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Each Tuesday
At On Wings Office
From 12:30-2:00
We are studying
Ruach Journey
By Sylvia & Elizabeth Gunter

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SO IF THE SON
SETS YOU FREE,
YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED

JOHN 8:36



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God is Watching

"The Lord will keep you from all harm-He will watch over your life."

Psalm 121:78

God's voice comes in all forms. He might speak to you through His Word, a devotional reading, a person, or through His creation whether that is the ocean, the roaring brook, the clouds, or His creatures. God spoke to me through a little fawn. I went out on the deck and in the middle of the yard was a brown blob. Suddenly, I saw the spots and knew it was a fawn. It stayed motionless as I watched for its mother to come.

My husband and I left for the day, and I worried about the fawn being in the sun all day and that it had no protection from predators. When we arrived home it was gone. After dinner I went out to water the flowers and my eye caught the face of the little fawn. It was all curled up in the green vines under a tree of protection.

I thought "God you are so good to allow me this picture of your protection and provision at a time I am struggling". The fawn looked up at me with big eyes and did not seem to be afraid. Under the Lord's protection I don't need to be afraid either. I googled what to do with a baby fawn and found the mother is always in the perimeter watching out for her baby just like God watches out for us. If it cries, she comes to its aid as God promises He will come to ours.

On the second day the fawn stood up and God took me to Ezekiel 2:1 which reads, "Stand on your feet and I will speak to you." And the Spirit entered me, spoke to me, and set me on my feet and I heard Him speak to me: "Speak Lord for your servant is listening."

On the third day we were privileged to see the fawn rise and sprint off with its mother. We are now enjoying the mother and two fawns frolicking in the yard. They were carefree and felt safe. It is comforting to know He cares about me and is ready to come to my rescue when I cry out just like this mother did for her baby. God was saying, "come on Sandra - run with Me wherever I go."

"Casting the whole of your care-all your anxieties; all of your worries, all your concerns, once and for all-on Him; for he cares for you affectionally, and cares about you watchfully." (1 Peter 5:7)

Lord, help me to cast (fling) all my cares on you, everything that concerns me in my family, church, and ministry. May I remember how You care for me and love me. Help me remember Your promises to hold me by my right hand as You walk beside me. Thank you for Your safe shelter and the reminder that just like the fawn I need not fear for I am safe in Your arms. Thank you for watching over me and my loved ones. Thank you that I can cry out to you with assurance that You will come to my rescue with speed. Help me to always wait, trust, and rest in You. Amen

~Sandra



FREEDOM

Two hundred fifty years ago, thirteen American colonies signed the Declaration of Independence, declaring their freedom from British rule. The American colonies had been under severe taxation, were restricted from making alliances with other countries and were not permitted to set their own plans and agendas. They started their rebellion before the Declaration of Independence, and fighting continued after its signing until 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

The desire to be free from oppressive British rule led to an 8-year war. The Americans considered the freedom to govern themselves and live free from oppression a goal worth fighting for.

For many of us, the desire for personal freedom is an ongoing struggle. We have oppressive circumstances, habits and thought patterns from which we desire liberation. Obtaining that liberty can be challenging as sometimes comfortable habits and ongoing thought patterns have become so normal we don't even recognize them. Freedom does not mean getting to do whatever one wants when he wants to do it. Per Tony Evans, freedom means getting to do what I ought to do. Consider the idols that frequently enslave us, idols of success, power, comfort, control are some of the common ones. Identifying each idol and surrendering it to Jesus is the first step in finding freedom.

Our Tuesday Bible study group at On Wings Like a Dove recently watched the film, "The Great Awakening". The film highlighted a curious and strong friendship between George Whitfield and Benjamin Franklin. George Whitfield was a strong and courageous evangelist, sharing the Gospel with American colonialists about forty years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. One of the lines in the film is exceptionally poignant: "Liberty is not given from a king but from God; liberty is found in Him alone."

We celebrate our country's freedom this month, and it is true – we are free from any other countries' rule and control. However, are we free as individuals, or are we still living in bondage, being controlled by idols, or thoughts and behaviors? Jesus tells us there is freedom in Him! "If the Son has set you free, you are free indeed!" (John 8:36) "It is for freedom that Christ has set you free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by idols." (Galatians 5:1) "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (II Corinthians 3:17)

Allow the freedom God offers to break you from the bondage to idols, sins and shame. Freedom in Christ is worth fighting for!

I recently read on social media, "Let me have the freedom to stand before the world and refuse to bow to idols, because my soul bows before the King." Amen and amen! God has blessed America and He has blessed us. America, bless God for His faithful goodness to us in Christ Jesus!



THE OTHER SIDE OF EVERY SIN

There are accounts of people who have been in bondage to alcoholism or drugs, who claimed nothing was wrong, or that they were only hurting themselves. It wasn't until they realized the pain and damage that their sin was causing to those they loved, that they chose to stop. You might think that you're not like that, or that you don't have any situation like that in your life. But every time you sin, you're hurting someone else. Maybe not someone you see, but you're hurting the One who loves you the most. You're hurting the One who gave His life for you, who died for you, who died because of your sins - you're hurting Him. It's what He wept for. So if you won't stop that sin because it's wrong, or because it's hurting your own life, stop your sin because you're hurting the One who loves you more than anyone else has loved you. He loves you! He gave His life for you. So bless Him now. Be finished with that sin once and for all, bless and stop hurting the One who loves you.



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When the Path Breaks: Finding Peace in Psalm 1

This month I wrote an article for our incarcerated and prodigals from this Psalm 1. The passage challenged them to find peace and security in the middle of their life struggles. The passage has a slightly different look into your life as an outsider of the circumstances, yet you may be right in the middle of the struggle and filled with anxiety. I trust this article will bring peace and confidence to you as the Lord soothes your heart with His word.

