

## Eagle Summit Ministry

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## YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT MOTIVATES US TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS

Thank you for praying and giving as God enabled and impressed you. Our ESM van is back on the road with new tires and all the immediate repair needs met - PAID IN FULL. We are always encouraged and humbled by the way God uses YOU to meet our ministry needs. We do have a "VAN FUND" that you may wish to donate toward for ongoing maintenance, fuel, insurance and repair needs. If so, simply mark your gift as such.



## DIANE'S HEALTH UPDATE



Diane has not wanted me to keep mentioning her health challenges, but we need you to know and understand what's happening so you can uphold us in prayer. Her adventure has involved the better part of the past six years. Along with asthma, she has been hospitalized six times, had repeated sinus infections and at least twenty-six diagnosed bouts of pneumonia. She has been in emergency over twenty times (we lost track). Most recently, since April, if she has not been on an antibiotic, she has been running a fever. Even after the fourteen days of IV infusion with a strong antibiotic, she was infected again within three days following treatment. The infections involve both her sinuses and lungs. She currently is fighting another round of pneumonia. As for most humans, breathing is an important habit. 😊

We met with an infectious disease specialist today. It took two months to see this doctor. He has prescribed two antibiotics to be taken simultaneously for a ten week period. We have thought in the past that the dosage has not been strong enough or long enough. All we seem to have done in the past is to make the bacteria angry and they just fight back. Diane has had three sinus surgeries and the ENT doctor does not believe there is any further surgery that will help. The infections usually have started in the sinus cavities. We are praying that this latest treatment will help her.

She also has all the symptoms of pleurisy, which is very painful, has had difficulty breathing and extreme fatigue. This has made her very discouraged. We are praying that this antibiotic regiment has a beneficial effect. As we are sure you are aware, the enemy knows where, how and when to attack us. If he can keep us discouraged and defeated, he tends to silence our voices as to the goodness of God. We will continue doing what we know God wants us to do, convinced that He has a Master plan. 2 Corinthians 4:1 "Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart." (NIV)



## PRAISE & PRAYER

- ✓ Praise for ESM van expenses being met.
- ✓ Continue to pray for Diane and our son, George II, with ongoing health challenges.
- ✓ Pray for new churches to consider ESM partnership.
- ✓ Pray for ongoing strength and effectiveness in ministry.
- ✓ Pray with us regarding ESM financial growth and God's direction for the future.
- ✓ Pray with us regarding a "Timothy" to carry on our future ministry goals.



### "RIGHTEOUS RESISTANCE"

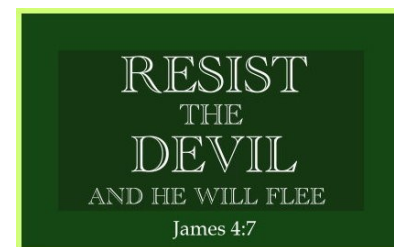
"resist" - to exert force in opposition; to exert oneself so as to counteract or defeat. I am trying to understand. I am seriously trying to understand the current "RESIST" movement, which is now being labeled as "Righteous Resistance." What are we to resist? Why should I consider resisting? What is the purpose and goal of this resistance? How will this resistance change lives and help others? How will I know when the resistance goal has been met? Who decided there are opposing forces? What are the uniforms of these self-defined opposing forces? I'm fairly certain that if I talked to the average person deeply involved in this movement, my questions would only frustrate them. There may be some of the so-called leaders who would attempt to give sensible answers, but for most, my honest questions would come across as antagonistic. With many who simply want to incite chaos and generate hostility, we are not to question, simply act and resist. Who? What? Why?



I have several strikes against me as well. I could not understand their "righteous resistance" and justifiable anger because I am "white." I grew up in the Mid-west in a small town that had little ethnic diversity. I'm fairly certain I would be labeled as prejudiced against other cultures, religions and races. I grew up in a stable home and my parents loved each other. We went to church. Those who may criticize would have no way to know that my wife and our three children lived for six years in San Francisco, CA, where we were the "minority." The fact is, I don't regard race or ethnicity, gender, or "sexual preference" when interacting with others. People are people. Until someone crosses a line and intends harm, I treat all with the same respect. What makes this round of resistance "righteous?" Is it because some instigator thinks it's right?

All this "resistance" ultimately accomplishes is to deepen the divide in our country. Most Americans are well aware that this movement is funded by those who hate the current government administration. Those who "resist" did not get their way in the last election, so they're throwing a tantrum. Instead of doing what they can to help heal and affect positive change, they are doing all they can to spread hate, fear and chaos. What benefit is that? To calmly and openly discuss what's just and right is not part of their playbook. They seem to think that it's more effective to demonstrate, shout in anger, put a fist in the air, loot, destroy, create an atmosphere of hostility and chaos, to "resist."

