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Journey Through Life Ministries Quarterly Newsletter

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"PRAISE HIM" - REV. GEORGETTA HEAD



After ten years working for a large corporation, Debbie was given her walking papers. Permanently laid off—no warning! What a shock! Debbie was numb!

As the days past, Debbie began blaming God for the loss of her job. She rehearsed her job loss to anyone who would listen, followed by "I'm going to lose my home, my car and everything—how am I going to eat or live?" Debbie allowed her "joy" to be stolen, which left her feeling hopeless. Do you know someone in a similar situation, or are you going through what you would call a "hopeless" situation? Too many Believers are living their lives as if hope didn't exist, actually they act as if God were dead.

January 25, 1999, I lost my job of 19 years. My first reaction was not to praise God or pray to Him. Instead, I allowed fear and feelings of hopelessness to surround me. My thoughts were, "how will I survive, and what am I going to do?" I immediately forgot about the God I knew. As the days went by I started feeling nervous and anxious.

While going through this trying experience, I suddenly realized there are two forces in this world God and satan. I was blaming God for the evil that happened to me. I began to remember, God doesn't cause evil. So I went to the only source that could help me—Father God, and He lead me to read the story of Joseph.

As I studied the story of Joseph, I discovered his story was similar (Genesis 37) to mine. Joseph was secure in his family life with his father and his faith in God. But, his brothers hated him and sold him into slavery. Well the same is true today of God's children. We are

greatly loved by our Father God, and satan hates us and devises schemes to kill, steal, or to destroy us—even causing us to lose our jobs.

In Genesis 39, the story continues by telling us that while sold into slavery, the Lord God was with Joseph and he prospered in all he did.

Like Joseph, I learned that God was not far from me. He was with me in my troubles; and, as He was aware of Joseph's troubles, He was well aware of my troubles.

I also learned that, just like He had a "way of escape for Joseph, He already had "a way of escape" for my troubles. I had to learn to trust in Him. Psalm 42:5 questions us with "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? **Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance.**" When we begin to trust God for our situations and turn our problem into "praise," we are telling God our problem is not bigger than Him.

May of 1999, the same year I lost my job, Father God placed me into a better position; and guess where He put me? With the same company that laid me off, but at a different location.

The Lord gave me two scriptures showing me what Debbie and I failed to do in our time of trouble—trust Him and praise Him!

Psalm 28:7 tells us that "The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will **praise Him.**" and Psalm 145:14-18 tells us

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Upcoming Events

October 7, 2013

Seven Week Workshop
Kingdom Principles by
Dr. Myles Munroe

November 9, 2013

10-Year Anniversary Celebration
Virtuous Women's Ministry

Men On A Journey

Prayer Breakfast (Dec. 2013)

Date to be announced

January 11, 2014

"Your" Journey To Financial
Freedom Workshop
Living Water Ministry—Braddock



FINANCIAL FITNESS — REV. GEORGETTA HEAD

The question was asked: “*at what age should parents begin teaching children money management?*”

This is a good question, because most of today’s adults were not taught money management as a youth and are now suffering the consequences.

So, I personally believe when a child is old enough to ask for purchases, such as electronics, expensive toys, designer clothing, etc. they are of age to understand how money works, such as the value of money and the purpose of money. Otherwise, when we buy our children all they ask for, without teaching them the value of money, we are sending them the wrong message.

On the other hand, when we instruct our children what the costs of purchasing high ticket items and the sacrifices others may have to make to buy them, we are teaching them appreciation and gratitude, and planting seeds for them to become responsible adults in the area of money management.

Giving children an allowance is a great way to began teaching money management. Have your children earn their

allowance by doing chores around the house. Parents can determine how much allowance to pay each week by assigning a value to the chores they assign to their children.

For teaching children 6 to 10 years of age the principles for saving and tithing try using the “jar method.”

