

PRAY

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Prayer Support Groups

No Prayer Support
Meeting for June

Ladies Bible Study

You are invited to attend a
luncheon on July 9th
At On Wings Office
12:30-2

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

We will begin a new study
July 16th
To Be Determined

Come Join Us!



Have a Blessed July 4th!



A Newsletter from On Wings Like A Dove Ministry

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Manifest in Me

"Be filled with the Spirit"
Ephesians 5:18

As we sought the heart of the Father for our 2024 Retreat topic Velma and I were led to the same subject, the Manifestation of the Holy Spirit through us. Manifestation involves the whole person, spirit, soul, and body. When we manifest our spirit, every part of us is in wholehearted agreement with God.

Our spirit differs from our soul because our spirit is always pointed toward and exists exclusively for God, whereas our soul can be self-centered.

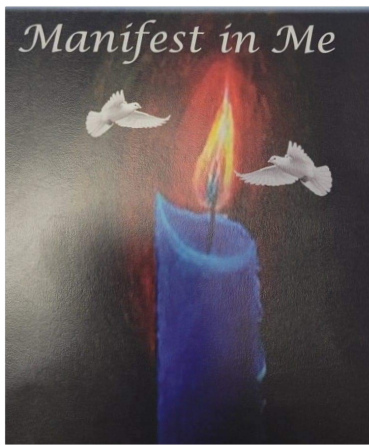
We must surrender our will for God's will in order to live in the spirit constantly. If we live out of our soul or our emotions, our feelings will rule us. The Holy Spirit will guide us as we spend time in prayer communicating with Him and by reading and studying His Word. As Christians we should always enjoy reading His Word and if you don't, I would question your relationship with Him. He gives so much guidance and direction from His written Word. We also experience His presence as we worship in song, in word, and in fellowship with our sisters.

We learned in Experiencing God that God speaks through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways. I have also experienced His voice through nature, messages, songs, God encounters, or someone God has used to speak into me. He always amazes me as I go deeper with Him on my journey of faith.

His presence brings with it an inner peace and calmness. Sometimes I experience a warmth come over me and I know He is ever near. As I seek to operate out of my spirit, not my soul, I find myself quickly convicted when I say what I shouldn't or react in a way I know is coming from my flesh. Then hopefully I quickly repent and get my spirit, soul, and body back in alignment with the Father, Son, and Spirit. It is important to respond immediately to the Holy Spirit's prompting. Often the words don't get completely out of my mouth before I find myself wanting to cram them back in! Do you know what I mean?

I pray that the 2024 attendees were open to His truths and were refreshed and renewed in their spirits as they learned to lay down their will for His. Philippians 2:13 says "It is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure".

~ Sandra



Manifest in Me was the theme for our Ladies Retreat. "Manifesting your spirit is a spiritual discipline. Life in the Spirit is about digging out a well. God wants to dig into us, removing the dirt and things that cover up the living water He has put within us. It is simple displacement-there are things that He must remove in order for the Holy Spirit to completely fill us." Taken from Graham Cooke from *Manifesting Your Spirit*. The Spirit certainly manifested throughout the weekend in ways only He can. So many lives were touched and we believe each lady left a different person. Allowing the Spirit to manifest in us instead of our souls is the better way. We had a lot of new participants



and that is always welcome. We are so grateful for our time together. Velma is such a wonderful teacher and we will have much to ponder over the summer as we dig deeper into the Scriptures in our prayer journals Kathy Vanhoy created. We thank all the ones who worked so hard to provide the needed supplies: Kathy Vanhoy, Teresa Winfree, Debbie Hampton, and Glenda Mott. We also want to thank our Worship Leaders Elizabeth Trogdon and Cynthia Moore for their part in providing both music and wisdom at each session. Kathy Allen was our Leader throughout the weekend as she made

announcements and gathered us together for our sessions and Janice Welch welcomed each lady in on Friday and gave them their materials. As Velma dressed up in her fatigues she reminded us that this is War. We are in a Spiritual Battle but God is our Commander in Chief and is fighting those battles for us.





DON'T FEAR THE DESERT

The word desert often brings to mind miles of dry sand, flat terrain interspersed with hills, nomads traversing the desolate landscape on their camels while the sun scorches them and the earth. Or there might be visions of Peter O'Toole, portraying Lawrence of Arabia, riding horses, battling in the Arabian Desert and fighting for survival. Harrison Ford, aka Indiana Jones, spent time exploring in the Sahara Desert. One third of the earth's land surface is classified as desert, there are 71 named deserts with 32 being classified as major.

Deserts lack appeal due to their scarce precipitation, lack of vegetation and extreme shifts in temperature. It seems that most people would not choose to spend much time in a desert. A Spiritual desert can be seen much the same way. Days that can turn into weeks of dry Scripture reading, prayers that seem to bounce off the ceiling, feeling far away from God, and wondering if He even cares. Given a choice, I prefer fertile, green pasture times with God to walking through a dry, quiet and seemingly alone time.