Psalm 1 speaks of two paths—one that leads to stability and life, and another that leads to emptiness. For families of prisoners and prodigals, this Psalm can feel deeply personal. You may be watching someone you love walk a difficult road, and the weight of that reality can bring anger, confusion, shame, and even distance within your own heart. Please allow this word from the Lord to sweep over your heart:

“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked... but whose delight is in the law of the Lord” (Psalm 1:1-2).

One of the hardest parts of loving a prodigal is recognizing that you cannot choose their path for them. Their decisions are their own. Psalm 1 gently reminds us that each person walks a path—and while you may grieve the path your loved one has chosen, you are still responsible for your own. They are responsible for their own.

In seasons of pain, it is easy to be pulled into bitterness, blame, or constant anxiety. Those voices can become a kind of “counsel” that shapes your thinking. But the Psalm offers a different way: turning your attention toward the Lord. Not as an escape from reality, but as a steady place to stand within it. We may be surrounded by these hurtful circumstances, but in the middle of it all is this reality:

“He is like a tree planted by streams of water...” (Psalm 1:3).

When a family is fractured, everything can feel unstable. Relationships shift. Trust is broken. The future feels uncertain. Yet this image of a tree reminds us that stability is still possible—not because circumstances are secure, but because God is.

Being “planted” does not mean life is easy. It means you are anchored. As you begin to rest your thoughts in God’s truth, bringing your grief, your questions, and even your anger honestly before Him, your roots begin to grow deeper. Over time, something changes within you. You may still feel the pain, but it no longer controls you in the same way.

Your peace does not have to rise and fall with your loved one’s choices.

Psalm 1 also describes the unstable life as “chaff which the wind drives away” (v. 4). Many families have watched this play out—the chaos, the unpredictability, the consequences. It can leave you feeling exposed and vulnerable, as if everything around you is shifting. Does this somehow describe what you are experiencing?

But the Psalm ends with a quiet reassurance:

“For the Lord knows the way of the righteous” (v. 6).

God sees your situation. He understands the long nights, the unanswered questions, and the emotional weight you carry. To be “known” by Him means you are not forgotten in this process. Your faithfulness, your prayers, and your struggle to trust Him in the middle of this are all seen.

Psalm 1 does not promise immediate restoration of broken relationships. But it does offer something just as important: a secure place for your own heart. Even if your loved one is far from where you hoped they would be, you can still be rooted. You can still find peace. You can still walk a steady path.

And in time, that quiet strength may become a light—both for you and for the one you are still praying will find their way home. We are praying for you and your loved one. That you will find the true peace of a relationship with the Lord by trusting in and walking with Jesus. We are praying that God’s peace will rule in your hearts.



COME TO THE MOUNTAIN

*Many people shall come and say,
"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord
To the house of the God of Jacob;
He will teach us His ways,
And we shall walk in His paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*

Isaiah 2:3, NKJV

Occasionally, I sense God calling me to the mountains. I can't explain the awe I have as I approach His mountains. They have always called to me as I think of God's majesty in creating them. They are beautiful and each state demonstrates its own version of God's creation, each one is unique. When we go into Tennessee, I am overwhelmed by the mountains on either side of the road which seem to enclose you in a feeling like a cocoon—a place of protection and safety. I remember the Rocky Mountains in Colorado that I was privileged to visit; they stood taller than any I had ever seen. They are also unique in the different seasons of the year with all their beautiful colors.

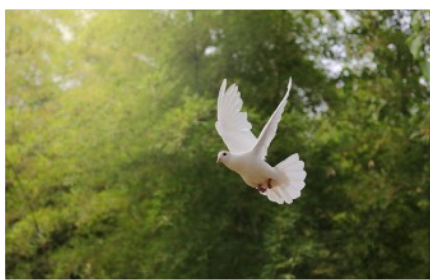
I had been wanting to take our ladies to Prayer Mountain in Moravian Falls for quite some time, so we traveled there in June. There were only five of us, but I have learned that God always has a special plan for those who can go. So, we went off in the Dove Mobile on an adventure we knew God had planned for us. It was a pretty day, but we knew there was a chance of rain up there.

When we arrived, the gates were locked because they are preparing to build a Prayer House at the top of the mountain. Since we were unable to hike through the woods, instead, we each found a quiet spot outside the gate to have our own personal time with the Lord, hopefully with some shelter because it had already started to mist.

Pretty soon, a white car eased up the mountain, and we knew we were going to have company. The car stopped right at the porch where I was sitting. I waved at the young man, and he began to exit his car, placing a prayer shawl over his head as he approached me and we introduced ourselves. He asked me about our ministry and I explained that we ministered to families of addicts and prisoners and that's when he said, "I have a prodigal." Okay Lord, what are you up to?

We chatted and it was a special time of ministering and praying for his daughter who is in rebellion. As we talked, a dove started cooing loudly but we never saw it. One of the ladies in our group needed to go to the restroom and after much discussion, she decided to accept his offer to take her down and back up with another mother as well. They went down and back up, and he circled and waved goodbye as he headed down the mountain. We had a great time sharing about this stranger's appearance,—how we were able to minister to him and he to us. Might I say there have been appearances of angels on this property as testified by others! Just saying.

We laughed so much and one of the ladies said, "It feels so good to laugh". Yes, it does and let's face it, many of us don't have many opportunities to laugh as we are going through difficult seasons, but God is always faithful to hold us close and He is pleased when He hears us sharing as we laugh, cry and come into a time of community. Why not join us next time on an adventure? You will be blessed and encouraged.



*Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for by
so doing some have
unwillingly entertained angels.*

Hebrews 13:2

~ Sandra