Using three empty baby food jars, label each one as follows: 1st jar with “S” for savings; 2nd jar with “J” for Jesus (tithing), and 3rd jar with “O” for other toward purchasing desired items. Then, have your children start a wish list with their “wants” (toys, electronics, etc.) that you don’t normal purchase. Explain to them that the “S” jar is 10% of their earned money (allowance) for ongoing savings. The “J” jar is 10% of their earned money for tithing at church, and the “O” jar is for purchases they want. Teach them how much they will need to save in the “O” jar for items on their “wants” list. Encourage them not to spend from the “S” jar and to always pay their tithes to Jesus. Let them know also, that when the “O” jar is empty, they must start over again by adding to the “O” jar to save for the other items on their “wants” list.

Another way to encourage younger children to save for their wants is that if they save an agreed upon amount of money in the “O” jar, is that you will match the saved amount to help them purchase one of their “wants” items.

For older children, 11 years and up, using the plastic envelope system is a great idea. These plastic envelopes can be purchased at your local dollar store or grocery store.

Label their envelopes the same as the jars. For expenditures from the “O” envelope you should encourage your older children to keep track of monies spent from the “O” envelope. This will teach them how much money they waste in unnecessary categories, such as candy, etc.

Any other monies the children receive, such as birthday money; Christmas money; etc., should also be distributed in the jar method or the plastic envelope system.

Children love routines, so, teaching children at an early principles about money will promote good habits to carry into their adult life. Remember, consistency and patience is the key to their success.

If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving—it will be used to measure what is given back to you.
Luke 6:38

BIBLE FACTS — ELDER. CHARLES HEAD

Jesus’ last miracle before He was crucified was to heal the ear of the high priest’s servant by the name of Malchus. (Luke 22:50-51)

Jesus had so much power in the words “I Am He” that a whole group of soldiers fell to the ground. (John 18:5-6)

Goliath’s helmet was so large that it weighed 5000 shekels, which totaled about 125 lbs. (I Samuel 17:5)

God is so awesome that when Solomon asked Him for wisdom He added an extra benefit of riches as a bonus. (I Kings 3:13)

God promised in His Word if we would trust Him and acknowledge Him in all our ways He will guide us in His paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Jesus gave His disciples His order of conditional blessings as a benefit of obeying God’s Word. (Matthew 5:1-12)

Psalms 107 gives us a description of God as our creator in all His majesty. (All praise belongs to Him).

**Agape Fellowship
Christian Community Ctr.
Wilmerding, PA 15104**

Sunday Service
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer
12:00 noon

Friday Service
Youth Night—6:00 p.m.

Food served after every service

Pastor Dorothy Reeves
Phone: 412-380-4306



Jephthah's name *means* "who God sets free" or "a breaker through." For a period of Jephthah's life, he was a troublemaker. He earned his reputation by gathering to himself a group of men who had the same reputation who went out and took advantage of people by stealing and robbing in order to survive—a habit not uncommon during this time period.

During the early years of Jephthah's life, he was, in the eyes of most people considered a worthless person. He was rejected by his own brothers, drove away from his home and lost his inheritance; all because his mother was a harlot (prostitute).

In the eleventh chapter of Judges, we read the events of his story and the rejection from men because of his outward appearance—a condition from birth in which he had no control.

Jephthah later rose above this life style to become a hero to the people of Israel.

When Israel's enemies, the Ammonites, sought to regain territory given to them by a covenant with God, they needed help to stop them. Though his people had rejected Jephthah before, they were now impressed with his ability to fight as a warrior. They now turned to him for help to win the war. He agreed to help Israel only if they would set

him up as their leader to become their Judge.

The Elders of Gilead agreed with him and he went on to defeat the Ammonites. As a result, he Judged Israel for six years after becoming their hero.

Because of Jephthah's action to defend God's people, God placed his name on His honor roll of faith (Hebrews 11:32-33).

We too may have suffered from rejection from men and even from our own family members, who may have written us off, but just as Jephthah allowed God to change his rejection and turn it into an honor for the Kingdom, so can we. We may be rejected of men, but God has not rejected us and if we would just give Him a chance, He will bring us into the realization of how we are of great value to Him.



Youth Meetings



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Living Water Ministry
736 Washington Street
Braddock, PA 15104

Sunday Service
11:00 a.m.

