



SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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God Understands What We Are Going Through

As I was driving to the office one morning, I was thinking about some of my loved ones and friends who are going through difficulties. I want to do what I can to help because I love them and want to see them spiritually, physically and relationally whole. There is often nothing I can do but pray and be there to listen and care. My heart was feeling concern for several of these loved ones this morning, when suddenly the Lord brought to my mind the **fact** that he knows what each one of us is going through.

Recently, the Lord has been teaching me to trust Jesus as my “*Great High Priest*” (Hebrews 4:14). What does it mean to be a priest? The main duty of the chief priest of the Old Testament was to offer sacrifices for sin; the sins of the people, and their own sins. The priest would enter the Holy of Holies, the inner sanctuary of the Tabernacle, on one day of the year to offer a blood sacrifice. No one else was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies but the chief priest.

Jesus has offered the final sacrifice once for all, through His death on the cross. He did not need to offer a sacrifice for himself because he was without sin. He **became** the perfect sacrifice for us by living a sinless life as a human being. He is not only the **perfect sacrifice**, but the **perfect High Priest**. A priest must be able to have compassion on those whom he represents to God. I find that the only way I can truly feel compassion for others is to have experienced something similar in my own life: the pain of loss, loneliness, sorrow, physical illness, etc. Without that experience, I can only try to imagine what someone else is going through, and imagining is not the same as experiencing.

“...we have a great High Priest, ...Jesus the Son of God... we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:15, 16

Our Lord Jesus came into this world to **become** the perfect priest; he came to us and suffered as a human being along with us. He knows what it is like to live in this broken world. Jesus is the one who is able to “sympathize with our weaknesses”. He knows by experience what it is like to be tired, hungry, lonely, grieving, in pain, facing death.

*“For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: **Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way...** Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; **And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.**”* Hebrews 5:1-2, 8-9

Jesus was made perfect by the things which he suffered. How can that be? He was already the perfect man and perfectly God, but He had to suffer **with us** to become the perfect High Priest. And He had to suffer **for us** to become the perfect sacrifice. His sufferings make Him the one who is able to sympathize and intercede for us. It is very comforting to know that he understands.

On my drive that morning, the Lord’s compassion for me and those I love flooded over me. He has experienced my pain, the pain of my loved ones, *your* pain! And he is the one who hears us when we call to him; he knows what we are going through; he knows the difficulties of this life. The Lord identifies with us and cares so much that He was willing to die in our place. What a great relief to know this! The incomprehensible love that has been poured upon us is more than we can imagine.

It is my prayer that all of us may enter the rest that God has for us in this new year ahead. A rest that only comes from trusting what Jesus has done on our behalf and believing he understands our circumstances and how we feel. **He** is the one who represents us to our Father in heaven. As our representative, he speaks to the Father on our behalf. I would not want to be represented by anyone else!

So when my heart begins to feel heavy for those I love, I pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to remind me that Jesus knows what they are going through and how they, and I, feel about it. Then I will be able to rest in His ability to faithfully represent them to the Father, who is always working for our good.

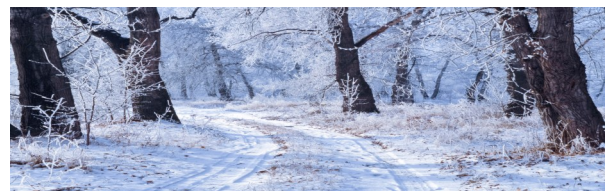
In Jesus’ compassion and sacrifice for us, he has done the work we could not do. Through faith, we enter His rest.

God’s Word is Good—we can trust it

God’s work is Complete—Jesus proclaimed, “It is finished.”

Thank you, Father, for giving us such a priceless gift. Help us honor your sacrifice and intercession, Lord Jesus, by trusting your work on our behalf.

“There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest.” Hebrews 4:9-11
-Tracy



*God will bless you as you follow the path
He has laid out for you!*

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“Lord, Teach Us To Pray” Seminar Written by Revs. Larry and Audrey Eddings

Wind of the Spirit will be presenting the seminar, “Lord, Teach Us To Pray”, on March 1-2, 2019 at Silverdale United Methodist, 9982 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, Washington. The seminar begins on Friday evening and runs through Saturday.

Sessions: People Who Pray
The God to Whom We Pray
Listening Prayer
Prayer and Forgiveness

Friday Evening: 7:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am—5:00pm

Continental Breakfast is included. *Lunch and dinner are “on your own”.* There are many restaurants and fast foods nearby or you may desire to bring your own lunch and/or dinner with you.

To Register: Call: 360-692-9813 ext 14
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Cost: \$ 75 per person
\$125 for husband/wife
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THIS ONE THING I KNOW Larry Eddings

My security is not in the things of this world. A forest fire sweeps through the land and the home acquired through years of hard work is all ashes. A tornado touches down in a place that never experiences tornados and suddenly all my earthly possessions are blown away. A car crosses over the center line while a driver is evidently distracted, and a young life is snuffed out in its prime. The things of this world are fleeting, temporary and provide minimal lasting security.

