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“There is no joy like the joy of reunion, because there is no sorrow like the sorrow of separation.” — John Eldredge

HOPE

“Living without hope is no longer living.” — Jürgen Moltmann

WHAT IMPACT DOES MY LIFE HAVE ON ETERNITY?

C.T. Studd said, “Only one life will soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last.”

HOPE

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

- 3rd Monday monthly—Mending Fences Fellowship, Leadership Team, Spokane, WA (Hippe)
- 3 Sundays/month through June —Wayne Morris, Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA
- January 2—Sprague Community Church, Sprague, WA (Hippe)
- January 23, 30—CBF, Kettle Falls, WA (Hippe)
- February 6, March 6, April 3—CBF, Kettle Falls, WA (Morris)
- February 20, 27—CBF Kettle Falls, WA (Paul Pierce)
- March 13—CBF, Kettle Falls, WA (Hippe)
- March 18—ESM board meeting, New Hope Bible Church
- June 12, 19—Country Bible Church, Dusty, WA (Hippe)

WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR PULPIT SUPPLY EVEN ON SHORT NOTICE.

Do you need assistance with 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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ONE OF MY GREATEST CHALLENGES (PART 2)

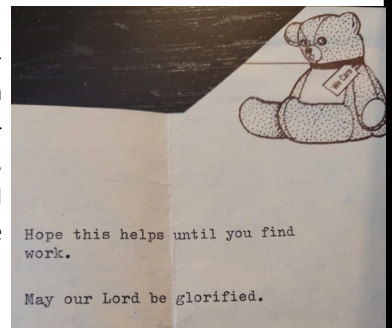
I have both a written and mental prayer list. Ben Franklin said, “The faintest ink is better than the best memory.” I am depending more and more on my written list. I have a page for family and friends, a list of those who need physical healing and a list of those who have broken hearts because of death. Diane’s name is at the top of my prayer list. I cannot remove her name. I no longer need to pray for her healing. How do I deal with this? I now ask God to remind me of some memory for which I can give thanks. At times soul wrenching, but it is a positive way to remember the wonderful things God allowed us to experience in this life.

Over the past fifty years, God has given our family clear direction regarding ministry and where we should serve as we have prayed and asked for His will. It has been through prayer that doors of opportunity have been opened for us only He could open. In seeking God’s direction in the mid 70’s, we were temporarily staying with my parents in Central Illinois after serving as the Christian Education director of Plymouth Baptist Church north of Minneapolis. Responsibilities there included administrating and teaching at Plymouth Baptist Academy, overseeing an adult Bible Institute in addition to heading children’s ministry and other church duties. Every door of service we pursued closed.

My prayer, Diane’s prayer was simple. Lord, show us what you want us to do? The passion for ministry was from God. I could do nothing else and be fulfilled. One morning, late in August, I told the Lord I needed to know where He wanted us to serve. I was desperate to know what God will. I told no one else but the Lord that I was not going to eat another thing until I knew His will. I skipped breakfast and made some excuse about not eating lunch. About 2:00 that afternoon, Pastor Bill Kellough phoned from Redondo Beach, CA. He asked how quickly we could be in Redondo Beach to serve alongside him. We had talked previously, but I thought God had closed that door. I could hardly speak through my tears as I realized God did hear and clearly answer our prayer. Not only was I thankful for God’s clear direction, but I was getting hungry 😊 We had nearly three years of wonderful ministry serving with Pastor Bill until God re-directed him and us.

God has repeatedly met financial needs, housing needs, health needs, emotional and spiritual needs as we have laid our hearts open to Him. When we first moved to Spokane the end of 1987, I was uncertain if our move here was temporary or permanent. We had used all our funds to move here and counted on finding jobs to meet needs until God opened a ministry door. We were told that finding work would be a challenge and it was. Our prayer was, God what do You want?

One January evening, 1988, there was a knock at the door of the house we were temporarily renting. Our daughter, Dawna, opened the door, but no one was there. Someone had left an envelope and disappeared. Dawna gave the envelope to her mom and Diane brought it downstairs to me where I was with the boys. Diane handed me the envelope and a note which read, “Hope this helps until you find work. May our Lord be glorified.” Inside was \$2,000 in cash. God made it clear that we were to be here in Spokane. Our prayer was clearly answered in a positive way. Psalm 37:4 “Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” As I learn to delight in the Lord, my desires will align with His will.



Hope this helps until you find work.

May our Lord be glorified.

Recently, I was asked by a friend why I pray. I pray because Christ modeled prayer. I pray because we are commanded to pray. I pray because like breathing, I must. Prayer reminds me of the deity and sovereignty of God. God is infinite, holy and just. Prayer helps me see my need for God. God is God, I am not. Sometimes that truth is easy to forget. Through prayer God helps me focus on my relationship with Him, to deepen my passion to know Him.

C.S. Lewis said, "Prayer changes me more than God." It's not how loudly I pray, how fervently I pray, my posture in prayer or even how often I pray, but that I pray. We are selfish by nature. Even an infant lets others know when his needs must be met. No one has to train an infant to be selfish. Prayer refines my selfish motives and causes me to consider others before myself. Prayer makes me responsive to the Spirit of God who lives in me and sensitive to my own selfish attitudes and desires. Prayer also helps me adjust my values and weigh choices based on a biblical value system. Ignoring the question, "God, what do You want me to do?" will usually result in poor decision making. Prayer changes my values, my priorities and my selfish nature.