Thursday Bible Study
7:00 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Leslie Walker

Living Water Ministry

Upcoming Events

October 31 thru Nov. 3, 2013

October 31, 2013
Open Mike Night—6:00 p.m.
Topic: "Building Up Others"

November 2, 2013
Round Table Discussion with
Elder Mark Walker of Virginia
Topic: Building Up Others

November 3, 2013
Elder Mark Walker

Have a prayer request?
Log onto our website www.JourneyThroughLife.net/prayer.html
Our team of intercessors pray over all requests received.



Meet Rev. Karen L. Longcrier. Rev. Karen is a prayer warrior on fire for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, carrying out the Great Commission to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to all who will hear and have the desire to have Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Rev. Karen is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, growing up in the Penn Hills and Wilksburg section of Pittsburgh, resided in Philadelphia for four years and is now once again living in the Penn Hills area. She has always enjoyed working for the Lord in various capacities since a little girl, at the

churches she attended, singing in church choirs, as well as the former Altar Howard Concert Choir of Pittsburgh, ushering, trustee board, nurses auxiliary and church secretary.

Rev. Karen received the call of God on her life in the 1990's and was licensed in the Ministry by her late father, Pastor and mentor, Rev. James C. Longcrier, in 1999, where she served under his leadership as an Associate Minister of Abyssinian Capernaum Baptist Church. She was ordained in 2001 by the Allegheny Union Baptist Association and continued to carry out her duties as an Associate until the demise of her father in 2003. She is now one of two Associate Pastors of Abyssinian Capernaum Baptist Church under the leadership of the current Pastor, Rev. Gerald S. Miller and also serves as the Sunday School Superintendent, Orientation Instructor for New Members, Worship Leader and Trip Planning Coordinator.

Rev. Karen was educated in the Wilksburg School District, then attended the Wheeler School of Business in Pittsburgh, where she obtained an Associate Degree in Business and Retailing. She

has also attended various classes at Robert Morris University and Community College of Allegheny County, where the Lord laid on her spirit to study American Sign Language, which is one of the ministries that she highly enjoys. Rev. Karen has also studied Prophetic Praise Singing, Prophetic Praise Flag Ministry and Prophetic Praise Dance at the Covenant Church of Pittsburgh School of Fine Arts and the Pittsburgh School of Fine Arts. She is a recent 2013 graduate of the Greater Works Outreach School of the Bible, Monroeville, PA. She is also being used by the Lord in telephone, email and hospital ministries.

Rev. Karen has been employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Labor and Industry, Workers' Compensation Office of Adjudication as a Judge's Assistant for the past 25 1/2 years. In her spare time, which is not a lot, she enjoys flower arranging, going to biblical plays, eating out at Eat 'N Park restaurant with family and good friends and spending time as an avid animal lover with her three domestic short-haired cats, Tia, Patches and Buttons.

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Freedom is not free! A great price was paid for mankind to have a choice to accept what "Grace" offers for this freedom. The price paid for our freedom—the death and resurrection of the "only" begotten Son of God—Jesus Christ.

Jesus' death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave offers all a great "treasure." A treasure that is far greater than any ruby, diamond or precious metal.

When we accept this gift of freedom it offers the gift of salvation. *Mark 10:45* tells us that "Jesus came to give His life as a ransom for many." Jesus became our substitute for sin, so with acceptance of the gift of salvation our sins are covered with the "shed blood" of Jesus Christ.

This gift of salvation also puts us in "right standing" with Father God. He no longer sees our sins, instead He sees Jesus—*Jesus is*

our covering.

Another treasure of this freedom is Jesus death on the cross, giving us reconciliation with God. Jesus restored what was broken through sin by Adam and Eve.

This reconciliation offers forgiveness of our sins yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus (*Romans 3:24-26*). This means our relationship is restored with God. We can freely go to God, day and night—24/7. His door is always open to His people.

