



On Wings Like a Dove

A Ministry for the Loved ones of Prodigals and Prisoners

Psalm 55:6

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Monday Night Prayer and Support Group
6:30-8:00 pm every first Monday night of the month at Calvary Baptist, Bldg B, Rm B1309.

Prayer Support Speaker for November 4, 2013 will be Jeanette Weygandt. Jeanette is the Director of Counseling at Calvary Baptist Church. She will be sharing about Boundaries. We all need to learn boundaries with our loved ones and in our everyday life. Come hear her share. We will have Boundaries Books available for purchase for just \$5.00 if you need one.

Reserve the Date: November 4, 2013 between 2:00-4:00 PM for our Open House. Whether you have come to see our new office space or not we want you to come join us in celebration of what God has provided. I am amazed each time I walk up to the door that He has given us the key to such a wonderful place to minister from. If you would like to help host this event or serve, please let me know by email: san-dra@onwingslikeadove.com. Bring a shoebox for a prisoner's child with the gender and age marked. We will place an appropriate sticker on it upon arrival.

Comfort Others

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

I am attending a class at my church that is equipping me to reach out in ministry to the sick, dying, homebound—whatever the need may be. Last night the Pastor shared from the 2 Corinthians passage above.

At On Wings that is exactly what we do as we reach out to each of you in one way or another. Your needs vary in both timing and the cycle you find yourself in. We all know we are one phone call away from a crisis or from a hallelujah moment!

Don't we always want to talk to someone who has been through something we are experiencing? We know they can empathize and understand our pain. As our passage says, we are to comfort others with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. Sometimes the person wants you to share your experience but often times they just need a shoulder, an ear, a hug, or a prayer. You have all been there.

I have seen so many of you grow leaps and bounds on your journey to healing and restoration in Christ. I remember spe-

cifically one mother who came to her first retreat almost in a fetal position as shame had overcome her due to her journey with her son. By the end of our weekend together, I saw her start to rise a little higher. As the years have gone by, she has begun to find her freedom in Christ and blossom. Her smile is radiant although the circumstances with her son remain the same; she has learned to live out her life with hope and expectancy. There's no better sight than to see a fellow believer rise out of their pit to live life to the fullest and find happiness and joy.

I urge you to come join us in our efforts to minister healing to someone who may just be starting their journey or be stuck in a rut of self blame and condemnation. Won't you come volunteer to assist with a retreat, our Bible study, our newsletter distribution, our inmate outreach and pen pal ministry or our efforts to collect shoeboxes for prisoner's kids? You will be blessed and store up treasures both on earth and in heaven. We need you!

Sandra

Ways to Minister to Families of Prodigals/ Prisoner

- ♥ I've had people say nothing because they said that didn't know what to say. That hurts.
- ♥ Treat to a meal, especially if it is the family of an incarcerated spouse. They are struggling to make

ends meet and would enjoy an outing.

- ♥ Don't say you understand if you don't.
- ♥ Don't quiz.
- ♥ Don't try to analyze.
- ♥ Send a card or letter, especially on special occasions.
- ♥ Support in Court Room.
- ♥ Pray – Both for and with them. James tells us that when we are suffering; we need someone who will pray for us. The ministry of listening and praying is one of the highest callings of spiritual friendship. Through prayer we take their need to the healing heart of Jesus and enter into His healing ministry.

♥ A touch. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

- ♥ If you have a lost sheep in your youth group or Sunday school class, please, please, please reach out to them.

“Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless”
Mother Theresa

Bible Study Report

We were blessed with the study "Lies Women Believe And The Truth That Sets Them Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss in discovering lies - that most of us have been clueless, such as "I Just Can't Take Any More." Have you ever said that? I have and now I realize I was allowing myself to be deceived by the enemy. The enemy doesn't care what we believe, as long as we don't believe the truth!

The Truth that replaces this lie is: (1) Whatever my circumstance, whatever my situation, His grace is sufficient for me. Ps 130:5; 2 Cor.12:7-10 (2) God will not place more on me that He will give me grace to bear. 2 Cor. 11:22-30.

