



SPIRIT BREEZE

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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PRAYER EQUALS RELATIONSHIP

What comes to mind when you think about prayer? There is so much more to prayer than just asking God for what we want. We just finished a seminar on prayer called "Lord, Teach Us To Pray". In it we discovered what prayer is and what prayer is not. We also took a serious look at who the God of the Bible is and whether or not He is the one to whom we are praying.

Prayer is a relationship. It includes talking on our part, but it is *so* much more than that. Think of the relationships you have in your life. You know a few people quite well, others not so much. And then there are those whom you recognize but have no relationship with at all. Basically they are strangers to you.

The God described in scripture and revealed in the life of Jesus, who is God incarnate, is the Living God who wants a relationship with us. That relationship begins with trusting Jesus as the one who paid for all of our sins, and that relationship grows as we learn more and more about God.

To have a relationship with someone requires that we get to know them. We do more than talk to another person with whom we have a relationship. We also listen to them, observe how they do things, pay conscious attention to them to learn their likes and dislikes and what makes them tick. We learn to trust those same people with small things, and as they earn our trust, we are able to trust them with the more important parts of our lives.

It is the same in our relationship with God. Without knowledge of His nature, character, what He desires, and how he does things, it becomes impossible to have a relationship with Him. We must know to whom we are praying. As we get to know Him, we are filled with faith that He *can* be trusted, so we start trusting Him with small things. As we realize He is faithful, we then begin trusting him with the important things in our lives.

It is vital that we understand what prayer is and what prayer is not.

WHAT PRAYER IS NOT:

1. Prayer is not endeavoring to get God to align God's will with our desires and/or needs
2. Prayer is not trying to convince God that God should do something.
3. Prayer is not seeking to persuade God to think like me.
4. Prayer is not giving human wisdom, counsel or advice to God.
5. Prayer is not an attempt to set God's agenda.

There was a time in my life when I did all of these things, because I did not understand God's nature and I had not decided to trust Him with the "important stuff".

WHAT PRAYER IS:

1. Effective prayer is "listening" rather than "speaking".
2. In prayer, or communication with God, we learn to think as God thinks.
3. We learn to will what God wills.
4. Through prayer we learn God's ultimate will—To trust Jesus and have eternal life.
5. We learn to do what God does, as we see demonstrated in the life of Jesus. He only did what He saw the Father doing.
6. It is the Holy Spirit that intercedes for us. -Romans 8:26

We grow into prayer until we reach the level Paul describes in Romans 5:4-5. *"We rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance [produces], character and character [produces], hope. And hope does not disappoint us because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us."*

The word "hope" means absolute confidence and trust. And that is how we can pray—with absolute confidence and trust, knowing God hears our prayers!

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“Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done”

By Rev. Larry Eddings

God answers prayers. All who believe in Jesus know that God answers prayers, especially when our prayers align with his perfect will for his people.

For several months, even years, millions of devoted, loving, sincere and believing United Methodists have been seriously praying for our Special Session of General Conference. We have all had our own convictions of what we would like to see as the outcome of this Conference, and we have probably prayed according to our personal convictions.

Regardless of our personal convictions and regardless of the various plans that were presented, ALL of us, ALL MILLION OF US, including ALL of the 864 delegates, prayed together, with believing hearts, “Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” This is a prayer in perfect alignment with God’s perfect will.

God heard, ALL of us. God answered the prayer of ALL of us. God shows no favorites. God loves ALL of us.

Some of us may not be aligned with God’s answer, but he has answered the prayer that we ALL prayed. “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

“Lord, help me align my will with yours. Amen.”

KENYA IS CALLING AGAIN!

Wind of the Spirit Ministries is considering another invitation from Kenya’s Pastor Nicolas Onyango. He has once again invited us to come to **Western Kenya** to teach 80-100 Pastors and church leaders. *Many of these Pastors have not had opportunity to receive formal Bible training because they are marginalized and in a remote area.* One pastor from the previous seminar told us that he received more practical ministry help in our short seminar than he did in seminary. The education they received in seminary was knowledge without application. We taught and then let them practice. That gave them practical tools for their work.

When God brought Wind of the Spirit Ministries into being, part of the direction Revs. Larry and Audrey Eddings and the other leaders received was to “*follow the common path, go where others are not led to go*”. That means to small churches, little towns and common people to equip them for ministry. That calling is still relevant today.

