



**GOD BLESS AMERICA**



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A MINISTRY TO LOVED ONES  
OF PRODIGALS & PRISONERS

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### *Prayer Support Groups*

**PRAYER SUPPORT  
AT ON WINGS OFFICE  
First Monday of each Month  
Next Meeting is July 13  
6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Amanda Shaffer from Solus  
Christus will share her  
testimony with us**

**RIVER OAKS CHURCH  
CLEMMONS, NC  
Meet in Room #4 on 2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm  
Currently studying  
The Bondage Breaker  
by Neil T. Anderson  
Led by Jeff and Sherye Hall**

### *Ladies Bible Study*

**Each Tuesday at On Wings Office  
from 12:30-2:00  
Resumes July 7th  
Study on Ruach from beginning**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Fall Retreat...October 2-4  
"Whispers of God's Love"**

## *Never Stop Praying*

*~ 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

## *It Will Take a Spirit of Love*

**"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone"  
Romans 12:18**

In March of this year, before the crisis of Covid-19 occurred we were privileged to have a Ladies Tea Party. We invited our mothers and spouses, Solus Christus Ministry and members from Velma McCloud's church who was our guest speaker. It was well attended by almost sixty women.

As I looked around the room, I was struck by the beauty of the women who were so diverse, not only in skin color but also in the experience of life. Some were or had been prodigals in addiction, sex trafficking, or prostitution. Some were mothers of addicts, or those in prison. Some were involved in ministry in their own churches and beyond and had never experienced the pain of a mother's journey. But the most beautiful thing was that we were all mixed together in one room fellowshiping with one another and worshipping our Lord in song regardless of where we came from or what our skin color was. I long for our world to experience this kind of unity and it will take looking beyond our own needs to that of others.

As Velma shared her topic which was "Love Lifted Me", she expressed from her own experience a God who helped her overcome the barriers Satan had attempted to present to her in her young life. She could have remained bitter and unforgiving, but she allowed God to work in her heart as she chose to love out of her own pain. She shared how everyone in attendance could experience God's unconditional love and share the same with others of different experiences. Velma is a prime example of God's love demonstrated to others in spite of her past experiences.

The only way we will get beyond our current crisis is by experiencing God's love for ourselves and allowing it to express itself outward to others. And guess what? Just like the day of the Tea, we can come together without seeing the color of skin or that the other person came out of a life of prostitution, addiction, imprisonment, homelessness, shame, or numerous other issues.

Over the many years I have worked with and ministered with people from all walks of life, I have found I could do it in spite of our differences as we worked for the greater good of others. Each person has taught me to see life from their perspective. I might not always get it right, but I have learned to love each one despite our differences. Lord, help me to see beyond myself and lay down any prejudices I may still have. See if there is any evil and wicked way in me and set me free from it.

On Wings had a vision for 2020 for a huge wave of God's love pouring into our city to take it over like a tsunami. I still believe it will happen, but only as we reach out to each other with unconditional love. Hate and bitterness breed hate and bitterness, but as we spread God's love it permeates to others and brings the change we long for.

Let us pray for our country to live up to our name: United States. Let us do our part to cause unity to happen because the world is watching. America has not had riots in the streets like other countries in our past and it would not be occurring now if we ALL had love in our hearts for each other. We sang together at the end, "Love Lifted Me" It says, "Love Lifted Me, when nothing else could help, Love lifted me".

Nothing else will help but love folks. Examine your hearts and I pray it is filled with love for your fellow man.

Let us lay down our stones and pick up the Sword of God's Word. Follow God's direction found in its pages and let His Spirit lead you. He is love, so let us choose to be carriers of His love to everyone we meet and let us teach our children to do the same so that they will have a better future awaiting them.

*~ Sandra*

## A letter for my friend,

I've been wanting to introduce you to a friend of mine for a long time but for some reason, I have hesitated, even though my friend has asked me over and over to introduce you to Him. He says He wants to meet you and honestly, I don't know why I haven't done so because when I met Him, He changed my life.

He is unlike anyone I've ever known. His concern has always been about me. Over the years, I've had to be intentional about our relationship. At times, I've even ignored Him, yet when I've needed Him, He was always there and He never condemns me or becomes angry. He's not pushy or demanding, He doesn't brag or boast. He's patient with me and when I listen to what He is saying to me, I am never disappointed. He is kind and I always feel loved and at peace in His presence regardless of what is going on in my life. He is always interested in what I have to say, every detail of my life and even how I feel. No matter what, He's always willing to help me. I've never had a friend like Him.

