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PRAYER SUPPORT GROUPS

Monthly Monday Night
Prayer Support
at On Wings Office
will NOT meet July or August

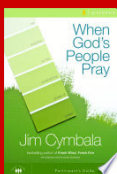
River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
Meet in Room #4
2nd & 4th Tuesdays@6:30 pm
Currently Studying
Letting Go
by Dave Harvey & Paul Gilbert
Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall

First Baptist Church
Sparta, NC
Wednesday night@6:30 pm
Currently studying
Reaching Your Prodigal
by Phil Waldrep
Led by Joe & Carolyn Caldwell

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

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

We are studying
When God's People Pray
by Jim Cymbala



Strength For the Battle

"For you girded me with strength for the battle: those who rose up against me You subdued under me" 2 Samuel 22:40

What a glorious time we had on our Spring Retreat as over thirty women gathered together at Caraway Conference Center to hear testimonies of five ladies who had survived the Refiner's Fire without a trace of smoke upon them. They shared their struggle but also the faithfulness of the Refiner Who was by their side in it all.

I love the focus scripture for the Retreat: "I will be with you when you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames won't set you ablaze" Isaiah 43:2. There are moments when you are in the fire that it seems you might be consumed but we have to know our Refiner. He governs the fires for the purpose of achieving His will in us, to purify us, cleanse us, and make us more like Him. He never leaves our side, closely watching the temperature. He waits patiently for the fire to do its work. The question is—will we allow Him to accomplish His purposes in us? Oftentimes the heat is no sooner begun than He finds us complaining. Maybe we should ask, what are you trying to teach me Lord? Learn from it not question it.

He doesn't willingly afflict. Hebrews 4:15 says He is not just touched by our infirmities, but He is touched with our infirmities. You are touched and He is touched at the same time. You are grieved, He is grieved. You are rejected, He is rejected. You feel the pang of hurtful words; He feels it too. Sit back a minute and take that thought in. That thought is comforting to me, our Lord is with us in the midst of the fire and He promises to stay with us.

What fire do you find yourself in right now? Do you trust Him to be with you in it? Do you believe that it will all work together for good even though you can't seem to see any good in the middle of it? Where is your focus, on the fire or the Refiner?

I shared from a little book entitled, Can You Drink the Cup by Henri Nouwen: "Our cup is often so full of pain that joy seems completely unreachable. When we are crushed like grapes, we cannot think of the wine we will become. One day we will be able to taste the joy as fully as we now taste the sorrow. What causes us sadness can become the fertile ground for gladness. We need to be angels for each other, just as the angels came to strengthen our Lord. We need to give strength and consolation to each other".

That is what I saw at the Retreat. The ladies were encouraging and strengthening each other in word, testimony, song, a listening ear, and prayer. It was an awesome time as each lady shared their struggle but proclaimed His faithfulness to them. We pray that each one left with hope in their heart and a determination to allow the Refiner to continue to burn the dross up to the surface so that little by little it can be skimmed off so that in the end we can see the image of Christ clearer and clearer radiating from us.

Our sorrows may overwhelm us. The enemy speaks to us that there is no hope, no way out of our situation, But we need to discipline ourselves to stay still and that voice will lose its voice in our ear. We begin to hear the still small gentle whisper of our Lord who gives us the strength to endure.

Each attendee had a small square to paint that would later be put on a large canvas and come together in a mosaic type picture. As each lady came up to put their piece in place, we saw that the completed image was of Christ. It was beyond what I had envisioned as it came together. You can see it pictured here in the newsletter. We hope to preserve and display it as a reminder that as we come together in community and as we come together with our story and piece of the puzzle, we can see the image of Christ.

~ Sandra

Prayer Thoughts
by Janet Linville

Wits' End Corner

Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner,"
Christian, with troubled brow?
Are you thinking of what is before you,
And all you are bearing now?
Does all the world seem against you,
And you in the battle alone?
Remember--at "Wits' End Corner"
Is just where Gods power is shown.
Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner,"
Blinded with wearying pain,
Feeling you cannot endure it,
You cannot bear the strain,
Bruised through the constant suffering,
Dizzy, and dazed, and numb"
Remember--at "Wits' End Corner"
Is where Jesus loves to come.
Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner"?
Your work before you spread,
All lying begun, unfinished,
And pressing on heart and head,
Longing for strength to do it,
Stretching out trembling hands?
Remember--at "Wits' End Corner"
The Burden-Bearer stand.
Are you standing at "Wits' End Corner"?
Then you're just in the very spot
To learn the wondrous resources
Of Him who fails you not:
No doubt to a brighter pathway
Your footsteps will soon be moved,
But only at "Wits' End Corner"
Is the "God who is able" proved.

~ Antoinette Wilson



LADIES RETREAT, MAY 2019



We are sorry
to announce the tragic death
of our friend
Ollie Richardson
She was part of our
Prodigal Support Group
in our beginning days.
She will be missed.



IMAGE OF CHRIST
ART PROJECT
LADIES RETREAT



Ollie Richardson, center



Blessed
IS THE NATION
whose
GOD
is the
LORD



PSALM 33:12

Yahweh Yireh

Yahweh Yireh means "The Lord Will Provide".
God will provide for our needs. Every one of them, He is faithful, He is able, nothing is too difficult for Him. Sometimes His timing is different than ours, maybe we feel that He's forgotten and hasn't heard our prayers. Sometimes we get our "needs" and "wants" mixed up, and other times He knows what is better for us than we even know ourselves. We can trust Him, that His timing is perfect, and that all things are possible for Him even when we can't see a way out. Abraham found this to be true. Alone with his son Isaac in the wilderness, He knew and trusted that God would provide for a sacrifice in place of his only child. He believed in God's character, and knew Him to be faithful, loving, and the God who will provide. Often it seems, that God tests our hearts like He did Abraham's that day. He wants to know what we're willing to lay down before Him, before He opens the doors of provision and blessing. May we be found faithful.

So Abraham called that place
The Lord Will Provide.
And to this day it is said,
"On the mountain of the Lord it will provide.

Genesis 22:14