

Eagle Summit Ministry

CHALLENGING & ENCOURAGING

small and rural churches
and their pastors.

FRESH ideas

prayer PARTNERING

Family get-aways

preaching, teaching & training



Beginning Our 22nd

Volume 21 Number 6

STRIVING TO SERVE GOD'S SERVANTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017

THANKSGIVING to THANKSLIVING

How do we measure thankfulness? Do any of you own the latest in technology, a "THANKOMETER?" Is it possible to be too thankful? We have this admonition in 1 Thessalonians 5:18: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." With the challenges life affords, it is sometimes beyond difficult for me to have a thankful attitude and to find ways to recognize the hand of God. I have said on more than one occasion, "God, I know You know what You are doing . . . I think."

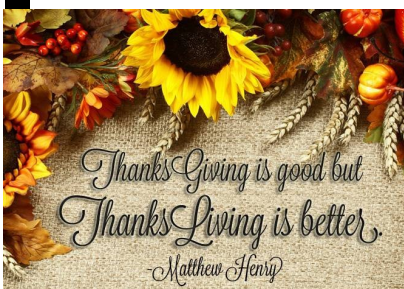


Through the continual ache in my soul from the death of a son, to the ongoing challenges of the life threatening illnesses of a spouse and a second son, along with ministry and daily concerns, will there ever be a period of time when even in these most difficult of life's situations I can wholeheartedly say that I thank God for these struggles? You may have this part of your walk with the Lord conquered, but I find that I seldom think about purposefully giving thanks, let alone being thankful for adversity. Oh, sure, I thank the Lord for my food and the good things God has given us, but to thank the Master Teacher for what He has for me to learn, in the classroom of life, through adversity is another matter entirely.

To sincerely thank God for challenges, conflict or a crisis is humanly impossible. That's the point. We cannot have the right perspective on our own. It is only through a deepening relationship with God that we can see more clearly that He is at work, even when we don't understand. It's that trust thing. Just as young Joseph had to learn, in the pit, to trust Elohim, we to must learn and relearn to trust.

Is it not in the difficulties of life that we are offered the best opportunity to draw closer to God, that drive us to His Word, that bring us to our knees? God is relational. If He wants us to deepen our relationship with Him, He will lovingly allow us that opportunity. He is tugging at our roots that may be too firmly planted on earth.

It is because of our Creator's love for us that we have reason to be thankful. Even through the challenges life affords, it is healthy spiritually, emotionally and physically to take time to give thanks. It would be



wise to take time during our day to, on purpose, thank God for something or someone who has encouraged us and for some challenge. I thank the Lord for you, for your encouragement in ministry. You make our service possible. I'm learning with you to thank God for the challenges as well. THANK YOU!

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 4:2 (ESV)

FAITH LESSONS: THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW DVD SERIES AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO BORROW

We now have the entire "That the World May Know" DVD series available for churches to borrow. Just contact me and we will mail them to you or make arrangement to connect personally. This is a great series encouraging every believer to deepen their walk with the Lord.



This series provides in-depth video tours of places where Bible history actually took place. By weaving together fascinating historical, cultural, religious and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals keen insights into the Scriptures significance for today's believers. These are great for home groups, Sunday School classes or any small group of teens, college-age or adults who want to learn more about God's Word and how to apply it to daily life. **CONTACT US TO BORROW ANY ONE OF THESE.**

PRAISE & PRAYER

- ✓ Continue to pray for Diane's health to improve. She has had to stop the double antibiotic regiment due to negative side affects. The specialist told us this antibiotic is all that is available to fight this particular bacteria.
- ✓ Pray for wisdom, strength and encouragement for our friends in ministry, Dan and Peggy Hayek. After 20 years of serving at Sprague Community Church, Dan has stepped down as pastor. They are in the process of moving into Spokane and are facing some challenges only God can resolve.
- ✓ Continue to pray for our son, George II, with ongoing health challenges. He went to urgent care two weeks ago and they sent him by ambulance to Valley Hospital. They thought he was having blood clot issues in his lungs. The problem was a lung infection. He is still in a great deal of pain and discomfort.
- ✓ Pray for new churches to consider ESM partnership and for ongoing strength and effectiveness in ministry.
- ✓ Pray with us regarding ESM financial growth and God's direction regarding a "Timothy" to carry on our future ministry goals.



