

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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A NEW LIFE, A NEW LANGUAGE

There is a world [perhaps universe is a better word] of difference between the ways of the world and the ways of the Kingdom of God. It is sometimes difficult in our contemporary society to distinguish the difference because of the influence of the world's culture upon our daily lives.

Even the language that is appropriate for God's Kingdom can be impacted by the language of the culture. The "f" words, the "s" words and the "h" words permeate conversations between young and old alike—inside as well as outside the church. Perhaps it is an effort by some to avoid being considered "super-religious," or maybe to be seen as "hip" or "cool" with the ways of the world. Actually, it is a sign of ignorance, ignorant of that which pleases God while attempting to impress people.

Whatever the reason, we Christians belong to a Way of Life that is different from the world in which we live. We are IN it, but we are not OF it. We are not here to impress people, we are here to do that which pleases God and brings honor to the name of our Lord Jesus, regardless of the world's response.

Jesus told Nicodemus that if one is to enter, or even see the Kingdom of God, they must be born again. Those who receive Jesus as Savior and Lord of their lives experience a new birth. We are born of the flesh into this world, but if we are to be in God's Kingdom then we must be born of the Spirit, born again, born from above. [John 3:3, 5]

There are those who say, in order to excuse their lifestyle, "Well, I was born this way." If that is the case, then Jesus would say, as he did to Nicodemus, "You must be born again."

Scripture makes it very clear that "if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come." [II Corinthians 5:17] That is, God doesn't just clean up the old self and reconfigure old behavior patterns. God totally annihilates the old self.

As the Apostle Paul stated, "I have been crucified with I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." [Galatians 2:20] Also, "We know that the old self was crucified with him [Christ]." [Romans 6:6]

When we begin to walk in this new life, we learn a new language. It is the language of love [Agape] that "comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." [I Timothy 1:5]

Jesus told his followers, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." [John 13:35]

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher as we learn to communicate in loving ways that are pleasing to God and validate our Christian discipleship. He spoke through the Apostle Paul in his letter to the church in Colossae: "Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry....You used to walk in these ways in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all slander and filthy language from your lips....As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues, put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." [Colossians 3:5-14]

We Christians choose to speak in ways that recognize that, though we are communicating with others around us-Believers or Unbelievers, we are still in the very presence of God when we speak. Therefore, we have and speak a new language!

For us, the "f" word is Forgiveness and Favor, the "s" word is Savior and Sweet, the "h" word is Holy and Humble, the "g" word is Gentleness and Godliness, the "l" word is Love for our Lord.

God's vocabulary has no place for the vulgar words of this world. May we allow the Holy Spirit to teach us to speak the language of heaven that is appropriate for this age and the ages yet to come. LLE

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"LOVE YOUR ENEMIES" But Lord...... Matthew 5:43-48

I read and hear the stories of the atrocities being Committed by the radical Islamic terrorists, ISIS, in Iraq. Children are being beheaded and cut in half. Christians are being crucified and hanged. The unbelievable barbarism of bygone centuries is a present day reality. There are no words to describe my utter disgust and disdain for such subhuman behavior.

In the flesh I want to call down fire from heaven - perhaps in the form of laser guided firebombs and missiles, and send these people (?) straight to hell. Send them straight to their desired death, martyrdom and well deserved paradise in the fiery pit of hell!

Then, in the Spirit, I paused long enough to remember that Jesus said, "You have heard it said "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy," but I say to you, "Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you, SO THAT you may be children of your Father in heaven."

I asked, "Jesus, how can I possibly love these kind of people and how could I possibly pray for them, except for their annihilation?" Then The Holy Spirit reminded me that we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but evil powers, against Satan himself.

These ISIS (as well as all other Muslims and people of other religions) are also people for whom Jesus died, but they are in captivity and bondage to Satan and forced to do his work and they are ignorant of God's gift of freedom and the sacred worth of all human life.

This is not a case of different ideologies. This is spiritual warfare. These men are being used as tools by Satan to destroy the work of Jesus. Killing them only helps to accomplish Satan's plan to destroy all humanity. He has no interest in their welfare any more than he does in that of the ones he is butchering through them.