The only "righteous resistance" in Scripture is that we are to resist is sin and Satan. "RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU." The all encompassing question, "What does God want us to do," is seldom if ever asked. It is the sinful nature of man that leads us to selfish, chaotic actions. It is God man is resisting, not other humans. Man's ways always lead to destruction and harm. Wake up America!



## Thoughts from Diane . . Death, Mourning, Crying, Pain

No one escapes the cold grip of death. Some may escape mourning. Many cry. Many suffer pain. Life is beautiful. It's a gift to all of mankind and as with any gift, it fades with time. We are made of clay and at some point will return to the dust where all life started. There is one gift that never, ever fades away and that is salvation. We have opportunity in this life to know our Creator. To understand our sinfulness and bend our knee in realization of the burden of our sin. The sacrificial death of Jesus took the burden of all mankind's sin to the Cross. How I love Jesus because He did that for me when I was fourteen. It provided me with a foundation that would guide me through a lifetime.



When I was 15, I was faced with one of the greatest challenges to my young faith. I was just starting to appreciate my big brother Bobby. We were in high school together and for that I was thankful. One day, I was called to the school office. Bobby had been killed in a horrific car accident and died instantly. Pain like I'd never known filled my heart and the heart of my family. There are many times I still think of Bobby and the pain in my heart returns. So many questions in life begin with, "Why?"

When I was 53 I faced even greater pain, the greatest that I've ever known. Our beautiful son Benjamin Jerod Hippe was killed when a semi truck loaded with wood pulled out in front of his vehicle. His vehicle went underneath the trailer bed. He died a violent, heart wrenching death and with him took part of the hearts of his dad, brother, sister and mom. Once again, I faced death. Once again I faced a mourning that would last a very long time. Oh the tears, the pain and the questions. Why Lord, why again? To this day to when I look at the paintings, the little gifts Ben gave us, his absence still brings me to tears.

We may live a longer life than many. Inevitably, with a longer life, we sense even more of the weight of death, mourning, crying and pain. Illnesses that linger affect whole families. Children and adults, who don't make wise decisions, cause pain to family and friends. Nations that forget the God of the Universe suffer the astonishment of judgement. Israel was chosen by God to be a light to the nations and as one reads the Old Testament we see the destruction that came because of complete rejection of their Creator. There were the prayers of the Prophets and a remnant that remained. Throughout history God's grace continues to sustain those who put their trust in Him.

Revelation 21:4 "He will wipe every tear from their eyes (that's me). There will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

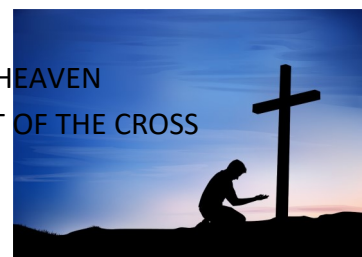
This gives me strength to go on in this life and I am so glad to be alive! I don't know how long I have to enjoy this life but I know the end from the beginning. God is faithful through all of life's deaths, mourning, crying or pain. I pray He is everything to you as He is to me.

**II Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm in HOPE, Diane**



**AS WE SEE OUR NATION BECOMING MORE AND MORE DIVIDED,  
REMEMBER THE FOCUS OF GOD IS UNITY.**

- WE HAVE A COMMON HOPE—AS BELIEVERS OUR CONFIDENT ASSURANCE IS HEAVEN
- WE HAVE A COMMON FOCUS—THE CROSS / WE ARE ALL EQUAL AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS
- WE HAVE A COMMON CONCERN—OTHERS (In honor preferring one another)
- WE HAVE A COMMON WORK —TO DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER





Our Continuing Mission Focuses On . . .

## “Serving God’s Servants”



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**Ephesians 6:12** “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” **RESIST? EMBRACE IDENTITY POLITICS?** **Philippians 2:14-15** “Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.” **SHINE!!**

## Where We’ve Been, What We’ve Been Up to & Where We’re Headed Next . . .

July 2 & 9—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA  
July 16-20—11/12 Camp, Cocolalla Lake Bible Camp, Cocolalla, ID  
July 23—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA  
July 24-29—Camp ALACCA, 4-6th boys, Harpster, ID  
July 30, August 6, 13—New Creation Fellowship, Blanchard, ID  
August 21, September 18—Leadership meeting, Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA  
September 7—Senior Saints, 4th Memorial Church, Spokane, WA  
September 23—ESM BOARD MEETING

TO SUMMIT UP



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