



But if we confess our sins to him he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

- 1 John 1:9



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*Prayer Support Groups*

No Monday Night  
Prayer in July and August  
Prayer Support Kickoff  
September 9

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 are beginning a new study called  
Don't Give the Enemy  
a Seat At Your Table  
by Louie Giglio



Come join us for  
fellowship and learning

## Can You Hear God's Whispers?

“Speak Lord, for your servant is listening!” 1 Samuel 3:10

The dictionary defines whisper as “speaking very softly using one’s breath without one’s vocal cords.” God’s whisper to us is gentle, but powerful.

Mark Batterson writes in his book, *Whisper*, the following: “When someone speaks in a whisper, you have to put your ear near the person’s mouth. We lean toward a whisper, and that’s what God wants. The goal of hearing the heavenly Fathers voice; it’s intimacy with Him. That’s why He speaks in a whisper. He wants to be as close to us as is divinely possible! He loves us, likes us, that much.”

Read those words again and let them sink in. We must be close to Him to hear His whisper and He wants us to be as close as divinely possible. That amazes me. We must set aside time to be with Him, get quiet and still while listening closely. Does that not blow your mind, that He wants us close----the Creator of the universe wants communion and intimate fellowship with us? Will you accept His invitation to come aside from the world and your responsibilities to get close enough to hear Him whisper His love to you?

At our recent retreat, many did come away at His bidding and learned new ways to discover His whispers of love. Several gave testimony of experiencing even the bees whispering a message. Others expressed that for the first time they believed that God loved them wholeheartedly.

I was awakened before sunrise and sensed a call to witness the rise of the sun as it peeked out over the mountains with a display of majestic color. The very thought that He wanted me to take in the beauty He was displaying that morning made me aware that it was a whisper of His love.

As I turned in His Word He whispered through its pages to me out of Isaiah 2:3 & 5: “Come let us go to the mountain of the Lord.....that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” Then in verse five He gave me a scripture to challenge us as we prepared to go back to our valleys: “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord”.

Each verse is an invitation, Come. We have a choice; Will we pull aside from the hurts that pull us down, or the intense schedule we think we must keep and let Him whisper His love to us through nature, fellowship, prayer, and the sharing of His Word? Or will we allow Satan to steal the peace God’s whisper gives with his constant chatter of reasons we cannot pull aside to sit with Him? It is never too late to come apart to the beach, mountains, or any quiet place and lean in close and hear His whisper. His invitation to ‘come’ is always available.

After the retreat while I was reading Jeremiah, the Lord whispered to come to a place where I could hear His words to me. I responded and am writing from the Potters House which is set in the woods beside a brook. The sound of the brook is comforting and quiets my soul along with the song of the birds. The whispers of God’s love to me are allowing me the time to pull aside in this wonderful hide away this morning, just He and I.

The older I get the more I find I must lean in closer to hear His whispers and that is just fine with me. I am truly amazed that it is satisfying and pleasing to Him as well. Cry out to Him today, Lord, speak, for your servant is listening. He longs to whisper in your ear!

~ Sandra





MADE IN

THE IMAGE  
OF GOD



UNITED WE PRAY!

For the Lord is the  
Spirit, and wherever  
the Spirit of the Lord  
is, there is FREEDOM.



WOE TO THOSE WHO CALL EVIL  
GOOD AND GOOD EVIL,  
WHO SUBSTITUTE DARKNESS  
FOR LIGHT AND LIGHT FOR  
DARKNESS,  
WHO SUBSTITUTE BITTER FOR  
SWEET AND SWEET FOR BITTER.  
WOE TO THOSE WHO ARE WISE  
IN THEIR OWN OPINION AND  
CLEVER IN THEIR OWN SIGHT.

ISAIAH 5:20-21

## Prayer Thoughts



Wise parents learn to distinguish between the cries that warrant immediate attention from their babies, the ones that need monitoring, and those that are best ignored.

But regardless of the reason, mothers hear every cry. Their ears are attuned to the sound of their babies' voices, and their hearts are knit together.

God the Father is the same way. David describes God's responsiveness in 2 Samuel 22:7 "In my distress I called to the Lord; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears."

God also responds to our cries for help. Psalm 91:14 reads, "'Because he loves me,' says the Lord, 'I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.'"

At times, however, in his infinite wisdom, God chooses not to respond to our requests immediately. Perhaps He knows we need to learn lessons or develop skills. Maybe He knows our faith muscles need strengthening or that waiting for His response will help develop our character. He knows that persevering in faith, even when we can't see God at work, makes us stronger.

If you're crying out today, be comforted and encouraged by the knowledge that God hears every cry and always responds in a timely manner in the way that is best—because He loves you. Has there been a time when God seemed deaf to your cries, but later you saw how He was working on your behalf? You can trust God for the present situation based on His faithfulness in the past. Cry out to Him, tell Him your needs, and watch to see how He responds.

Excerpted from CBN Devotional April 2021

**Sometimes** we go through things that can make us feel like a victim. However, we need to realize that there are things in life that we can't control. We can't control what people think or say about us. We can't control what people do to us. Over and over again, when people become victims they tend to remain victims for the rest of their lives. The one thing that we can control in our situation is how long we will stay the victim. We cannot allow what happened to us have us. God has a plan for our life and He is good and wants us to experience His goodness in the land of the living, which is RIGHT NOW on this earth. We don't have to wait for eternity to experience God's goodness.

Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's  
goodness while I am here in the land of the living.

~ Psalm 27:13