



As I have loved you

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Prayer Support Groups

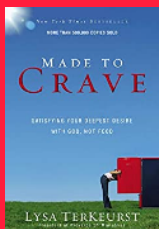
Prayer Support
Monday, February 7
To Be Announced

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 continue
Revelation through
February 15th
We will begin a new study
February 22



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A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Prayer of Jabez

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Each year our Board of Directors prepare to seek God’s direction and plan for the ministry. We begin in December to read a book or focus on a passage we believe God highlights for us. Five years ago, we prayed the Jabez Prayer and displayed the words on the wall of our prayer room to remind us to continue to pray. God has certainly expanded our territory over the years in response to our prayers.

We have seen God’s hand when we moved to our current location allowing us twice the space, then the addition of our Treasure Box space, and this past year we were privileged to secure space for Resources. These resources have come in abundance and allowed us to minister to many individuals, families, and communities all with the purpose of sharing God’s love and His gospel.

2022 will see us expanding to provide housing for men and women inmates being released who have no path to success. We believe it is God’s heart to provide for this outreach in a tangible way. We are excited about this new adventure. It won’t be an easy task, nor is it something we necessarily pursued but God had plans to do just that through us.

We chose to step into the waters and believe me He is parting them as He provides the way. First came the approval of our first Grant for this housing and now we are watching Him put everything in place. In the beginning of our search, we found property owners were not willing to open their rental homes to us. But God began to put some things in place and as only He can do has opened the possibility for not one but two houses. The owner of one house has a heart for this type of outreach and we are confident will partner with us in this endeavor. His church has a Dream Center a mile from the house. They have a clothes closet, food that they donate, a team of counselors, a Celebrate Recovery Program, and space for other gatherings that they are willing to make available to us. Only God! We are just blown away with how He is working.

We were also gifted an enclosed utility trailer for our community outreaches, and which will allow us to pick up donated items. God is supplying our needs and it is marvelous in our sight!

We are praying that God will pour out His blessings and show us His miracles, because He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is doing miracles in our day just as we see Him performing them in His Word. We are expecting miracles in 2022 and we are praying for them as we expect Him to give us increasing abundance, expanded influence, spiritual anointing, and supernatural protection as Dr. Steve Gaines once prayed. We are also praying through the Circle Maker by Mark Batterson this year and we will be sharing some prayers that we are expecting to see answered as we circle them in prayer. Let’s not put God in a box this year. Let’s pray for Him to have free rein in our lives and ministry to do what He wants to do in this coming year. We believe it is going to be the year of the tsunami of His Spirit pouring over our cities. Let’s be part of what He is doing! Surrender your all to Him!

~ Sandra

Volunteer Spotlight

KAREN DYSON is our
Administrative

Assistant. She has been with us for many years and what a blessing she is. She helps us with many difficult tasks, prepares materials we need for ministry, does our financial reports each month, orders supplies, works wonders with the computer, works on our

website and Facebook and on and on we could go. She is much appreciated and so we honor her. When you see her, let her know how much you appreciate her.



BOB KILLMEIER is our IT go to guy. We depend on his computer skills and he is invaluable in that position. He is a very kind, gentle soul who often gets us out of a predicament we have no knowledge how to correct. Thank you Bob for giving your skills and knowledge to On Wings. We can not thank you enough. May God bless you.



Prayer Thoughts

When Love Never Ends

The Lord watches over all who love him. Psalm 145:2

Whenever my grandfather took me to the beach," Sandra reminisced, "he always took off his watch and put it away. One day I asked him why."

"He smiled and replied, 'Because I want you to know how important my moments with you are to me. I just want to be with you and let time go by.'"

I heard my friend share that recollection at her grandfather's funeral. It was one of her favorite memories of their life together. As I reflected on how valued it makes us feel when others take time for us, it brought to mind Scripture's words on God's loving care.

God always makes time for us. David prayed in Psalm 145, "You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The Lord is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. The Lord is near" (vv. 16–18).

God's goodness and thoughtful attention sustain our lives each moment, providing us with air to breathe and food to eat. Because He is rich in love, the Creator of all things mercifully crafts even the most intricate details of our existence.

God's love is so deep and unending that in His kindness and mercy He's even opened the way to eternal life and joy in His presence, as if to say, "I love you so much, I just want to be with you forever, and let time go by."