Another common lie, "I Can't Control My Emotions." THE TRUTH: (1) "I do not have to be controlled by my emotions." Ps 6:1-10; Isaiah 54:10; Matthew 5:44, 28-20; Eph.4:26; Philippians 4:4-7; 1 Thess 5:18. (2) "I can choose to fix my mind on the Truth, to take every thought captive to the Truth, and to let God control my emotions." Ps 42:11; Isaiah 26:3, 50:10; John 10:10, 17:17; 2 Cor. 10:5; Philippians 4:8-9; Colossians 3:1-2.

Two main points of this study: BELIEVING LIES PLACES US IN BONDAGE and THE TRUTH HAS THE POWER TO SET US FREE, and to protect our minds and hearts from deceptive thoughts and feelings. John 8:32; Ps. 91:4
May we truly know HIM and know His Truth and be set free to glorify HIM!

We are finishing up the video series "WHO WILL YOU TRUST" how to move faith from your head to your heart. We have learned that distrust manifest in two primary ways! 1) Persistently ailing heart-continually hurts. "The more we don't trust God, the heavier our hearts will be." 2) A Spewing Mind-biggest tale of distrust (spewing mind rooted in deepest hurt in life, we rock it, keep it company-obsessed with it.) Where our mind spews, we will find area(s) where we distrust God. Trusting God whether it goes our way or not; trust is not just God doing what I (we) want! Isaiah 26:3 "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Beth says, "any place our minds are not steadfast- a place where we distrust God." (Steadfast=trust) May we have a steadfast-trusting mind and be kept in peace because we will trust in You Father!

Join us Tuesday, Sept. 17th as we begin the study, Jesus The One and Only by Beth Moore. Beth says, "come on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately...as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. This 10 week, in-depth Bible study includes weekly personal assignments and 11 video sessions taped on location in Jerusalem and throughout Israel." Pat Julian

PACK A SHOEBOX



On Wings Like a Dove, Inc. is asking that you pack a plastic shoebox with the suggested items for the child of a prisoner/prodigal parent included. CONTACT Sheila Smith at 336-692-1120 or sheilakays@msn.com for questions and delivery arrangements.

The deadline for the boxes to be turned in will be December 1, 2013.

On Wings Like a Dove will attach the proper sticker for a girl or boy as the boxes arrive. If you are preparing the box yourself, attach a note indicating the gender and age group of your box.

You are welcome to drop boxes off at our office on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:00-2:00PM at 455 South Church St., Winston-Salem, N.C.

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love" Galatians 5:6b. Will you chose to express love through a small gift to a child who may not receive anything else this Christmas season.



I sent this by email last month but thought it so important I wanted you all to get it and ponder. It comes from Jesus Calling by Sarah Young.

"Entrust your loved ones to me; release them into My protective care. They are much safer with Me than in your clinging hands. If you let a loved one become an idol in your heart, you endanger that one---as well as yourself. Remember the extreme measures I used with Abraham and Isaac. I took Isaac to the very point of death to free Abraham from son-worship. Both Abraham and Isaac suffered terrible because of the father's undisciplined emotions. I detest idolatry, even in the form of parental love.

When you release loved ones to Me, you are free to cling to My hand. As you entrust others into My care, I am free to shower blessings on them. My Presence will go with them wherever they go, and I will give them rest. This same Presence stays with you, as you relax and place your trust in Me. Watch to see what I will do.

When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied.

"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

Are you holding on to your loved one? The thing that really struck me this morning is that you can't hold on to God's hands if you are holding on to anything or anyone else. You have to let go. He does give you a choice.

Is God testing your heart today?? Have you truly let go. When Abraham drew back to plunge the knife in Isaac God said ok Abraham now I know what choice you have made. You have given your one and only Son.

If you haven't laid down your Isaac it might be time today. Then when you release He can work, not only on them but on you. Oh I am praying for your release this morning. Love, Sandra