



SPIRIT BREEZE

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LIVING WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

People of God are people who learn to develop a heart of thanksgiving. We acknowledge that God is Jehovah Jirah—God, our Provider, and so develop grateful hearts for all that God does or does not do for us.

We are experiencing at present some heavy winds here in the northwest—winds that are blowing the clouds away, stripping leaves from the deciduous trees and covering the ground with a colorful carpet. The very presence of that wind reminds us that the air we breathe is a gift from God. Even the leaves of the trees that God created participate in that process as they absorb the carbon dioxide that we exhale, change it and replace it with the life-giving oxygen that we breathe. In Scripture we are reminded that The Spirit of God is the very Breath [Ruach] of God.

Those with grateful hearts remember that the air we breathe is a gift from God for which we are eternally thankful.

Here in the Pacific Northwest we are surrounded by salt water that the tides bring in from the ocean to the bays and inlets throughout our area. Beautiful to look at but we dare not drink it. At the same time we have rain from the skies that creates a water table that provides life-giving fresh water for us to drink. Surrounded by salt water, but with an abundance of fresh water. We acknowledge that we have a creative God who provides life-sustaining gifts.

From the time when God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt, people have learned that God provides for all our needs according to his riches in glory. That is, God knows the needs of the creation he brought into being and God knows how to provide for those needs out of the bounty of his knowledge and wisdom.

Scriptures of the Judeo-Christian Faith make it very clear that God knows our needs before we ask, [Matthew 6:8], He provides for those needs without

fail, [Philippians 4:19], and he does it, not only for those who believe in him, but for the whole of his creation—even those who would deny him or make an attempt at removing all mention of his name from any sign, coinage or prayer. God’s grace is not impacted by that attitude. *“He makes the sun to shine on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”* [Matthew 5:45]. Even the atheists benefit from God’s provision.

We are living in a time, especially in the American culture, where there appears to be a lot of ingratitude, not only among those who do not acknowledge God, but often among those of us who do acknowledge God, for we are not content with what we have.

We can learn from those early men and women of our Judeo-Christian Faith who knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was not only the Giver of the gift of life itself, but of all that it takes to make life abundant and, beyond that, eternal.

Jesus said, *“I have come that you might have life and have it to the full.”* [John 10:10]

The Apostle Paul, who probably experienced as much difficulty and trauma in his life as anyone else—except for Jesus, could say in the middle of it all, *“I have learned what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.”* [Philippians 4:12, 13]

A grateful heart is not determined by how much or how little we have, by what we do or do not go through or by wealth or lack of it. A grateful heart is developed as we learn to live in trusting relationship with the One who provides for us in every circumstance, whether little or much.

“O Lord our God, we, your people give you thanks and praise for the gift of life and all that you have done and are doing to make it abundant.” Ile

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Participants in the recent October 2013 "Journey Within" Seminar on the healing of Emotional Hurts held at the United Methodist Church in Silverdale, WA

THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

The Holy Spirit moved in powerful ways to touch the lives of all of us in the Journey seminar. The focus came continually back to the importance of forgiveness in all areas of human hurts and emotional wounds.

There are those who believe that a person must take time to deal with issues in their lives before they are able to forgive those who have wounded or abused them.

However, Jesus teaches that forgiveness is a starting point in the healing process. He states it very clearly and plainly, *"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. If you do not forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will not forgive you."* Matthew 6:14, 15

Unless we forgive those who wound and hurt us, we are unable to receive any forgiveness we are seeking from God. Un-forgiveness blocks our ability to receive God's forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not a feeling. It's an act of our will. Un-forgiveness is also an act of our will. However, several in the Journey Within discovered the importance of speaking forgiveness as they experienced release from bitterness and other attitude issues with which they had been dealing for a long time. Their newfound freedom gave witness to the importance of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is not the healing. It is the surgery that allows healing to happen. It is sometimes painful, but not as painful as continuing to hold on to the bitterness related to the original hurt.

"I feel like I am in a spiritual boot camp and it is exciting." This was the testimony of one participant in the recent seminar on healing and wholeness. Her later testimony in Sunday School class, "My husband noticed such a change in my life he told me that whatever it was I had in me, he wanted it. Best of all, he came to worship with me today for the first time."

Another couple: "I've been waiting for seven years to be able to attend one of these seminars and my husband and I decided 'this is the year' and we're going to do it. Are we ever glad we did! It's amazing!"

Another testified: "Well, I didn't think I was coming for my own sake. This was my second Journey Within and I figured I had worked through it all the first time! Right? The one who needed healing [I thought] was my husband. But God knew better. It would be impossible for me to describe what a precious experience this has been for the both of us. Thank God for this healing! I have been freed and blessed beyond measure."

Another: "I love your ministry, the servant's heart of the staff and the joy and life expressed as the captives are set free."

One blessed event, among many others, happened as two husbands each placed their hands on the stomachs of their pregnant wives and spoke a father's blessing on the little child that God is knitting together in each mother's womb.

These are just a few of shared stories coming from those who participated in the "Journey Within Seminar."

"You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am awesomely and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13, 14

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"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear the sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8



MINISTRY CALENDAR

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OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES

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NOVEMBER 3

Larry will preach at the Silverdale UMC for the two morning services and celebrate Communion

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Larry and Audrey will be taking the month of November for rest, writing and some travel. Thank you for keeping us in prayer.



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