A question was asked during our Tuesday Bible Study at On Wings like a Dove that sent me searching the early books of the Old Testament. To my amazement, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and much of Deuteronomy took place in the desert! Reading these four books it is clear that though God's people were sojourners in the dry, barren desert, God was far from being silent and was constantly near to them. He guided, protected, provided light, water and food, instructed, and fostered relationships. He provided laws and building instructions, directions for feast and fast and guidance on how to resolve disputes. God was talking! In the study "The God Who Sees" that we finished up in June, Kathie Lee Gifford and Joanne Moody point out that the Hebrew word for wilderness, midbar, and the word for to speak, medaber, are written the same in the Hebrew language: MDBR. God speaks, even in the wilderness!

Perhaps you are crawling through a desert time right now. You are tired, spiritually hungry and thirsty, feel lost and alone. We've been there. It might feel terrible, but ask God to speak, to use this dry time to teach you, guide you, feed you and build relationships. It might not feel like He is right there with you, but He is. He has promised that He will be. Desert times are a good time to reach out to other believers; let them help, encourage, remind you of God's faithfulness and walk beside you in the journey.

Deuteronomy 31:6 and 8 remind us: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you and the Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

You are not alone.



Prayer Thoughts

Lies and Truth

Satan is a liar and the father of lies
John 8:44



Adolf Hitler believed big lies were more powerful than small ones, and, tragically, he tested his theory successfully. Early in his political career, he claimed he was content to support others' aspirations. When he came to power, he said his party didn't intend to persecute anyone. Later, he used the media to portray himself as a father figure and moral leader.

Satan uses lies to gain power in our lives. Whenever possible, he provokes fear, anger, and despair because he's "a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Satan can't tell the truth because, as Jesus said, he doesn't have any truth inside of him.

Here are a few of the enemy's lies. First, our prayers don't matter. Not true. The Bible says, "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). Second, when we're in trouble, there's no way out. Wrong again. "All things are possible with God" (Mark 10:27), and "he will also provide a way out" (1 Corinthians 10:13). Third, God doesn't love us. That's false. Nothing can "separate us" from God's love through Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).

God's truth is more powerful than lies. If we obey Jesus' teaching in His strength, then we "will know the truth," reject what's false, and "the truth will set [us] free" (John 8:3).

Taken from Our Daily Bread
May 15, 2024

Book Review #7

Safe In The Father's Heart

Sylvia Gunter with Elizabeth Gunter

This book is based on the journey of the author's relationship with her father. She felt abandoned when he left his family, and she began to build walls of self-protection as a young girl. Isn't that what we do?

She describes her experience as feeling orphaned. You might relate to her feelings yourself if you did not receive the nourishment and love you needed from a parent yourself. Due to my mother's struggles with her own childhood lacks I found myself feeling orphaned at times even though I had both parents in the home.

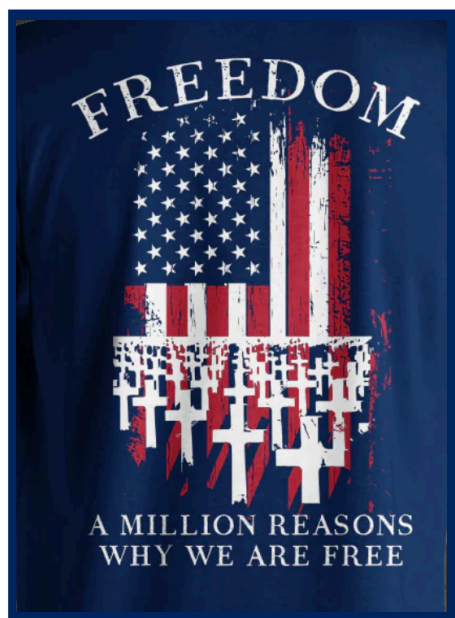
As I got older, I began to recognize that I had an Orphan Spirit. I decided to ask God to help me address my issues. I often felt the sting of rejection or the need for approval or praise from others over the years. I wanted to be free of that feeling.

I began to ask God why I was feeling the way I was, and I ran across the featured book. Here are some common behaviors you might see in someone with an orphan heart:

- ◆ Feeling empty
- ◆ Self-rejection or rejection by others
- ◆ Rivalry
- ◆ Jealously and envy
- ◆ Defensiveness
- ◆ Feeling like you have to prove yourself

If we didn't have a good father figure, we can often feel distance between ourselves and our Heavenly Father. He wants to repair that relationship into wholeness. This passage is comforting: "But for all who did receive and trust in Him, He gave them the right to be reborn as children of God".

~ Sandra



If my people,

**WHO ARE CALLED BY MY
NAME, SHALL HUMBLE
THEMSELVES, AND PRAY,
AND SEEK MY FACE, AND
TURN FROM THEIR WICKED
WAYS; THEN WILL I HEAR
FROM HEAVEN, AND WILL
FORGIVE THEIR SIN, AND
WILL HEAL THEIR LAND.**

2 CHRONICLES 7:14



2 Corinthians 3:17

"Now the Lord is the
Spirit, and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom."