

Words from the Woodwards

April, 2022

“For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection...” Romans 6:5

Dear prayer partner,

I write this monthly update a few days before Good Friday. How thankful we are for the price our Lord Jesus paid on our behalf at Calvary. And we rejoice in His resurrection! The gospel also encompasses our co-death and co-resurrection *with* Him! At Grace Fellowship we have the privilege and opportunity to share "the rest of the gospel" with hurting men and women God leads to us. And we continue to train and equip Exchanged Life counselors.

I am thankful that, when my counseling mentor, Chuck Solomon, had his transformational change in October of 1965, that he did not keep this illumination to himself. Rather, he was called of God to herald the good news of identification with Christ and develop Spirituotherapy--the counseling model that makes this message central.

Norman Harrison reminds us of the need to be a vessel of blessing to others: “The Holy Spirit indwells us and thereby accomplishes our sanctification—an adjustment of our personal lives to His own person and character, to the dropping away of sin’s power over us and the implanting of His Christ-imparting attributes in us. *But to what purpose is all of this?* For the beautifying of our personal lives? To terminate upon us? Not at all. His work in us is that He may have an instrument adjusted to His use, thus to work through us to the blessing of others.”

God used the Finding Peace Seminar in Rhode Island (April 2nd) in this way. I presented our initial seminar there last spring and it was a delight to return. Most of the attendees were newcomers to a GFI event. Rob Semco's teaching session and dynamic personal testimony were a highlight for me.

I returned to the office to welcome our new Executive Director, Mark McKeehan. We are spending these first days discussing strategic planning for GFI, anticipating a special board meeting on May 5th.

Another happy development was the publication of a book that I worked on last year--*The Worthy Walk*. My friend, Bryan Miller, has been urging me to write on how to apply the Exchanged life in a more practical way. After a couple of years of planning phone calls from him, the Lord gave me time and energy to write and publish it. The book is available on Amazon as an ebook and paperback. As a token of appreciation, I will gladly give a copy to each of my supporters upon request. :-) May God bless this book to the Exchanged Life Counseling movement and beyond, for His glory.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. May God's love and grace bless you and flow through you to bless others.

Yours in Christ,

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