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“AMERICA IS NOT A RACIST NATION”

South Carolina Senator, Tim Scott made this statement in his response to the President’s recent address to Congress. Our Vice President agreed with that statement when questioned by a reporter. Some are demanding that our nation be rebuilt from the ground up because of the sin of racism. For those who believe we are a racist nation and that many no longer have the opportunity to live the American dream because of skin color, why do millions want to immigrate here? How many are rushing to gain citizenship in China, Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea or Russia?

Most if not all who believe that Critical Race **THEORY** is valid would undoubtedly also believe that the Darwinian evolutionary **THEORY** is solid science. Both ideas are **THEORIES**. Ask these friends if they are aware of the full title of Darwin’s book. It is “The Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life.” Adolf Hitler believed this implicitly. Who is the racist? Speak truth.



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

3rd Monday each month—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA
March 9—New Hope Bible Church, AWANA Club, Spokane Valley, WA
June 6 & 20—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY, EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

We are available for creative outreach programs, 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.

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A FRIEND

If there ever was a time we all need the encouragement from friends it’s now. We have been struggling through some of the most challenging months of our lives. The uncertainties of health, finances, relationships, employment, supposed man-caused climate change, unfaithful government leadership and a host of other matters, make life difficult to maneuver alone.

For us personally, the challenge of the recent death of my sister, Linda, has been difficult to process. My sister Gayle’s husband, Doug, living in South Carolina, has been in and out of the hospital, battling a life-threatening illness. Diane and our son, G2, continue with daily pain and limitations. A friend from my high school years who I served with in ministry, died a month ago. Three weeks ago, our ESM board vice-president, Adrian Stumbaugh, found his wife, Margie, had collapsed and she could not be revived. Margie was a good friend who often encouraged Diane with a phone call, visit or card. How could we handle life’s struggles without friends? Your cards, notes, emails and calls truly are our support system. Friends are a constant source of encouragement.

For those who may struggle with the feeling you don’t have a friend, the Bible has a simple solution. If you want to develop friendships, be a friend Proverbs 18:24.

A FRIEND IS . . .

F – FAITHFUL/LOYAL Proverbs 20:6 “Many claim to have unfailing love, but a faithful person who can find?”

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

R – RESPECTFUL OF GOD/YOU THE FEAR OF GOD LEADS TO HONORING AND RESPECTING OUR FRIENDS

Proverbs 1:7 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”

I – A PERSON OF INTEGRITY (IRON SHARPENING IRON) ONE WHO DOES RIGHT. HONEST VS LIAR, DILIGENT VS LAZY

Proverbs 27:17 “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds . . .”

E – ENCOURAGING 1 Thessalonians 5:11 “. . . encourage one another and build each other up . . .”

Philippians 2:4 “not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.”

N – NEVER FORSAKES YOU A friend is there for you in good times and in tough times.

Romans 12:15 “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

D – DEPENDABLE

Proverbs 18:24 One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

FRIENDS, ONE THING FROM EARTH WE CAN TAKE WITH US TO HEAVEN.

ARE YOU A GOOD FRIEND?



A FRIEND

- Looks up to you when the rest of the world is looking down on you.
- Let's you step on his toes to help you get on your feet.
- Shoots straight for you, not at you.
- Knows the most about your faults and cares the least.
- Tells you, not the rest of the world, when you are wrong.
- Helps heal when your heart hurts.
- Wants nothing more than to know of your success when you achieve it.
- Refuses to end your friendship even when you deserve it.
- Sharpens your perspective when your life seems dull.
- Will walk with you to the right path if you're walking down the wrong one.
- Will lift you up with words of encouragement when the voices of others try to knock you down.
- Will stand behind you when you are taking bows and beside when you're being booed.
- Is a source of hope when everything seems hopeless.
- Is willing to give his life to save yours.
- Helps divide the burden of sorrow and multiply your joy.
- Doesn't complain when neglected, but lets you know when you neglect yourself.
- Brings light into your life when your world seems dark.
- Is a shoulder to cry on when your hurt is beyond words.
- Is a source of strength when yours is drained.
- Scratches your back when his is itching like crazy.
- Picks you up when you are down.



