

Eagles' Nest Ministries Newsletter August 2024



"Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His. And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name."

Psalms 30:4

Praise Reports

- Praise the Lord for all His Promises and that we know He keeps His promises.
- Praise the Lord for His forgiveness to each of us.
- Praise the Lord for providing another house for Eagles' Nest Ministries.
- Praise the Lord for the growth at To the Least of These Adults Only Church.
- Praise the Lord for our faithful Praise and Worship Team.
- Praise the Lord for our staff at Eagles' Nest Ministries and To the Least of These Adults Only Church.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Dennis F. as he goes through treatment for cancer.
- Pray for a quick closing on the purchase of another house for Eagles' Nest.
- Pray for the leadership of Eagles' Nest Ministries and To the Least of These Adults Only Church.
- Pray for a quick and complete recovery for John S. after back surgery.
- Pray for all the men we serve, here at Eagles' Nest Ministries and To the Least of These Adults Only Church, in the name of Jesus.

To the Least of These Adults Only Church Website

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Founder's Corner

We have God's Spirit living in us; therefore, we have the gifts and the attributes of God. We are made in His image! Galatians 5:22a "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy..."

Joy is not the same as happiness. Happiness is based on circumstances and mood – it is often fleeting and temporary. Happiness is an emotion. Joy is a fruit of the Spirit. It is often inexplicable – found in His people at the oddest of times and under terrible circumstances! Acts 13:52 "And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit."

James instructs us to "be joyful in trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have: its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." (James 1:2-8)

2 Corinthians 8:1-2 "Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality."

For me, joy is the result of ignoring the pain of a trial or tribulation and focusing on my Lord. In keeping my eyes on Him, my heart soars with joy and other circumstances and moods fade and lose importance. (1 Thessalonians 1:6)

Even now, under your current circumstances, you can choose to focus on God and let Him fill you with joy. Do not hold tightly to what you have – as if it was given to you solely for your own benefit and enjoyment. Share your joy and freely express why you have joy! God has been generous to you – pay it forward!

With the enjoyment of the gifts God gives us in His Spirit comes a responsibility. Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me." Hebrews 12:2 "...looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Joy is often difficult to recognize in ourselves, it is a commitment!

Take courage my dear brothers – let your joy shine! May others look at you, see your joy, and want to know your Lord!

I love you,
Deb

You Can Be An Eagle

"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31



The Great Commission

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15

Qualifications:

"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Romans 10:9

Education:

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

John 16:13

Work History:

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Romans 1:17

References:

"Therefore by their you will know them"

Matthew 7:20

The Great Commission Applies to You

(As Believers the Lord has qualified you.)
He will equip you!

You Can Serve from Where You Are - Inside or Outside

You Can Be Part of This Ministry

This newsletter is a great way to share what the Lord gives you with many people who receive this letter, either by snail mail or e-mail. Anyone can write their thoughts and feelings to encourage and challenge your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please send any submissions to Eagles' Nest Ministries, PO Box 33562, Phoenix, AZ 85067. All submissions must be approved by the Founder before use in the newsletter. You may submit new material as often as you like. It is good for us to have a backlog of material to use. There is no guarantee submissions will be used in the newsletter, and we do not return any submissions. By submitting material, you give us your permission to use it in any way we choose.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

"For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works."

Matthew 16:27



Practical Living from the Word of God

What is your Isaac?

There is a well-known, and often difficult to read story in Genesis 22. Abraham, the father of faith for both Jews and Christians, is asked by God to sacrifice his son Issac on top of a specific mountain. Taking the life of another human is not a practice given to man in his worship of God, however Abraham knew God and followed him at His word.

Issac, the one to be sacrificed, is the promised son that Abraham and his wife Sarah had long waited for. When the couple tried to "help" God accomplish the promise seeing that old age made it seemingly impossible to achieve, it ended up in disaster. Through their experiences, they learned to let God fulfill His word on His terms.

