

Words from the Woodwards

May, 2022

“...even when we were dead in trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus...” (Ephesians 2:5,6).

Dear prayer partner,

Thank you so much for your fellowship in the ministry of Christ centered counseling and equipping. What a great opportunity we have to guide struggling believers to discover and appropriate God’s provision for victorious living—by grace!

Miles Stanford observed, “The Cross has separated us from the power of sin (Rom. 6:11), the old man (Rom. 6:6), the world (Gal. 6:14), the law (Rom. 7:4), and the devil (Heb. 2:14). The Spirit has joined us to our risen Lord, and we are “hidden with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3). We are free—to abide above; free—to fellowship with our Father in glory.” Amen!

I am currently facilitating a hybrid version of our Exchanged Life Counseling Workshop. By *hybrid*, I mean that we are covering the main educational aspect online for five weeks, followed by an in-person event. We have about 36 participating; half in New Jersey and the rest in different states. The wrap up training is scheduled for Friday night and Saturday, June 3,4. It will be hosted by the sponsoring church—Bayside Chapel, in Barnegat, New Jersey. Prayers are appreciated.

Last weekend I assisted Scripture Memory Fellowship at a big homeschooling convention here in Pigeon Forge. I was able to spend a couple of hours in the huge exhibit area, having conversations with various educational ministries and giving them a sample tract from GFI. One of the leaders testified that her life was transformed through Exchanged Life Counseling provided by our sister ministry in South Dakota!

Today I got a call from a sister in England, desperate for deliverance. She lives where my brother and sister in law live (who are church planting missionaries)! Thank you for your prayers for our counseling and other ministry activities week by week. May you be encouraged today that you can “abide above” in fellowship with our risen Savior.

Yours in Christ,

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With our son, Stephen, at a conference he helped organize in Gatlinburg, TN



John, I am so thankful that the Lord prompted me to call when I did. It's been great to use my time off school to study the materials and just explore the GFI website and videos. I loved the Frank Allnut interview and have listened to several of your Monday night studies. Because I need parables or metaphors to grasp abstract concepts, your illustrations are very helpful.

(Sometimes I wonder if a lot of people Jesus taught had learning difficulties because He loved using those approaches!) Dr. Solomon chose his successor very wisely. As I was praying for you the other day, I thought about Elisha asking for a double portion of Elijah's spirit to be upon him. I can definitely see that in your ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness to your calling.

- J. S. (Colorado)

John, ...I have been enjoying your book called *The Worthy Walk*. It takes so much of what I hear about the exchanged life and makes it practical and teachable. Thank you. [Our ministry] has a conference every year... It is a medical conference but they have breakout sessions, and I asked if I could give a talk on Victorious Christian Living. I will use some of the material in this book because it presents it so clearly and practically!!

Blessings,

- J. F. (North Carolina)