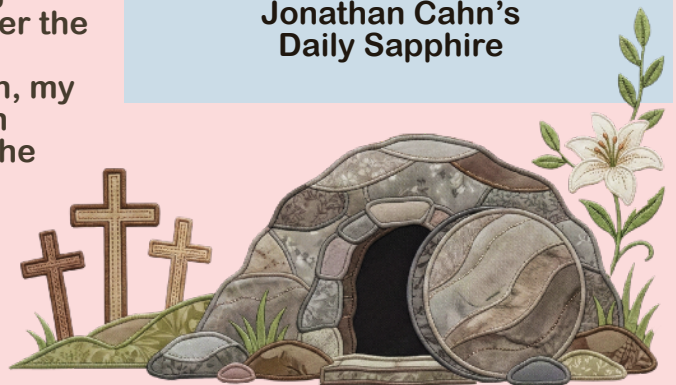
TAKE UP YOUR TREE OF LIFE

When man fell, the Tree of Life was sealed up from his sight, never to be partaken of again. So what happened to the Tree of life? It disappeared. And yet it has come back in disguise - it's the cross. The cross looks like the tree of death, but it's really the Tree of Life.

When you partake of the cross, you're partaking of the fruit of the Tree of Life; true life, everlasting life, and you come out with grace, with a new beginning, and with freedom. The cross seems hard at first; to give up your life, die to self, love your enemy, forgive, and sacrifice your own will. But when you give up, you gain; when you surrender, you win. When you lose your life, you find it. When you die to self, you come alive. Your tears and sorrow turn into rejoicing. Don't be fooled; the cross only looks hard, but every time you partake of it, it's going to bear you fruit upon fruit; love, joy, peace, faithfulness, gentleness, and goodness. For the cross is none other than the Tree of Life in disguise.



Taken from
Jonathan Cahn's
Daily Sapphire



What a beautiful day it was ...

... to come to the Banquet table for a time of fellowship, food, and spiritual lessons from the book of Esther. Kathy Vanhoy, our Event Planner, set a beautiful table for our Ladies. We had elegant tables fit for a Queen with china place settings and we learned how to find favor with the King.

Each lady received a bookmark with the words "You Are Beautiful" on the front and words of exhortation on the back as a reminder of how our King views us.

We played the song "Beautiful" by Mercy Me at the end of our time together. It was appropriate to what our theme for the day was. Accepting the King's love makes all the difference in the world. You were made for so much more than this world offers and He treasures you. Believe that!

We learned that we have a choice whether we stop at being merely saved or coming into His very chambers. He is calling you today, what will you choose?