Thoughts from Diane . . . Seventy Two Thousand

Today, I was reminded of a story I've shared before. I remember a time, as an adult, that I willingly and without hesitation, lied to another Christian. It was my way to squirm out of a situation that I felt could bring terrible consequences if I had admitted the truth. God immediately rebuked me, but I kept quiet and walked away. When I arrived home later in the day, the guilt I felt was crushing. I couldn't move off of the couch. I broke down in uncontrollable sobs. I knew I had to make a call to not only one but two people. When I called the second person, I almost started to make excuses. I stopped that quickly, but it just proves how vulnerable we are to the pull of worldly temptation by our enemy. This is the enemy who knows he CANNOT take us to hell if we have made the decision to accept Christ's saving gift of His grace. The blood of Jesus has covered all my sin for eternity. I know personally that is absolute, however, the enemy still is out to steal my testimony, kill, physically and emotionally with shame about our actions and destroy us in any way possible. Living a life that brings glory to Jesus involves a continual and active relationship both in our prayer life and through time in the Word of God. When I say continual, that doesn't mean just continually praying as we walk through the day or listening to teaching within a group or in church. It also means sitting (or kneeling) before God and personally reading our Bibles.



What brought this to mind was once again reading through the end of Matthew's gospel. The accounts of Judas's betrayal, the abandonment of all the other eleven disciples and Peter's personal abandonment and tears after he realized what he had done, brought tears of my own. Not only because of disobedience, but because of what Jesus did for me. As often as I read it, I cannot comprehend the magnitude of His love, His unending grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. I have been forgiven of ALL my sinfulness.

When Peter drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest in the garden, Jesus said "Put your sword back in its place." Further down in that paragraph Jesus said this. "Do you think I cannot call on My Father, and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? That's 72 thousand angels. Instead, Jesus obeyed God the Father and died on that cross. It reminds me of a song from my youth.

"He could have called ten thousand angels, to destroy the world and set him free. He could have called ten thousand angels but He died alone, for you and me." How could I ever stop being thankful, He forgave even me of all my sinfulness, past, present and future.

John 3:16 Standing firm, Diane

He could have called
Ten Thousand Angels
To destroy the World
And set Him Free

He could have called
Ten Thousand Angels
But He died alone
For you and me



A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" FROM DIANE

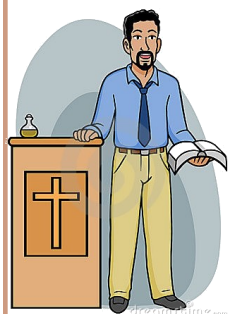
I'd like to thank all of you who have personally prayed for me, especially through the last seven months. I've struggled so much from sickness and loss of strength that it's been hard to even write a thank you note. That's always been easy for me but not now. Your prayers, gifts and love that you've freely and willingly given me have meant more than mere words could express, but should have been written.

That's not to say I won't still write notes. I'll write when I don't have to force words from my pen, I wanted to let you know how thankful I have been through all these long months.



Our Continuing Mission Focuses On . . .

“Serving God’s Servants”



Eagle Summit Ministry
10817 E. 16th Avenue
Spokane Valley, WA 99206

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SPOKANE, WA
PERMIT #28



VISIT OUR WEB SITE: www.eaglesummitministry.org

Eagle Summit Ministry 4



If you are looking for a way to be an encouragement to others in ministry, consider a special gift to our ESM van fund or to our Barnabas Fund.
Just note how you would like your gift directed.



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

July 24-29—Camp ALACCA, 4-6th boys, Harpster, ID
July 30, August 6, 13—New Creation Fellowship, Blanchard, ID
September 7—Senior Saints, 4th Memorial Church, Spokane, WA
October 16, November 20—Leadership meeting, Mending Fences Fellowship, Spokane, WA
October 8—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA
November 11—ESM BOARD MEETING
February 13—AWANA Club, New Hope Bible Church, Spokane Valley, WA



We Are Available for Pulpit Supply, Even on Short Notice.

Need a speaker for a creative outreach program, AWANA or Kid's Clubs, Sunday School, Family Camp, Teen or Kid's camps or other special events? Contact us. We are here to serve.

Executive Director: Rev. George Hippe

10817 E. 16TH AVENUE, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99206

Office/Cell: 509.995.6777 * Home: 509.927.1305 * E-ddress: ghippe@integrity.com / www.eaglesummitministry.org