Taken from Our Daily Bread



YOU ARE INVITED TO A

Ladies Tea Party

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

11:30 AM

AT THE ON WINGS OFFICE

HOSTED BY MILLA RANIERI
FROM THE FLOUR BOX

Come enjoy her teas and delicious snacks

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THIS FUN TIME

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO
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Contend For Me

“Contend for me, my God and Lord”

Psalm 35:23

Many of us have experienced the coming of a valley after a mountaintop experience. The enemy cannot stand to see us praising God for His answers to prayer or finding deliverance from a stronghold. I have found in my own life that days, sometimes moments I am cut off at the knees in a battle for my faith. All it takes is one phone call or confrontation to derail. So, maybe we should be more watchful for the enemy's tactics. The victory season is not a time to neglect God's Word or connection with Him. We need to keep the sword of His Word in our hands and in our heart.

In recent days I experienced a verbal attack that seemed to come out of the blue, following a great victory. I must say it took me off guard and penetrated to the depths of my heart. At the time I was using “Draw the Circle” by Mark Batterson as a 40 Day Devotional and that day was Day 15. The passage was taken from Psalm 35:23, “Contend for me, my God and Lord”. This is how God used this to teach and encourage me and I pray it will you:

“God is like the defense attorney that pleads our case, pleads our cause. When our backs are against the wall, God has our backs. When everything is on the line, God steps in. Satan is the accuser of the brethren, but he's no match for the Paraclete.

The New Testament depiction of this is a little more defined. We actually have two intercessors; The Holy Spirit is interceding for us with groans that cannot be uttered. Long before we woke up this morning and long after we go to sleep tonight, the Holy Spirit was and is circling us in prayer. And if that doesn't infuse us with holy confidence, I don't know what will. But it isn't just the Holy Spirit who is interceding for us; the Son of God is interceding for us as well. They are interceding for the will of God to be accomplished in our lives. We are double circled. They are circling us all the time with songs of deliverance.

I decided a few years ago that I wasn't going to defend myself against any and every criticism that comes my way. Life is short, and the mission is too important. And I'm called to play offense, not defense. God is my defender. And I believe He is contending for me if my cause is just, and my heart is right. It's important for us to have people in our lives who can speak words of rebuke and exhortation. But they will typically be someone with whom we have a relationship. When discerning whether to respond to criticism, I try to discern the spirit of the person doing the criticizing. Is the purpose redemptive or vindictive? And I put the criticism through the filter of Scripture. If it passes through the filter, then I need to repent. If it doesn't then I don't let it pierce my heart. And I let God defend and contend on my behalf. There are some battlefields I'm willing to die on, but there are some I'm not willing to die on. I won't engage in the combat of criticism. It is sideways energy, and it doesn't have a redemptive purpose. I overlook the offense so I can keep playing offense”.

Wow, just what I needed. I was planning in my mind my defense, but God is teaching me to be on the offense when such attacks come. I believe the key points are to examine where the words are coming from and what their purpose is. Is the criticism redemptive, spoken in love which leads us to examine ourselves, or is it vindictive, designed to put us down and render us useless for God's Kingdom.

Sadly, I had once again allowed words to pierce my heart knowing they were unkind and untrue. Thankfully I was seeking God's thoughts on the situation, and He put these words before me to strengthen me and keep me out of the pit of destruction. I was allowing the enemy to put me on defense when God wanted me to remain on offense and let Him fight my battle. Are you allowing God to fight your battles or are you still trying to fight them on your own? Are you encouraged in the reminder that we have two powerful Intercessors?

You are double-circled, praise God! Discern whether the criticism is coming for redemptive purposes or out of vindictiveness. If it is for redemption repent and ask God for direction and change. If it is spoken out of vindictiveness let it go and let God deal with it. • Make sure you are seeking God daily for His truth. He will always reveal it to you. When He does, write it down, then you can go back when you struggle once again. Write the scriptures down that He gives you and repeat them often to yourself. Be challenged to speak words that redeem others, not words that are vindictive. *Prayer:* Thank You Father for Your precious Word that gets us back on track when Satan attempts to derail us and tempts us to agree with him instead of what you say about us. You say we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and we choose to believe it today, not the lies of the enemy. Thank you for contending for us Lord and interceding for us. What in the world would we do without You. Lead us in this New Year of opportunity.

*We love you Lord,
Sandra Kearns*