Another treasure is adoption into the family of God. *Galatians 4:6* tells us that by way of salvation we become a new creature, which makes us now His sons and daughters and we are to call God, Abba, Father. We are His "sons" and "daughters!" Another treasure is that of heal-

ing. It was never God's intent for mankind to suffer with illness of any kind. Sickness is a result of the fall of man; but, the work done on the Cross by Jesus offers us the gift of healing. Jesus has already provided for our healing for our spirit, soul, and body. Claim it today by faith!

I've just listed a few of the treasures from the Cross. There are many more available for God's children.

Friends, God sets us free, Satan enslaves us. God will have compassion and mercy, Satan shows no mercy. God will forgive and defend us, but Satan will slander and accuse us. God will provide for our needs, but Satan robs us and makes us destitute.

Who would you rather have as your Father—God or Satan? Jesus paid a great price to give us the most expensive gifts. Claim these treasures and more today. Jesus stands at the door knocking—let Him in!

MINISTRY NEWS - REV. GEORGETTA HEAD

The workshop, "Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free" ended August 19, 2013. The workshop focused on 40 common lies that women believed. We learned when we "listen" to a lie we then begin to "dwell" on that lie, which then indirectly makes us "act" on the lie. If we do not denounce the lies we heard, we then form bad habits, which can turn into strongholds in our lives.

The next workshop "Kingdom Principles" by Dr. Myles Munroe, is scheduled for **October 7 through December 9, 2013**. This workshop will teach believers the characteristics of God's kingdom; the benefits of the kingdom for God's children and how to receive the kingdom benefits.

Elder. Charles S. Head is planning the ministries' first "Men's Prayer Breakfast." Flyers will be sent out announcing the date.

We are now accepting shoeboxes for the "Shoeboxes for Senior's Program."

Participants in this program are asked to fill up one or more shoeboxes with toiletry items; snacks; puzzle books, CD's, etc. All filled Shoeboxes are to be gift wrapped. Participants can drop off the shoeboxes from October 1st through December 18th.

Our goal is to service 3 to 4 Senior Citizens facilities this year. To drop off your Shoebox please call Rev. Georgetta at 412-731-1856 or email journeylife@verizon.net.

Every shoebox offers an opportunity at Christmas to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to touch the heart of a Senior that believes they are all alone or forgotten.

Lord

*Thank you for being a God
Who goes before us and lives within us.
That means whatever we may face
We have nothing to fear
And everything to hope for in You.
You provide peace to calm our hearts,
Wisdom to guide our steps, and Your
hand is holding ours all the way.
We trust what you will do
And where You will take us with You.
Amen*

*I am with you and will watch
over you wherever you go.
Genesis 28:15 NIV*

RESOURCE HELPLINE

Earn Program
Allegheny County & The
Department of Public Welfare
Wilkesburg CDC
412-243-7711

Promoting Responsible Fatherhood
James W. Morris, Jr.
412-247-4009 Ext. 2440

Eastside Neighborhood Employment Ctr.
(Need a job—we can help)
5321 Penn Avenue
412-362-8580

SNAP™ for Boys
Program of Holy Family Services
(Providing life skills and cognitive behavioral
therapy to at-risk boys 6-11)

Action Housing, Inc.
(Family Savings Account Program)
412-281-2102 Ext. 2022
www.actionhousing.org

Allegheny Valley Assoc. of Churches
Day space for homeless families
724-226-0606

Community Food Bank
Www.pittsburghfoodbank.org
412-460-3663 Ext. 456

Medical Assistance Transportation Prg.
(Provides non-emergency medical transpor-
tation to Allegheny Cty. Residents of all ages)
412-350-4484
www.county.allegheny/pa.us/dhs

Sojourner House
(Faith-based recovery & a home for women
breaking the chains of addiction)
412-441-7783

Gwen's Girls, Inc.
Residential Program
412-231-2612
www.gwensgirls.org

Bridge to Independence, Inc.
(Services for homeless individuals & families
for Allegheny County & Mon Valley) 412-271-
5731

New Beginnings (30-day shelter)
7115 Bennett Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Building Bridges
(A second chance initiative—Prison Society);
2203 Centre Avenue
412-918-1935
www.prisonsociety.org