Prayer keeps me sensitive to sin and its destructive consequences. Prayer helps develop spiritual power to think and do right. John 8:34-36 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." Praying frees us from the power of sin. If I can't ask God's blessing on what I am about to do, I probably shouldn't do it. (1 John 3:4,8; Romans 6)

Prayer frees me from worry and helps me realize God's peace, God's Shalom. 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your cares upon Him for He cares for you." God sees ahead. 95% of what we worry about never happens and the other 5% we have no control over. Vance Havner said, "Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere." The enemy does not want us to pray expecting God to answer. Satan thinks it's perfectly fine to say the same old religious words over and over. He does not want us to talk to God like He is really there, that He does hear us, that He will answer. Devout Muslims pray five times a day. They believe Allah hears them and that He is pleased with their human efforts. Why do we misplace our priorities so often and find it so difficult as Christians to communicate with the Creator of the universe? As we deepen our desire to know God, our love relationship with God will deepen and prayer will become more natural, supernatural.

I see others through the eyes of Christ when I pray for them. For many, the main prayer of the day is, "God bless my lunch." What does that mean? When I ask God to bless someone else, what am I asking. The enemy does not want us to pray specifically. He does not want us to learn to pray biblically. Ask God for specifics as we bring our requests to Him on behalf of others, always focusing on His ultimate will. Physical health, spiritual growth, personal safety, financial needs to be met, rest and time alone with God could be just a few specific ways to pray for friends and family. **THEY PRAY BECAUSE IT'S REQUIRED.** How often do we pray for the salvation of our neighbors and the opportunity to speak to them about Christ? We can ask that those we are praying for learn the lessons God is teaching through challenging situations. We can be determined to be more specific and personal as we pray for others and avoid the repetitive religious jargon that reflects spiritual numbness.

GOD'S GOOD ANSWERS:

"YES" - I see the goodness of God in granting the desires of my heart. The Holy Spirit refines my desires as I am sensitive to Him and ask for what is in His will.

"NO" - I see the goodness of God knowing that He knows what is best for me. His "No" is for my best. Not only is He meeting my needs today, but He's also already working on my tomorrow.

"WAIT" - This is often the most difficult answer of all to receive. Yet I see the goodness of God in His sovereignty and timing. He not only knows what is best for me but **WHEN** it's best to receive it.

AS GOD HEARS OUR PRAYER, HE DOES ANSWER PRAYER. HIS ANSWER JUST MAY NOT BE WHAT WE WANT.

The importance of prayer cannot be overemphasized. It is in the classroom of life that the Spirit of God instructs us to pray. Are we listening to the lessons He is teaching?

**PLEASE PRAY FOR EAGLE SUMMIT MINISTRY, THE CHURCHES WE ARE SERVING, THE MEN WHO ARE ASSISTING.
PRAY THAT WE REMAIN FAITHFUL AND EFFECTIVE IN MINISTRY.**

RESURRECTION TRUTH—PAUL SAID IT ALL. 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied."



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Thoughts from Dawna . . . Surrounded By Frauds

In the mid 80's our family lived in San Francisco. Our home was in a rough neighborhood that was frequented by gang activity. My dad, who always worked to be a protector of our family, was vigilant in his awareness of the sights and sounds of dangerous action near our house. One night he heard screams of distress combined with sounds of confrontation. On instinct, he grabbed a large flashlight (the kind you could pummel someone with) and made his way outside. Within seconds he found himself surrounded by a street gang. There he was, in the dark, a person who would easily be labeled a misfit on the streets, encircled by gritty, soulless adversaries.



The point to my retelling of these events isn't one of my dad's heroisms. Although, the outcome was indeed extraordinary, you'll have to ask him for the rest of the story. The picture that I want to give you has to do with what he must have felt in those moments, while being *surrounded* and vulnerable. He was acutely aware of who was surrounding him because he had taken the time necessary to understand the inherent dangers of that part of city.

The longer I have lived, the more I'm aware of being *surrounded* by fraudulent individuals. They pretend to care, pretend to be involved, pretend to live a good life, and pretend to have genuine hearts but it's all for personal, selfish gain. To compound the confusion, the frauds are accusing both mutual frauds and non-fraud of being frauds all while enthusiastically pretending that they themselves are not frauds. Without preparedness, guidance, and protection, you ultimately wind up bamboozled, or a more comfortable, Biblical word would be, deceived.

Frauds are at the office, the store, the gym, in schools, in the church, and in families. You might be married to a fraud or be so closely associated with one that you can't simply walk away. How can you know what is right? How can you know who to believe? How can you know when you're hearing the truth from so-called experts or people who you've been told are trustworthy? We live in a world of misinformation, disinformation, and often simply bad formation. Frauds are everywhere, but without being vigilant and aware, you'll fail to realize it and it will affect your decisions.

Proverbs 4:18 & 19 *The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.*

The point in Proverbs 4:18 is that *the godly have all the guidance and protection they need.* When you know a person or a situation is not right, do not disregard that instinct. When you're in a room full of people who are all facing the same way, doing the same thing, and comfortable, but inside you know something is wrong, pay attention. Remember, when you are living a life in communication with God, He is giving you



guidance. While it is important to understand the world around you and to study and understand your enemy, your ability to be informed or know enough about every potential danger is limited. God knows this and that is why He provides the light that shines ever brighter, it makes us dependent on Him. Our dependence on God gives wisdom in very single moment beyond any other expert source. Stay encouraged.