

And I will give
you shepherds after my
own heart, who will feed
you with knowledge and
understanding.

~ Jeremiah 3:15

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Prayer Support Groups

Monthly Prayer Support
Monday Night
March 1st
Prayer and Praise

River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
Room #4
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

Ladies Bible Study

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

We will be begin a new
study called
Finding I Am
by Lisa Terkuerst

Come join us for
fellowship and learning



On Wings
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A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

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Only God Could Have Arranged That!

"That they may see and know, and consider and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it" Isaiah 41:20.

I love to share stories that were accomplished because only God could have orchestrated them.

Six years ago, the members of the board and our Prayer Partners began praying for a ministry vehicle. My little car was no longer able to transport the supplies we needed to minister to others.

Later, someone called to say, "how is your fund for a vehicle progressing"? Sadly, I said we had not been able to set aside any money to even start a vehicle fund. Then they said the most amazing thing, "I want to provide the ministry a van"! My first thought was, only God could do this. The passage God gave me was Psalm 118:23 "*This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous to see.*" It certainly was marvelous to see!

More recently I have been privileged to experience other situations and realized that only God could put it together. It is always marvelous in my sight. Let me share:

I obtained a free chair with the intention of giving it to someone who might need it. A friend was helping me carry a heavy load to the van and saw the chair. She exclaimed, "Oh, I need that chair!". She had 3 chairs like it for a needy family and needed a fourth. This chair was a perfect fit! We marveled at how God had provided and orchestrated the steps to complete what was required. I was prompted to get the chair with no particular plan for it and my friend just happened to help load the van and see the chair. It was a God thing and she and I recognized it right away and praised Him for it!

I recently had the van inspected and met a lady in the lobby. We chatted while we waited for our vehicles. When they brought the van around, the lady saw the On Wings logo and asked what kind of ministry it was. I described our mission and she shared that her husband had been incarcerated and now it was difficult to find employment. She took my contact information, and I am sure I will hear from her again.

While working at the office on an unscheduled day, I received a call from a man that was visiting in Old Salem. He had walked past the van with the logo and phone number. I invited him to come to the office to talk. He shared that his sister-in-law was dealing with very hard issues with her son. We were able to pray together and share information for his sister-in-law, hoping to minister to her in the future. Without doubt, God had arranged this meeting on a day when the office was usually closed, and the man was walking and meditating on his family situation. God is always working!

At a restaurant with friends, we talked about what Jesus was doing in the ministry. Our waitress overheard our conversation and she felt comfortable interjecting. She shared with us her desire to volunteer with women like she had done before moving to NC. Since that time, she has assisted with a tea party for our mothers, taught a ladies Bible study, and will help with future outreach. Without doubt, God orchestrated this divine appointment to sow into the lives of the loved ones we minister to. See what God did!!

Contemplate the activities in your life that have reflected Psalm 118:23 "*This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous to see.*" Praise God for the ways only He could have brought others into your life to minister to you or selected you to minister to another. The ways He provided for your needs or showed you the depths of His love by arranging things only He could do. Watch for those "Aha" moments, realizing that only God could bring the circumstances and the divine encounter together. If you have those to share, I would love to hear from you!

Love you all,

~ Sandra



Prayer Thoughts

When the Floods Come

The one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation.

Luke 6:49

In our lives the question is not if the floods will come, but when. Sometimes we have advance notice, but usually not. Jesus stresses a strong foundation for such times—one built by not just hearing His words but also by living out the gospel (Luke 6:47). That practice is almost like pouring concrete into our lives. When the floods come, and they will, we can withstand them because we've been "well built" (v. 48). The absence of practice leaves our lives vulnerable to collapse and destruction (v. 49). It's the difference between being wise and foolish.

It's good to pause occasionally and do a little foundation assessment. Jesus will help us to fortify the weak places that we might stand strong in His power when the floods come.

An Excerpt from Our Daily Bread



But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.
Acts 16:25

Your joy as a Christian should not depend on your circumstances. Joy comes from God, and therefore it cannot be affected by what is outside of you. Don't be fooled into letting the actions of others determine your joy. True joy comes from knowing that God Himself lives within you and has fellowship with you, regardless of your environment. Real joy lies in the knowledge that a Holy God has completely forgiven you of every sin, and even now, He has a home prepared in heaven where you can spend eternity with Him (John 14:3). The circumstances of your life cannot change these truths!

Paul and Silas faced some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable. They were falsely accused, arrested, and imprisoned. They were beaten and shackled in the darkest, coldest section of the prison. But they refused to allow their horrific situation to dampen their joy! They did not blame God for allowing these things to happen to them. Instead, they praised Him for His goodness! In the darkness of the night, they prayed and they sang. God brought a miracle that released them from their chains, but perhaps the greater miracle was that His Holy Spirit could so fill them that even in their painful imprisonment they could overflow with joy!

Do not allow difficult events to cancel the joy of knowing you are a child of God. Choose to allow God's Spirit to fill you with His unquenchable joy, and your life will be a miracle to those who watch you face the trials that come.

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Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD.
For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.



2 Samuel 7:22

Authentic Shepherds

The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.

John 10:2-3 NIV

The winter sheepfolds were located in the barren, rocky Judean hills. Each one was used by several shepherds who kept their flocks in the fold during the night for safety. The fold would have had high stone walls accessed by one strong, wooden door. It had no roof. One of the shepherds would act as the watchman at the door, staying inside the fold with the sheep all night, guarding against thieves, wild animals, and anything else that might harm the sheep. In the morning, the authentic shepherds of the sheep would come to the door and identify themselves. The watchman would open the door, then each shepherd would call out his own sheep by name. One by one, his particular sheep would separate from all the others in the fold and follow him out to graze the Judean hills for the day.

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