I believe that these ISIS people are humans, who are doing detestable atrocities, and who need deliverance from the hell in which they are imprisoned. We who are free must intercede for their souls, joining with our Lord who lives to intercede for them, and all of us, for whom he died.

May we be empowered and directed by God's Holy Spirit as we do our part in this spiritual warfare - love and pray for our enemies, as directed by Jesus. The outcome may well be far beyond anyc o u l d thing w e have imagined! My prayer: "O Lord, our God, I pray for these in the ISIS, and all others like them, who are trapped in the evil clutches of Satan and who are blind to his Lies. Reveal Truth to them and by the power of your Holy Spirit deliver them from the darkness of Satan's prison into your Kingdom of Light. I believe this is what you would will for them and so I pray like this in order that I may learn to love my enemies like you told me and in the process imitate my Heavenly Father who loves your enemies enough to die for them so that they might live. Thank you ahead of time for

"HEALING THE WHOLE MAN"

setting them free from Satan's clutches. Amen"

Touched by Mercy Ministries is sponsoring a one day Conference for men at the Silverdale United Methodist Church, 9982 Silverdale Way NW, in Silverdale, WA. The Conference begins at 9:00 am and concludes at 5:00 pm on Saturday, September 20, 2014.

The Rev. Ken Walls, Pastor of Touched by Mercy Ministries, invites all men in the Kitsap area to attend the conference. It will be a time of healing and wholeness in all areas of our lives.

Speakers for the event include: Pastor Loren Heiland, speaking on "Spirit Wound Clinic," Pastor Bob Smith, "Stewardship of the Body," Pastor Larry Eddings, "Healing Through The Spirit," and Pastor Ken Walls speaking for the Evangelistic Service.

Pastor Edd Denton, Host Pastor, will lead the opening devotions and Mat Perkins of The Mission House will share a special testimony.

Cost for the Conference is \$30. A freewill offering will also be received. Lunch is provided.

Registration may be done online at www.touchedbymercyministries.com.

WELLNESS REPORT

On August 3, I [Larry] had a heart attack and was taken by ambulance to the hospital where a blood clot was removed from a blocked artery. I spent five days in the hospital, but am at home now.

I am making good progress in the recovery program with new energy being gained each day. I am looking forward to complete recovery and return to the ministry I love.

I wish to thank God and everyone for their prayers, cards and visits which are a great source of encouragement.

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Participants in the recent Healing Academy at Silverdale, WA

Reports keep coming in giving praise to God for the way in which the Holy Spirit moved in and upon the lives of those who participated in the Healing Academy.

Teachers and participants alike rejoiced over the sense of supernatural unity that prevailed throughout the Academy. Many expressed the joy over how their lives had been touched and changed through the teachings and also in the interactive workshops.

Others expressed appreciation not only for the way they experienced healing in their own lives, but received practical tools that will enable them to help their friends who are experiencing similar issues in their lives.

One person stated, "This is a wonderful revival. I am renewed, revived and recharged."

At the public healing service on Friday night, one person who came for the service received Jesus as their Savior for the first time. What a blessing! Scripture tells us that there is more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous people that do now need to repent. All of heaven must have jumped to its feet when that person walked out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light.

It was also an exciting time as two new teachers were able to share Healing Academy teachings and give their testimony as to what God is doing in their lives. Their fresh testimony blessed everyone who was in attendance.

God has used the Healing Academy for over thirty years to reach and equip the people of God for ministry in and beyond the Body of Christ. We continue to give thanks and praise to our blessed Lord for the privilege of being instruments of healing and wholeness in his church.

We continue to give praise to God for his faithfulness in providing for this ministry according to his riches in glory. We also give praise to God for all those of you who uphold this ministry with your prayers and financial gifts. God bless you!

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Ephesians 4:11



MINISTRY CALENDAR

PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THESE EVENTS

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

SEPTEMBER 20—"Touched by Mercy Men's Conference at Silverdale UMC, 9:00—5:00

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

The Lord willing, during these two months Larry and Audrey will work to:

- 1. Complete Children's Sunday School curriculum materials on "God's Supernatural Power for Kids."
- 2. Complete "Equipping the Saints" booklet on "The Power of Prayer."
- 3. Prepare and record all of the teaching sessions of "The Healing Academy" and "Journey Within" for DVD presentation.

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