One thing He has made clear to me is that He wants me to introduce Him to everyone I know. He has specifically brought your name up during our time together and always conveys to me that He wants me to introduce you to Him. At times, I've been ashamed of what you may think of me, so I've ignored His request. I know it hurts Him that I've not listened, yet even when I've let Him down, He says He will never let me down. He often tells me if I don't introduce you to Him, you may not have a chance to know Him which would be tragic for you. He tells me He doesn't care where you have come from or what you have done. He simply wants to know you and for you to know Him. He doesn't want anyone to be ashamed of their past because knowing Him removes all of that. He tells me that is His purpose—to rescue people from the pain and shame of their past and to give them a future simply by knowing Him.

You may ask me, "If your friend is so wonderful, why haven't you introduced me to Him?" I guess the main reason is because people who don't know Him personally or have never met him have ridiculed Him, spread rumors about Him and hurt His reputation. The truth is, only someone who really knows Him can introduce Him and tell about their experience in knowing Him. All He wants is a chance to get to know people one-on-one and He loves His friends to share how they met Him and what it's been like knowing Him. That is really all the introduction He needs.

I believe meeting my friend would change your life. He has helped me in ways unimaginable and I am positive I could not live my life without him. I am sure I would not want to. So if you ask me who this person is—I would tell you His name is Jesus and He is the Son of God. He came to rescue me from me. He did something for me that I could not do for myself. He died for me. He willingly died on a cross for sins He did not commit. Do you know anyone who would do that for you? Do you know anyone who would trade His goodness for your badness? I am amazed at His willingness to allow all of my sins to be laid on Him and take the punishment that should have been mine. And the reason He did this is just as amazing. He did this because He loved me—for no other reason than that. I am God's creation, but my sin separated me from Him because He is holy and I am sinful. Even my best behavior can never measure up to His holiness. God saw a dilemma that I could not fix, so He chose to fix it for me by sending His only son, Jesus to do something that I could not do for myself, to stand in the gap by being my substitute and Jesus willingly agreed. He went to a cross and allowed Himself to be nailed to it and die...for me! And then He rose again because HE IS God. He did this for you as well. JESUS is on a rescue mission for humanity. I am grateful every day I met Him. My life has changed and over the years others have noticed it too. I've never been perfect and I never will be, but knowing my friend Jesus has caused me to want to be better because I want to please Him. Knowing Jesus has given me strength because it comes from Him. Knowing Jesus has given me peace because I know He will always be there for me no matter what. He tells me He will never leave me. He brings me all of these gifts just by having a friendship with Him. I am so thankful He is in my life.

He often asks me to tell you about Him because He loves you so much so now I am finally getting around to it. Please forgive me for not telling you about Him sooner. He wants to meet you...He hopes you will accept Him and receive His gift that paid for you to be reconciled to God. Like I said before, His desire is to help you in this life but He also promises to those of us who believe in Him eternal life. Yet, it can only come through accepting His gift of redemption. He says there is no other way. You can't be good enough, you can't believe in any other God or any other religion. His way is it. I know that narrows things down a bit, but think about it, why would He suffer and die if He didn't have to?

Now that I have introduced you to my friend, Jesus, please be open to getting to know Him for yourself. Please don't listen to all the things you have heard from people who have never met Him. As unbelievable as it may sound, all you have to do to experience this amazing relationship is to accept what He has done for you and ask Him to be in your life too. That's it.

And as a result you begin a relationship with your Creator...you won't be sorry. Now it is up to you. You can discover all His promises simply by reading His word—the Holy Bible.

One last thing, He is preparing a place for us in eternity and I am so excited because this world leaves something to be desired. I don't feel at home here and I realize it is because He is preparing a home in Heaven for me. The best part is He is coming back to get those of us who believe in Him and according to His word, it may be very soon! I am so excited! I can't wait to see what He has prepared for me and all believers who are trusting in Him.

Hopefully, I'll see you there too!

Written by friend who cares about you

**For God so loved the world  
that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall  
not perish but have eternal life.**

**John 3:16**

**Jesus answered, "I am the way  
and the truth and the life  
No one comes to the Father  
except through me.**

**John 14:6**

**And if I go and prepare a place  
for you, I will come back and take  
you to be with me that you also  
may be where I am.**

**John 14:3**