Hunger & Housing Services
(Enabling low-income individuals & families
to become more self-sufficient)
412-350-3837
Www.alleghenycounty.us/dhs/ocs.aspx

Department of Human Services
412-350-6611

LIHEAP—Energy Assistance
1-800-851-3838

Hearth's H.O.M.E.S. Program
Homeless Shelter for Women & Children
412-366-9801 Ext. 21

Bridge Housing (Women & Children)
Transitional Shelter & Support
412-255-1165 (Beverly Pamplin)

"PRAISE HIM" (CONT'D)

God is our provider not man. (Psalm 145:14-18
*"The LORD upholds all who fall, And raises up all
who are bowed down. The eyes of all look ex-
pectantly to You, and You give them their food in
due season. You open Your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing."*)

Our problems were not the loss of our jobs, rather
it was the loss of our praise! We allowed our
peace and joy to be stolen. When we allow the
enemy to rob us, we are giving him control of our
life.

If you are ever faced with a situation that leaves
you feeling hopeless, don't surrender to doubt
and unbelief, instead, put your trust in God to
control your life, He knows what is best for us.
Remember, we are more than conquerors in
Christ Jesus—so open your mouth to PRAISE
Father God in ALL things and He will lift you up
and take care of your needs. **PRAISE HIM IN
THE MIST OF YOUR STORMS!**



Yeshua Ben David Congregation
3503 Beechwood Blvd.
Squirrel Hill, PA 15217
Saturday Shabbat Service
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer
(Bi-Monthly) Chavurah
7:00 p.m.

Pastor Jeff Kipp
www.yeshuabendavid.org
412-373-9009

Bible Trivia

It is recorded only once in the Bible that Jesus calls God, "God."
Do you know when & the recorded scripture?

Send your answer to:
journeylife@verizon.net

LITTLE BOY'S EXPLANATION OF GOD (WRITTEN BY 8-YEAR OLD DANNY DUTTON)

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you

because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that's why I believe in God.



2013 in Review



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Join us in celebrating
10 years in Women's
Ministry

Penn Hills Library
Stotler & Saltsburg
12:45—4:00 p.m.

Call Rev. Georgetta to reserve your
seat 412-731-1856

Cost: \$25.00/person includes lunch

Celebrating 10 Years
Of "The Goodness Of The Lord"

«Virtuous Women's Ministry»

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Speaker: Rev. Beverly Willie

Mime Dancers Ministers Carmelita & Porsche

Praise & Worshiper Leader: Min. Ethel Hamilton



"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)



Dear Family of God, I find myself wanting to begin by saying, **“Our God is greater, our God is stronger God You are higher than any**

other, Our God is Healer, awesome and power, Our God, Our God. And if Our God is for us, then who could ever stop us, And if our God is with us, then what can stand against?”

These are the words to a song Chris Tomlin wrote. These words are the song in my heart that brings forth praise and adoration to Him for all that He is and has done for me.

My life’s journey began in pain. The abuse I endured spoke into me that I was the little girl no one could ever love or want. At the age of five God overpowered the Father of lies by speaking into me His truths in the midst of my tears. His words, “You are the little girl I desire and love more than any pain you will suffer.” God’s voice became the voice of strength and courage from that day forth. His **love** has carried me through the hardest of places and the strongest of storms.

My ministry (if I were to give it a name) God’s Wounded Healer. The Holy Spirit reversed all that was meant for evil to be used for good. As it is written, “You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what now is being done, the saving of many lives (Genesis 50:20). The ministries that God has called me into have risen up out of the ashes of my suffering. Intimacy with my Lord, perseverance in the power of the spirit and a desire to serve Him has led me to chaplaincy and a call to be a pastor. My life exemplifies the Scripture passage “through Christ Jesus all things are possi-

ble” (Philippians 4:13). As a chaplain, I specialize in the Behavioral Health Department. I completed two years of Clinical Pastoral Education in the VA hospital in Pittsburgh. Along with my training and the Holy Spirits guidance I have seen many lives rescued from hopelessness and demonic oppression.