My security and hope are not in the things of this world, but in the Lord. Almost three thousand years ago God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah, telling Israel, **“I will not forget you. See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”** [Isaiah 49:15b] About eight hundred years after God made that promise, He fulfilled it. When God in the flesh, Jesus, was nailed to the cross, not only Israel, but you and I as well, were engraved on the palms of God’s hands. Our eternal security is based on what Jesus did on that cross.

Therefore, in the year ahead, knowing that God will not let me slip out of his hands, I will live Coram Deo. I will endeavor, by the power of God’s Holy Spirit, to live each day in God’s Presence, under God’s authority, and all for the God’s Glory. Therein is Life – Abundant and Eternal! It cannot be burned up, blown away or snuffed out. It is secure in him!

Highlights from India October 2018

July 15th – Esther’s engagement ceremony - 2,300 attended

July 21st – Esther’s marriage – a blessed event!

July 30th – Shruthie’s engagement – She is an RN working in Bangalore and she grew up in the Potter’s community. Her father was the head potter for Chuck and Joan Hartzell. It was a grand ceremony in our church where we had gained experience and confidence from Esther’s ceremony earlier in the month.

August 2nd – Ajesh’s engagement – Ajesh is one of our leaders and a carpenter who has done all of the wood work in the church. The ceremony was a one and a half hour drive from our home.

August 15th – Joy and I were scheduled to leave for America but we didn’t fly because of the hundred year flood that was causing heavy damage here in Kerala.

August 22nd – we celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary in the church.

August 29th – two semi-trucks of flood relief were sent to us from FGAG church in Bangalore. One truck we forwarded to another part of this county/District and the other truck our church repackaged into 300 plus care packages for needy families. Our church people visited these affected areas and gave with love and gladness to people many of whom had lost everything. Our church was full of unity and excitement as they served others.

September 20—22 – We were directed by God to have 3 days of special meetings and the Lord blessed us with a powerful sense of His presence. Many came forward to receive Jesus and to be filled with the Holy Spirit. It was an act of obedience on our part and the Lord truly honored our efforts.

September 23rd – After Sunday church we went as a team to ask on behalf of Binu for the hand of Anju for marriage. They are both church members who are tribal and are from a Hindu/Animist background. The previous Sunday, September 16th Anju came to church and was walking home very distressed. I saw her as I

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previous Sunday, September 16th Anju came to church and was walking home very distressed. I saw her as I was taking Shanta, a believer, to the hospital. That day Anju was beaten by her family for attending church. We were also there to ask for Diviya's hand in marriage for Manoj. Both of these are also church members. By God's grace Anju's family said yes!! But Diviya's father said NNNOOO.

September 26th - Diviya's mother brought Diviya and gave her to Manoj. In most cases that would be the marriage. But Manoj wants a church marriage so he brought Diviya to our house where she stayed for three days before we returned her home. She also went to the police station and filed a complaint against her father because he beats her when he is drunk. We are working to convince Diviya's father about what a good and talented young man Manoj is. We are playing new roles we never dreamed of.

September 28th - Joy bought a new sewing machine. That makes 2 machines that we have and now there are many women interested in learning to sew. Joy wants to bring hope and stability to these young women's lives who no longer want to study in school.

October 2nd - We celebrated Joy's Mother's birthday many people came from Anju's colony.

October 5th - We went to visit a very homesick Joshua in Ooty.

October 8th - 10th - We attended our Doctoral program in Bangalore. We had to leave early to see Joshua's final year drama

October 11th - We drove 8 hours to see Joshua's drama, Crime and Punishment where Joshua won first prize for best actor.

October 12th - We returned to Home in Sulthan's Battery

October 14th - The night before Ajesh's marriage, prayer and celebration

October 15th - Ajesh's Marriage a grand function in the church

October 15th - 20th - We left for the beach in Kovalam where we spent time as a family with Joshua, David and Joy's Mom until that Saturday the 20th

October 22nd - We started a small work in the factory trying to build an apartment. Because it has been empty for so long people are starting to misuse the place so we are trying to make it into apartments where we will be generating income while we take care of it.

Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up again represents the resurrection of Christ. Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles, that represents eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the color red, Jesus' blood, white, purity. The gifts, represents the three gifts the wise men brought for Jesus. So when you are running around trying to get the "perfect gift", stop yourself take a deep breath and remember we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to take away all our sins.



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MINISTRY CALENDAR

“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11,12



PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES
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January 12	WOSM Mid-Year Board and Council Meeting
February	Pray for the children of the world.
March 1-2	“Lord, Teach Us To Pray” seminar in Silverdale, Washington