

Let us not become weary
in doing good,
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9



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Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday
At On Wings Office
From 12:30-2:00
We are studying
"Song of Songs"
By Lisa Harper

Come Join Us!

Upcoming Events

Bible Study Luncheon
On Wings Office
Tuesday, November 17th
12:30 pm

Christmas Luncheon
On Wings Office
Tuesday, December 15th
12:30 pm
All Invited



"I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you, and I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, As a light to the nations, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness from the prison."

Isaiah 42:6-7

What a year it has been for our ladies as we have joined in community around God's Word as He has taught us to renew our minds in Him. We worked through "Tools for Living Courageously" by Lori Hauswirth as she taught us how to break strongholds from past trauma and dysfunction. We know pulling up the roots and seeking healing for our wounds is hard work but in the end is very worth the effort.

My call to On Wings came from Isaiah 42:7, to open blind eyes, bring out the prisoners and set them free in Christ. I believe The Lord has fulfilled that calling for both the outreach to the prisoner and the mother to free them both from spiritual bondage and physical chains. As the loved one releases their prodigal the chains fall off and they can find healing in their soul and so can their prodigal as they renew their mind through the reading of God's Word as the Holy Spirit brings transformation to the mind and wakes up the Spirit in them. This is why we have made it our mission to send inmates over 21,000 Bibles because we know as they read and study the truth there will be transformation by the Holy Spirit. Man cannot change their thought process, but God can.

That is what happens with the loved one of the prodigal as well. The study of God's Word is what makes the difference as it changes the Spirit. To me, there is nothing more beautiful than sitting with a hurting loved one. I get to see them come in with the spirit of oppression burdening them down but as they release their prodigal they take in the breath of God – the Ruach – and they rise up like an eagle with freedom to fly and be at rest. The rest is possible amid chaos as they lay their child down trusting that God has their best interest at heart.

As long as we hold on, the Lord cannot work in either of us. What happens is like what happened to me last week. I was pulling a vine out of our butterfly bush with all my might – the vine broke and I fell backwards with a thud. It totally stunned me as I began to get on my feet and realize the lesson from it. Don't hold on so tight because it will cost you. As I hit my head on the cement sidewalk, I realized it could have been a different story. It could have cost my life. That's what holding on so tightly to our prodigal does. It takes a toll mentally, emotionally, and physically – and it can take our life – not only physically but as we are consumed with our prodigal, we miss out on God's design for us here on earth.

Let Go!

~Sandra



JOY IN MY CIRCUMSTANCES

A couple of months ago, a volunteer with On Wings Like a Dove hosted a birthday celebration for Sandra. Many of the women involved with the Tuesday afternoon Bible Study, as well as other volunteers, attended. It was an afternoon of laughter, stories, wonderful food and honoring Sandra.

As I pondered what to write on my card to her, a teaching on joy I had recently heard came to mind. As I thought about that particular

Fruit of the Spirit, I realized how much Sandra often displays it. Even without seeing her, one can know where she is by the sound of her laughter. It permeates the environment. Often accompanying her vibrant laughter is the sound of stomping feet. Joy emanates from Sandra from the top of her head to the bottoms of her feet!

Joy is different from happiness. Happiness is an emotion, often based on circumstances and outcomes. It can be fleeting, based on how we are perceiving what is going on around us. Joy is produced and given by God, and it derives from who He is and who we are in Him. It endures through the storms of life, in spite of our circumstances, because of the faithfulness and love of God for us. Joy comes from a deep place of contentment as we focus on who God is, and on our security in Him.

Not only does joy spring forth from God's Spirit in a person, it is contagious! Being around someone demonstrating the fruit of joy often impacts our spirit too. How often have I heard the thumping of feet and laughed without knowing what was causing the thump? Joy is like glitter, it spreads to all around and adds a little sparkle!

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, I find it good practice to focus on joy, to choose joy. I can choose whether I focus on my circumstances or on the peace and strength God offers. Joy is not the opposite of sadness and can even coexist in one experiencing sorrow and stress – emotions that often accompany the holiday season.

As the tensions of the season build, as the “need to get things done” often exceeds the time available to do them, as family is brought back together with love and sometimes with friction, remember your identity in Christ and His indwelling Spirit and choose joy. Choose to laugh! Go ahead and add a little foot stomp. Pluck the fruit of joy and let the juice run over you.

I am thankful this Thanksgiving for people God has put in my life that strengthen my walk in Him. People like Sandra who share joy like glitter! May we experience joy this year in – and perhaps despite - our circumstances!



SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.
WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS, COME BEFORE
HIM WITH JOYFUL SONG. ENTER HIS GATES WITH
THANKSGIVING AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE.
GIVE THANKS TO HIM AND PRAISE HIS NAME!

PSALM 100:1,2,4



Prayer Thoughts

It is the custom of many Christians to bow their

heads in public places and give thanks for the food that has been placed before them. I have had scores of waiters and waitresses tell me that when we bowed our heads, it was the first time they had ever seen that happen in their restaurant.

Millions never pause to give a word of thanks to God for the food provided. Few homes have a moment of thanksgiving at the beginning of the meal or at any other time of the day. Even at Thanksgiving time only a minority will pause and give thanks to God.

Thanksgiving is recognition of a debt that cannot be paid. We express thanks, whether or not we are able otherwise to reimburse the giver. When thanksgiving is filled with true meaning and is not just the formality of a polite “thank you,” it is the recognition of dependence.

From Day by Day
with Billy Graham





From the Desk of
Dr. Kent Oviatt

GREATER THE SURRENDER, GREATER THE REWARD

When someone you love is struggling, incarcerated, estranged, or making choices you cannot change, surrender can be especially difficult. You naturally want to help. You may spend hours wondering what you should have done differently or what you can do now. Sometimes love itself makes it difficult to let go.

But surrendering a loved one to God does not mean that you stop caring. It means recognizing that you cannot do what only

God can do.

That kind of surrender must begin with our own relationship with God. Before we can truly place another person into His hands, we need to know the One to whom we are surrendering them. Jesus said, "If people want to follow me, they must give up the things they want. They must be willing even to give up their lives to follow me" (Matthew 16:24, NCV). We come to God through faith in Jesus Christ, who died for our sins and rose again. Salvation is not simply believing that God exists or trying to live a good life. It is personally trusting Christ as Savior. That relationship is the starting place for genuine surrender.

For a loved one, surrender often means accepting that there are things you cannot fix. You can pray, encourage, forgive, and maintain healthy boundaries, but you cannot control another person's heart or choices. God never asked you to carry that responsibility.

Psalm 55:22 says, "Give your worries to the LORD, and he will take care of you" (NCV). There may be days when you surrender your loved one to God in the morning and find yourself worrying about them again by afternoon. That does not mean you have failed. Bring the burden back to Him. Prayerfully remind yourself, "Lord, I love this person, but You love them even more. I place them in Your hands again."

Surrender also means releasing our timetable. We want circumstances to change quickly. We want the relationship restored, the addiction broken, the sentence completed, or the prodigal home. Yet God's work is not always visible to us. "Wait for the LORD's help. Be

strong and brave, and wait for the LORD's help" (Psalm 27:14, NCV). Waiting becomes an act of faith when we trust God with both the person and the outcome.

Greater the surrender, greater the reward.

The reward may not be an immediate change in your loved one. Sometimes God's first work is within us. As we surrender what we cannot control, He teaches us to trust Him more deeply. The burden that once consumed our thoughts begins to occupy a different place because we are learning that it belongs in God's hands, not ours.

Perhaps there is someone you need to surrender again today. Continue loving them. Continue praying. But remember that you are not surrendering them to circumstances—you are surrendering them to God.

And that is a very different kind of letting go.





“O, LORD MY GOD, MANY AND MANY A TIME YOU HAVE DONE GREAT MIRACLES FOR US, AND WE ARE EVER IN YOUR THOUGHTS. WHO ELSE CAN DO SUCH GLORIOUS THINGS? NO ONE ELSE CAN COMPARE WITH YOU. THERE ISN'T TIME TO TELL OF YOUR WONDERFUL DEEDS.” PSALM 40:5

This passage speaks directly to our Celebration Night. Over the past 20 years, the Lord has performed many great miracles through His grace to On Wings and there was not enough time to share it all. We were thrilled with the attendance that night and blessed by the sharing of Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Clarence Shuler. Pam Allen shared her beautiful gift of song and both songs spoke to God's faithfulness and Amazing Grace to us. Our spirits soared as she sang and we thank her for sharing her gift with us.

We want to thank Kathy Vanhoy for her hard work over several months as she and her team prepared for our event. Kathy's vision transformed the Red Barn into a welcoming scene. It was a beautiful evening and we will have great memories of the fellowship we had together that night.

We thank Lisa Hathaway for securing the building for us, Maw Maw's Market for catering, and Jeanna Garranthy for the delicious cakes she provided. We also want to thank our Board for their input. It took months of planning but we pray our Lord was pleased with the outcome.

We have seen God do so many amazing things in and through this ministry, and we are so grateful to Him. He is a promise keeping God and we love Him with all our hearts.