Please pray with us as we discern God’s guidance along with our Board of Directors. May His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Philippines Ministry & Medical Mission January 2020

In July of 2018, God called Larry Eddings along with Bob and Tracy Martello, at the invitation of United Methodist Bishop Rudy Juan to present a “Conference on the Holy Spirit” to two churches in Mindinao, Philippines. A team of healthcare workers met us afterward to serve on three different medical missions, where hundreds of people received medical care. One station during the mission was a prayer team, available to pray for the needs of those who came for care. We saw healing happen during prayer!

If it weren’t for your willingness to give, it would not have happened. The door to the Philippines is opening again! Bishop Juan wants these same events for other areas in his conference.

Wind of the Spirit Ministries has been involved in spreading the Gospel across the United States as well as in the Philippines and various other parts of the world. WOSM dedicates a tithe of the gifts and offerings received to mission outreach. The ministry of God’s healing in the Philippines through WOSM has multiplied, spreading to local pastors, churches and now to districts and conferences under the capable leadership of WOSM representatives Rev. David and Josie Sablan.

As you partner in sending the teams out you will be living the scripture: “**How can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?**” [Romans 10:14, 15]

We invite you to become part of this mission trip by making a contribution to send the ministry teams. Please mark your gifts “WOSM Philippines”. Thank you for your generous support that will make this trip possible, knowing that the fruit of it is to your credit in the eyes of the Lord.



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Do You Have an Orphan Spirit?

"...you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father'." [Romans 8:15,16 NLT]

Many of us grew up with a distorted image of God. We may have learned inaccurate information about God through parents, teachers, even pastors or priests. There are no perfect people, so even with the best intentions, those in authority sometimes make mistakes in their words or behaviors. Even if that were not true, children only learn *in part*. They simply don't have the capacity to understand everything adults say or do. Because of those things, we grow up with misunderstandings about God.

We may have had parents that rejected us and so we grew up believing God had abandoned us. We may not have had the love we needed from our parents and so we believe God does not love us. Instead of seeing God as our loving Father, we see Him as harsh, uncaring, or distant. This misunderstanding can cause us to have an "orphan spirit".

Just before Jesus was crucified, he told his followers, ***"I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you."*** God is not like a human; He does not make mistakes and He cannot lie. He has adopted us into His family through our faith in Jesus and he has very good plans for our lives. But if we don't have a trusting relationship with God, we will find our comfort and identity in counterfeit affections like: **Possessions, Passions, Position or Power**. These counterfeit affections will stand in the way of being able to focus on a relationship with God that brings true fulfillment and completion to our lives, so we remain spiritual orphans.

How do we change that? We need to forgive those who have rejected us or injured us. It is not necessary to forgive face to face. That may even be a bad idea. However it is important to speak the words aloud so that our brain registers it. **We can simply say something like this:** "_____(name of person), I forgive you for _____ (the offense against you).

Forgiveness is an act of obedience to God, who wants us to forgive the way He forgives us. It is an act of our will. We do not have to "feel" good about it. When we forgive and stop giving place to that offense in our thinking, our emotional responses change in time.

We also must ask God to forgive us for judging Him wrongly and for the attitudes we have held toward the one who hurt us. That is our responsibility in the matter. It is important to learn as much as we can about our Father in heaven. The more we know about Him, the more we realize that He loves us, understands our struggles, cares and is able to help us.

FORGIVENESS IS NOT

- Denial or pretending it didn't happen or didn't hurt
- It is not saying what the person did was right or giving them permission to do it again
- It is not the re-establishment of trust
- It is not relieving the person of their responsibility for their act
- It is not a feeling. It is an act of the will. A conscious choice to not count guilty, the one who is guilty
- For the Christian, it is not optional. (It is for our good!)

My Prayer Request Is: _____

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“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	
Martello’s email address: martello52000@yahoo.com	
March 8-10	Larry Eddings will be teaching on Healing at the <i>Life in the Spirit</i> seminar in Tulsa, Oklahoma on March 9.
30	Philippines Medical Mission 2020 Initial Planning Meeting
July 13	Wind of the Spirit’s Annual Board and Council Meeting.
18-21	Larry will be speaking at the Clergy/Spouse Breakfast at Aldersgate Renewal Conference in Springfield, Illinois.
September	Possible mission trip to Western Kenya where we have been invited to present a “Healing Academy”
January 2020	Philippines Ministry events and Medical Missions. Please pray for God’s direction as these events are being planned.