The story is one of Abraham and Issac's trust and obedience, as well as God's provision. (Interestingly, the word "provision" comes from the Latin word *providere* 'foresee, attend to'.) Abraham, trusting God that there was a purpose behind this, and Issac trusting both His father and the God they served, went up the mountain to obey God's command. There they experienced God in such a way that the name He was given by Abraham is one we call on even today. I would recommend you stop and read the story before continuing if you are unfamiliar with it, as there will be spoilers ahead.

God stopped the process seeing Abraham's dedication and faith. Verse 12 reads "And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for **now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son**, your only son, from Me." Abraham's faith was proven in that ANYTHING he had, no matter how irreplaceable, could be sacrificed in order to obey God's word.

Anything.

Think about it. For Abraham, nothing was too valuable that he couldn't release it to God to obey His word. Ur, his homeland. Lot, his cousin. Hagar and Ishmael, the son of his attempt at "helping" God. Isaac, the son he was meant to have. All of these he had, or was willing to, let go of to keep God's word. Abraham's example of trusting in God is hard to fathom and challenges our "modern" faith standards.

Would God ever challenge us in such a way? Well, there is no scripture precedent to take one of our beloved kids up a mountain to sacrifice to God, (nor are we to take the less beloved either). But Jesus does challenge us. It is written; "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it." (Mat 10:37-39)

Not only does this challenge us to put Jesus above our family, but it also includes the thing we often hold most dear, our very lives. I know the struggle; we often feel as if we are beginning to understand ourselves and experience life on our terms when the word of God comes to tell us to sacrifice our lives (living sacrifice). A friend, Christopher K., once told me during my struggles to be a more effective minister, that I needed to learn how to die. That was well over a decade ago, and I still revisit it to this day.

What comforts me about this story, is God's response to Abraham's obedience. He provided a ram to replace Issac for sacrifice. Abraham had to "lift up his eyes" to see the ram, which always reminds me that there is much more going on around me. I need to remember to look up from what I am IN to see where I am AT! We can get caught up in the toughness of what we are called to lay down for the kingdom, but looking up reveals just how much God has going on in the kingdom that hinges upon our obedience. A reminder that we are attached to something much greater and deeply interconnected. Abraham's demonstration of faith was, initially, displayed between himself, Issac and God. However, the story of it has affected and encouraged countless others throughout history.

Another saint I met in my journeys, a chaplain's clerk named Manny, often asked what is my Issac. Truth be told, I hated that question. "What thing do I hold dear that I will have to give up to serve God", haunted my thoughts for years.

However, now I realize that was an incomplete response to the question. Maturity has taught me, "what thing do I hold dear that God is asking for, that proves my fear of Him and blesses those around me."

Anything.

Sekou A.

"For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, Whether good or evil."
Ecclesiastes 12:14

Don't Trip!

Good morning.

"Let us not trip if our plans don't go how "We Think "it should."

The Word of God says in Proverbs 16:9 NLT -
"We can make our plans, but the LORD determines our steps."

It also says in Jeremiah 29:11 NLT
"For I know the plans I have for you,"says the LORD. ***"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."***

"When our plans or prayers don't go our way, we tend to keep trying to make them happen on our own. But let's be reminded how God works in mysterious ways, how God lines us up with people we would have never crossed paths with. I believe in divine intervention, divine appointments by the hand of Jesus Christ. I've learned to accept the change in plans by God as He is protecting us from ourselves, accident, or even death. So, don't trip potato chip, beside does God know better than us? Absolutely He knows before things actually happen. The Word also says in Proverbs 14:12 NLT ***"There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death."***

There is a spiritual death, and a physical death. Remember when you're at the crossroads ~What does the Word of God say vs What we think? I'm sticking to the garment of Jesus Christ."

God bless you and your family

Richard Mendoza

"Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Romans 8:27

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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Matthew 5:16

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