JESUS, OUR ULTIMATE FRIEND, OUR MODEL OF FRIENDSHIP

John 15:12-15 “. . . Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.”

JESUS . . .

F – IS FAITHFUL Proverbs 18:24 “One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” **WE ARE FORGIVEN BECAUSE OF HIS FAITHFULNESS**

R – IS OUR REDEEMER Romans 3:24 “all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption . . . by Christ Jesus.” 1 Peter 1:18-19 “. . . it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed . . . but with the precious blood of Christ . . .”

I – IS INFINITE Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

E – IS OUR ENCOURAGER Proverbs 17:17 “A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.”

N – NEVER LEAVES US Deuteronomy 31:6 “Be strong and courageous . . . for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5 . . . God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

D – IS OUR DEFENDER The Armor of God: Ephesians 6:10-18

Even with all his flaws, ABRAHAM was known as “A friend of God” (JAMES 2:23).

Oh, that the same could be said of us.



BARNABAS FUND

Thank you to each one who has been able to give to this fund. We have been able to encourage families serving in ministry in times of need through your generosity. The funds that you designate are given to those who are in need. We are simply an channel of giving. If God impresses you to give, your gifts will be used to help pastors and their families in times of need. We have been able to share close to \$2,000 recently. We have about \$200 in this account at the writing of this newsletter.



Thoughts from Diane . . . FEAR



I remember the moment. I like keeping up with what is going on in the world. I was aware of the talk coming through the news for about two months. There was a virus that was affecting China. They played it down saying everything was under control. We went through a virus scare when President Obama was in office. I guessed it could be something serious, but as time went on we didn't hear much about it. This time seemed like there was more to it. January came and there was more news, it seemed increasingly ominous. Still though, it wasn't a big concern for me. February, one moment peace and the next, complete panic. A nursing home in Washington State had a lot of people dying and they were dying fast. Even then, I remember Nancy Pelosi urging people to “come to China Town and celebrate their New Year.”

Soon after that we heard the announcement that was made. Everything and I mean everything was shutting down in our state. We had to stay in our homes. Schools shut down and the children wouldn't be going back in the foreseeable future. The whole government seemed confused. It was at that time I felt fear and dread start to descend over me that lasted about five minutes before I realized how ridiculous that was and started to pray. “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 118:2

Many, if not all of you know I've battled disease for years. I'm moving forward each day the Lord provides. I went off inhaled antibiotics because I'd lost too much weight and it wasn't changing the outcome. The last antibiotic I did take for 28 days seems to have given me four more months, yet I have no real answer. I don't expect God to act in my timeline, yet I have. I thought the disease that kept coming back for more than ten years would follow the same course when I went off of antibiotics. It's been so good to make decisions with George and then we trust the Lord for the outcome. Still we're both here. I'm in the hospice program waiting on the Lord. Waiting is not an easy thing for me.

Our nation is still in a turmoil. There are so many facets to all this that's happening at the same time. We allow our minds to get drawn in to try and figure out something that will make us feel like we have our nation back to where it was, yet over a year later it has become more complex. It affects so many areas of our lives.

George keeps telling me we'll take care of what comes to us personally, one step at a time. Perhaps I will learn to do that. I have been working on that actually. I can tell you this. I desire to become more like Jesus. My redeemer is faithful and true. Everything He has said He will do. Remember what comes next? Every morning His mercies are new. I still love the morning. Feelings come and go. I'm thankful for each minute I'm alive. Especially for the people in my life who care about me.

“There is no fear in love but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment and the one who fears is not perfected in love.” 1 John 4:18

If you are fearful, have you looked to Jesus for help? I know I've had to a lot more these last few years. I find my help in God's perfect word. I hope you will also.

I Corinthians 15:58 Standing firm, Diane

**NO
FEAR
KNOW JESUS**