

Words from the Woodwards

November 2022

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

Dear ministry partner,

Thank you for your fellowship in the gospel. I came across this quote in my devotions this morning: “Any experience, whether of triumph or trial, which makes us more aware of our need of the Father must contribute to spiritual progress...”

This reminds me of the reassurance of Romans 8:28,29: “And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose. For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehand], He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification]...” (Amplified Bible). Amen

As we counsel struggling believers week by week, their trials become an opportunity to triumph by discovering and appropriating Christ as their Lord and Life (Gal. 2:20). We treasure this opportunity to see God at work in bringing renewal and freedom to hurting hearts.

I am so thankful for the trip to **Salt Lake City**, Utah Oct. 14-17. We were blessed with about 40 participants at the Finding Peace seminar hosted by Liberty Church. The weather and fellowship were great and God granted traveling mercies. Photos are at gfi.shutterstock.com/pictures

Our Monday night **online Bible study** resumed Sept. 12th. We appreciated Don Higgins being co-teacher for six weeks as we studied *Life Essentials*. Our next topic will be Dr. Lee Turner's *Advanced Grace Discipleship Course*. Recordings of these lessons are at this channel: vimeo.com/channels/1621148

I also had the opportunity to do a **Walk Thru the Old Testament** seminar focusing on part four – *an overview of the biblical prophets*. This was hosted by our local church in Pigeon Forge.

As I write this we are about to have a **Finding Freedom** seminar in Newmarket, Tennessee on Nov. 5th. This will be followed by our Exchange Life Counseling **Workshop** workshop Nov. 7–10. We have participants traveling in from various states and Canada. May God use this equipping in their personal life and ministries.

On Dec. 2-5 I plan to visit **Phoenix**, Arizona to visit the family of Dr. Lee Turner, whose books we publish. (Although he went to be with the Lord last July, the family has delayed the celebration of life service until Dec. 3rd). On the Dec. 5th I'm to speak to the staff of our sister ministry there—Victorious Christian Living.

As we celebrate **Thanksgiving** this month, may we count our many blessings by rejoicing always, praying unceasingly, and giving thanks in all circumstances. We thank the Lord for your prayers and financial support.

Yours in Christ,
John

*Responses to weekly
Grace Notes email*

“Timely brother! I love the truth of God working in you first, and then through you. This message has been on repeat from the Lord for two months now. :-)”

“Thank you John,
Very insightful article!
I am sure this will be a great help to me and many others.”

“Wow — I must read it again but what a blessing dear brother — thank you profusely for this study.”



With Dan & Melissa in Utah (and eagle puppet, Homer)

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