By the Spirits guidance I completed my religious studies through Greater Works Bible School. I received my ordination on July 17, 2013. I am presently a pastor of Trinity Chapel located in my home town of DuBois, PA. As a pastor my heart cry is to bring His people into an intimate relationship with the Lord through the Holy Spirit making disciples to save a broken/lost world. Like Job, I desire for His people to “see Him with their own eyes.”

As you read this all seems so neat and tidy with a red ribbon holding it perfectly together. I dare not leave you with this impression. The journey has been filled with many trials and heartaches that I thought would surely break me to pieces. I find my life to reflect the image of cracked glass. My God, who is the perfect potter holds each piece in His hands and fuses my brokenness with His holiness. Together He makes me more than I ever imagined myself to be. He is the substance that holds the pieces together. When His light shines through my woundedness His glory shines through my life experiences – Genesis 50:20 becomes truth... my truth, Alleluia, Alleluia.

I have experienced miracles, signs and wonders in my life’s journey. He has saved my life through dreams, opened my son’s eyes to see who had been pronounced blind following an accident, God kept me in the shadow of His mighty protection for I was unharmed, untouched by the flames of fire that engulfed me. Do I believe in the story of

Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego? Oh yes, my Lord.

However, like Job I would face my greatest trial, one that would take me to what is commonly known as “the dark night of the soul.” I, after many faithful years of service in my church, began to hear God’s call in my life to become a pastor. I traveled the journey of continuous education, discernment, and a progression of meeting the requirements to be ordained for nearly five years. I was one month away from receiving my ordination and the door was shut. I felt sure this could not be God’s will for me. It shook my faith to the core. For three years I felt lost and forsaken. But even though my faith was shaken God was **faithful**. He was preparing the way for something greater. I was called to face my Isaac and lay down my call to ministry on the altar of sacrifice. After much grief and pain I was able to say with the spirits help, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.”

I, today have been given, literally given a church in my community to grow. A word was spoken by the Lord that this would be so. His word has come to pass. That which I dreamed for the future is now my present. I am living it out by His grace and mercy, His loving kindness, and His promises are sure. The most important gift I would like to leave you with is this, “His ways are not our ways, His are so much higher. Lean not on your own understanding. Allow God to give you His best even when all looks as though it is lost forever. Most importantly, lay it all down for nothing is as important as the love relationship we have with our Lord and Savior in the power of the Holy Spirit. **He must be our all so that His all will be ours.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.” (James 1:17-18)



Remember the word to Your servant,
Upon which You have caused me to hope.
This *is* my comfort in my affliction,
For Your word has given me life.
The proud have me in great derision,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD,
And have comforted myself.
Indignation has taken hold of me
Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.
Your statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
I remember Your name in the night, O LORD,
And I keep Your law.
This has become mine,
Because I kept Your precepts.

"FOOD" FOR THOUGHT (ON INTEGRITY) - REV. GEORGETTA HEAD

Youth Minister Jim hung up the phone a little upset. This was his third time calling Mike this week. Jim has to meet the Youth Group in one hour to take them on a fishing trip. Mike promised the group they could use some of his fishing equipment. Now Mike is ignoring Jim's phone calls—this put the Youth Minister in an awkward position.

Now Jim will have to purchase the needed equipment for the fishing trip—something he hadn't planned on doing. This unexpected expense will take a hit to his budget. Jim thought, *"I will never trust Mike again, or anyone else for that matter!"*

Mike displayed a reputation of poor integrity, he put Jim in a bad position in three ways: the Youth Group would now have a late start; Jim will have to spend money he hadn't budgeted for; and now Jim's trust in mankind has been tainted.

Father God tells us in His Word that we are to pay what we vow or not to make a vow if we don't intend to follow through with it, and, that a person of integrity is honest in all that he/she does. This is a person that walks in truth! (1 John 3:18 *"...let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth."*)

When Mike promised Jim to use his fishing equipment, he should have honored the promise; in other words he should have put action with his words, but what he did was to make a bad name for himself by not being truthful.

