

The grass withers,
the flower fades,
But the word of
our God stands forever

Isaiah 40:8



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Prayer Support Groups

We all not meet for
Prayer Support
In May

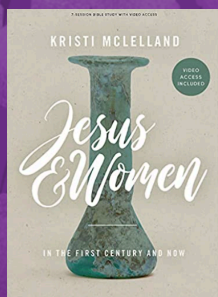
River Oaks Church
Clemmons, NC
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
at 6:30 pm
Room #4
Led by Jeff & Sherye Hall

Ladies Bible Study

Each Tuesday
At On Wings Office
From 12:30-2:00

We will begin a
New Study
May 9th
(No meeting on May 2nd)

Kristi McLelland
"Jesus and Women"



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Go Where I Send You

"You will go where I send you and speak whatever I tell you to. And don't be afraid of the people for I, the Lord, will be with you and see you through"
Jeremiah 1:7-8

At the end of 2022 we had two visitors, Denise and her friend, Melissa, come into our office thinking it was a tour house. They had come for the Fall Furniture Market and had decided to take a break by visiting Old Salem. As they walked down the path to God's Acre, they had noticed our welcome sign and decided to come in.

As she observed a bit she asked if she was supposed to be there. Perusing the materials on the shelf she saw my book, Where was the Prodigals Mother? She said, "I am a Prodigals Mother!" Denise shared that her son had been estranged from her and her husband, Jackie, for over seven years. She was very familiar with the prodigal story in the Bible and talked about her plans to make a robe for her son and having a celebration when he returned home.

Then she said, "you have to come to Nashville". I honestly said I'd love to and did not put any stock in the invitation. People say things like come to see us, but it rarely happens. She said that she had a tiny house behind her house and that we could come stay in that. I had no idea what we would do if we went besides enjoy Nashville, but God knew. He was setting things in place, but we had no idea how.

After Christmas I received a text from Denise saying we needed to set a date to meet with some couples whom she had learned had prodigal situations of their own. She asked me to mail a copy of my book to each couple for them to read beforehand and to come prepared to share my journey with them.

Of course, I said yes and invited my husband, Jimmy, to go with me as this was going to be a couple's event. On Wings prepared a booklet with prayers in it, suggested reading materials, a release prayer, and scriptures that had meant so much to me in my journey. I went with no agenda in mind while praying that God would lead me just as He had promised from His word. We decided to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and as we did, we watched amazing things happen. After sharing for a while, we opened the time for each couple to share their story. It was a time of healing as they shared their deepest pain with the group that had become a safe haven for them.

Denise's husband, Jackie, shared his testimony of his time in the occult which spoke to some issues of those present in the group. It was a powerful moment. We prayed a release prayer in unison for our prodigals as we opened our hands to give them back to God to deal with. Two of the couples shared that God had expressed to them in different ways that He loved their children more than they did and wanted them to open their hands and release them to Him to woo them back into the fold.

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It is always interesting that we come into a new group walled off and suspicious not knowing what to expect but leaving as forever friends because we share and pray together for each other and our prodigals. We had a closing prayer in which we lifted each name to our Heavenly Father. Afterwards Jackie and Denise gave us a special fun-filled concert and we were blessed beyond measure. I am sure we didn't see half of what God did in both the attendees' hearts and ours.

My prayer is that some nugget was instilled to give each parent hope and encouragement to stand on God's truth's and to be able to let go and let God do the delivering. The battle we face is God's alone and He wants us to learn to depend on His Truth believing He will fight the battle for us.

Always be watching to see where God is working and join Him in His work no matter where it takes you. I am just amazed how He orchestrates divine appointments to take us on exciting journeys of ministry to hurting people.

As we drove out of Nashville Jimmy said, "I have to be honest, I did not want to come but I had the best time and saw God work in marvelous ways". I am blown away by God's faithfulness to us. It was a true blessing.

~ Sandra



Prayer Thoughts



DECREASING FOR HIS PURPOSE

He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 3:30

If you become a necessity to someone else's life, you are out of God's will. As a servant, your primary responsibility is to be a "friend of the bridegroom" (John 3:29). When you see a person who is close to grasping the claims of Jesus Christ, you know that your influence has been used in the right direction. And when you begin to see that person in the middle of a difficult and painful struggle, don't try to prevent it, but pray that his difficulty will grow even ten times stronger, until no power on earth or in hell could hold him away from Jesus Christ. Over and over again, we try to be amateur providences in someone's life. We are indeed amateurs, coming in and actually preventing God's will and saying, "This person should not have to experience this difficulty." Instead of being friends of the Bridegroom, our sympathy gets in the way. One day that person will say to us, "You are a thief; you stole my desire to follow Jesus, and because of you I lost sight of Him."

Beware of rejoicing with someone over the wrong thing, but always look to rejoice over the right thing. "...the friend of the bridegroom...rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:29-30). This was spoken with joy, not with sadness—at last they were to see the Bridegroom! And John said, this was his joy. It represents a stepping aside, an absolute removal of the servant, never to be thought of again. Listen intently with your entire being until you hear the Bridegroom's voice in the life of another person. And never give any thought to what devastation, difficulties, or sickness it will bring. Just rejoice with godly excitement that His voice has been heard. You may often have to watch Jesus Christ wreck a life before He saves it (see Matthew 10:34).

From My Utmost for His Highest

Kathy's Korner

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HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

Recently I read through the Books of Chronicles. It was an interesting study of a multitude of kings, their good and bad decisions and the resulting consequences. There is a phrase that was repeated many times and which caught my interest:

He is good;

His faithful love endures forever.

The first time I saw this was when David had pitched a tent and the Ark was brought to it. In David's psalm of thanksgiving it is written "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love endures forever." (1 Chron 16:34) In 2 Chron 5:13 at the dedication of Solomon's temple we read that all the people raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang "For He is good, His love endures forever." Again in 2 Chron 7:3 all of Israel knelt on the pavement with faces to the ground and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD saying "For He is good, His faithful love endures forever." Finally in 2 Chron 20:21, going into battle, King Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and praise Him for the splendor of His holiness saying, "Give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever." This phrase of worship can also be found in Jeremiah 33 and Ezra 3, and in the Psalms.

Psalms 118 begins and ends with "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, His love endures forever." Psalm 136 has 26 verses of reasons to give thanks; the response to each is, "His love endures forever." We who love God are to give thanks to Him, for He is good, He is God, He is Creator, He works miracles and He saves His people. He is Provider, Healer, our Savior, Strength and Shield, our High Tower, our all in all!

If God's people, Israel, were quick to acknowledge His goodness and faithful, enduring love, should this not be the same for me? When I awake let me thank the Lord for His goodness. When I look at the beauty and colors of His creation, let me thank the Creator. In greeting friends, let me remind them, and myself, of God's goodness and faithful love. When I'm tired, frustrated, disappointed remember God is good and faithful. When my children disappoint me, when I feel rejected and out of control, He is good; His love endures forever. When I am in awe of what He has done and is doing now - Oh yes, God, You are good, and Your faithful love endures forever!

God says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus our Lord." Even in the very worst of circumstances, if I can find nothing else for which I feel grateful, I can - and must - always "Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, and His love endures forever."

Let this become the cry of our hearts and lips!