Leviticus 19:11 also instructs believers to not *"deal falsely, nor lie to one another."* Lies and deception is not walking in truth! When we don't walk in "truth" we can not expect God to bless us, because God does not honor untruth. What God does honor is truth!

When the Father God's children walk in truth, with Him and with each other, He is pleased with us (Proverbs 16:7). We are told in the Word that King David "behaved wisely" in all that he did—he walked in integrity. This pleased God and God blessed and protected David everywhere he went and blessed whatever he put his hand to do.

Father God is no different today! God promises that as we walk in the integrity of our heart, it will please Him and we will be blessed with His promises of protection, provision, and guidance as we are obedient.

If you have a problem speaking truth to others, repent to God and seek His help to change your ways to walk in integrity. After all, *"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold"* (Proverbs 22:1).

"Though wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established. By knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches." (Proverbs 24:3-4)

Ever wonder why you feel so empty at times? Whether you are successful in business or whatever may be your station in life, there are times when you may have reached many goals, prospered so much as far as wealth is concerned that your bank account is full and you suffer no lack; but in spite of all this—you are still empty inside.

We read in the second chapter of Ecclesiastes, that King Solomon knew all about feeling empty. He referred to it as “vanity and vexation of spirit.”

Solomon was the wisest man on earth during his time because he asked God for wisdom and because he had a humble spirit. This request pleased God, so God added riches to his wisdom, making Solomon the wealthiest man during his time. But Solomon described many of his experiences as being empty and disappointing. Ecclesiastes 2:2 describes how Solomon brought in the finest comedians for laughter; he indulged in the finest of wines, which he says caused foolishness in his life and he still came up empty in spirit. Throughout Ecclesiastes you read how successful Solomon was in agriculture, horticulture, forestry, and transforming

waterways for irrigation, owning many servants, much cattle, silver and gold. Solomon had both male and female choirs and owned all kinds of expensive musical instruments. Whatsoever he desired, that money could buy, Solomon had and unfortunately he enjoyed it only for a season as he rejoiced over all his labor and accomplishments. The Bible tells us no other person on earth had as much as king Solomon.

But, Ecclesiastes 2:16 gives us the conclusion of what Solomon was seeking in all his accomplishments and wealth. It was peace and joy found only when we keep our heavenly Father first on our priority list..

King Solomon forgot what his purpose was and what would bring true contentment that nothing else on earth would satisfy—“he was born to serve the Lord.”

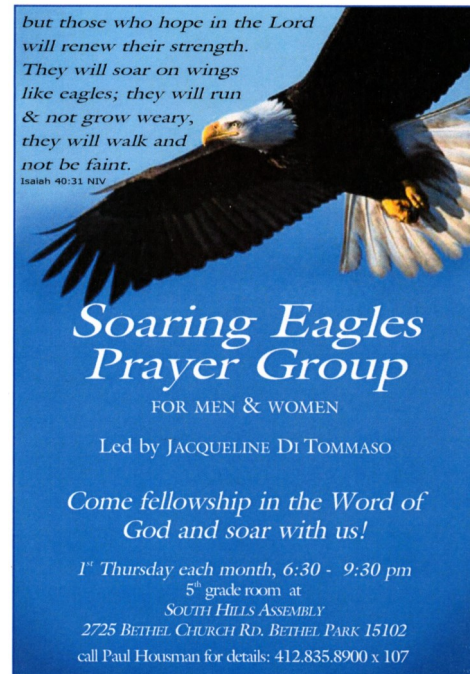
In conclusion, we discover that Solomon gave truth that not only applied to him, but to us also; and that is “let us hear the conclusion of the matter: fear God, and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

Question For Thought:

What is man's purpose in life?

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but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run & not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
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“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

Leverage Equipping & Training Ministry, Altoona, PA.

Women Without Walls and Leverage Equipping & Training Ministry conducted an informational meeting on July 13, 2013. The purpose of this meeting is to unite the Body of Christ together in the spirit of unity and reconciliation back to God with prayer and worship and teaching of the Word. President Debbie Lesko from Women Without Walls presented a message on "Unity" - *the need for the body of Christ of all colors and background to unite as one.* Rev. Georgetta Head from Journey Through Life Ministries presented a message on "Business Empowerment." This message declared God's desire for His people to handle their business affairs responsibly and with integrity, trusting in Him to meet all their financial needs.

Leverage Equipping & Training Ministry's vision is to mobilize the body of Christ to come together in the 7 Mountains of Change to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their future plans are to invite Women Without Walls to hold a Prayer Breakfast in Altoona, PA.



Zion Lutheran Church, Pastor Lorraine Williams welcomes Patty Rucker Ministries.

Prophetess Patty Rucker spoke at the Zion Lutheran Church's women's ministry, "God's Gracious Women," on September 7, 2013. Prophetess Patty's Message was entitled: "A New Year, A New Perspective."

Her three-point message encouraged women to 1) "gain a new perspective" by having a "God perspective;" 2) "deal with personal issues" by coming out of your comfort zone and become discerning knowing God's will; and 3) to "walk in a spirit of forgiveness." Prophetess Patty says that "unforgiveness is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." What a revelation! She says, "too many believers are missing out on what God has planned for them by living in a spirit of unforgiveness."

(Patty Rucker Ministries is a Kingdom focused Apostolic/Prophetic ministry with a God-ordained mandate to equip the believer to be all they were created to be.)



Enduring Hope Ministries (EHM), Pittsburgh, PA,

hosted their 1st Women's Conference Sept. 13 & 14, 2013, at the Monroeville Convention Center. Minister Melissa Pearce, founder of EHM, presented three spirited-filled messages entitled: "Awaken," "Align," and "Assignment."

Using skits and visual inactive props, Min. Melissa encouraged women to *awaken* to God's love; to *align* their life to God's will; and to wait on God for their *assignment*. These teachings along with worship music, played by Worship Leader Aaron Schweinberg, brought great deliverance and breakthrough to women struggling in various areas of their lives. We thank God for His presence and the work He did in His daughters. We are looking forward to next year's conference.

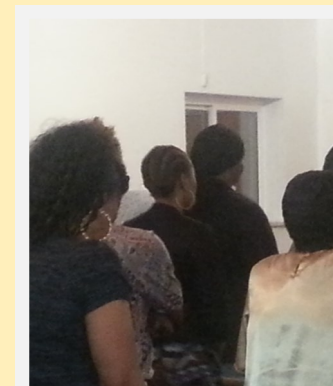


Living Water Ministry, Pittsburgh, PA,

hosted their 1st Women's Night Event on Sept. 20, 2013, in Braddock. First Lady Rev. Diane Walker welcomed Evangelist Barbara Irvin from Mission of Hope COGIC of New Kensington, PA.

Evangelist Barbara presented a wonderful message entitled "Be Not Afraid, Only Believe." This message encouraged women to fear not and to trust God for everything in their life, and to remove self from those engaging in negative speaking and thinking.

After the message all gathered in the Fellowship Hall for a feast fit for a "Queen." The women had such a great time with the Lord that Living Water Ministry will be hosting "Women's Night Out" quarterly. For more details, call Rev. Diane Walker.



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Dear Jesus, I come to you today as a lost sinner. I am asking that you save my soul and cleanse me from all sin. I know that I need help and that I can't save myself.

I believe that you are the Son of God. Forgive me for my sins and all wrong doings I have done to others and help me to forgive those who have hurt me. I believe that you died on the Cross for my sins and the sins of the world. I accept You, Jesus, into my heart as my Lord and Savior.

I confess with my mouth the Lord Jesus, as my Savior and believe in my heart that God has raised Him from the dead and You are now seated in Heaven.

You have said in your Word which cannot lie, "for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Romans 10:13)." "I have called upon your name exactly as you have said, and I believe that right now, I am saved.

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*If you have sincerely prayed these words, which have been written out for you, and believed in your heart on the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you are at this moment saved, and your name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life. Congratulations!
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