



**Encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today,"
So that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.**

February 2017 Ministry Letter

Valentines Day! A day for lovers. I have been through a lot the past couple of years, it's not all about me. Patti deserves all the credit and I cannot be thankful enough for her and her love for me. I know God is the healer and we give Him all the Glory. God works through people and the most precious gift that God has given me is Patti. Thank you for being my wife, best friend, lover, companion, mother of our children and now grandma of our grandchildren, and being my life. There just not the words in this world to express to you how much I love you, need you, want you, and are totally lost without you.

You have guarded me with your sword, the Word of God, and my life was spared from the devastations of the devil. I realize the sacrifice you made for me, you gave your life, our ministry, our friends and at times our children and grandchildren so I could live. The only other person that has done that for me is Jesus. I know Jesus is number one in my life and here on earth you are my one and only.

To My Lady, **I LOVE YOU**



Don't speak for God! To many times we turn people off when it comes to God because we try to speak for Him and use our words instead of what He really said. Let me give you an example: if I tell someone something that Patti said and then she hears about it and says I didn't say that I said this and then goes on to tell me exactly what she did say. I have spoken for Patti but I didn't speak her words. Now if I say Patti said this and quote her exact words then I have spoken the truth and exactly what she said, now I am representing her just exactly how she is to be represented.

Now when it comes to speaking for God we tend to say what we think will comfort someone and make them feel better than truly tell them exactly what God said about the situation. People don't want a God that you made in your own image. God made us in His image and likeness and not the other way around. When God says something we are to use His words to represent Him and not trying to speak for God.

I have seen and talked to many people who want nothing to do with God because they think He is mean, unjust, and won't accept them for all they have done. Now where do they get such an idea? Certainly not from reading the Bible. No, in most cases, they have had an experience with someone, a preacher, a friend, someone trying to do good but in a wrong way. For example:

John lost his job and comes complaining to the pastor how the was unjustly fired. Well that may be part of the story he doesn't explain how he came to work late every day and at work he just didn't want to be their and his attitude showed it, we only hear his complaint. So we try to comfort him with, God has a reason and it will all work together for good just watch and see. When they don't get a job for the next 6 months they blame God for it and don't look at themselves.

In a previous newsletter I explained how I worked for a man that drove me up a wall and I prayed that God would give me a way out of the job. The next day I went to work and he closed down the company. How unfair for him to

do that, it was wrong that he didn't give me enough time to get another job, it was all his fault I worked hard, I have a family, I needed that job and now I am out of work. Well brother, God works in mysterious ways. NO! It was my fault, I asked for a way out. I was the one that God answered my prayers, I wasn't thinking about my situation I was thinking about my feelings and if I would listen to someone trying to comfort me speaking for God I would have blamed God for losing my job instead of looking inside of me and realizing I was the one that was at fault. The situation could have cut off my relationship with God and damaged me forever. It is easy to try to comfort someone and do it in the name of God thinking

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Let God's Word
stand on it's own!**

we are giving them a way out of their emotional set back when we are giving them a way to shift the blame to God instead of where it really belongs.

When I was 10 years old my older brother died in a plane crash. Most of the people came over to comfort my family and just sit with them and be their for us. The neighbors who were Godly came over and tried to give an explanation why my 18 year old brother was killed. You know we don't have to give a reason why just let people know we have a good God and that we care. Instead they felt the need to tell us that God has a reason for taking my brother and if we ever wanted to see him again we would have to get saved and go to their church for their church was the only way to heaven and if God took my brother then surely we would want to be their with him. Who wants a God that takes an 18 year old boy so we would have to become a part of their church in order to see him again? That did not make sense then and doesn't today. My family tossed the people out of our home and never had anything to do with them again and needless to say never went to their church. God was never in the forefront in my family but this seemed to drive God further and further away. The neighbors thought they were doing God's will and helping, they spoke for God instead of speaking God's word.

To many times our comforting ideas are not God's words. I have heard people say trying to comfort someone who's love one went to heaven with this: God needed them in heaven, God needed another angel, God's assignment in their life was finished so God took them home. How many times have we spoken for God and God never said any of these things. Who would want a God that kills family and love ones for His purpose? No one! Let's look at who does kill, steal and destroy and put the blame on him and let people know that we have a good, loving father in heaven that knows what we are going through and can fix the problem and close the door that was opened so the devil can't come in any longer. If we read God's word and trust in God's word enough to tell others what He said and let God defend His word and not try to soften what we think is going to be a blow to their emotions then God can work in the situation to correct the problem. God said in His word in John 10:10 that He came to give life and life more abundantly.

Psalms 91:14 NLT The Lord said, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation." Now to me that sounds like a true loving God, not one who kills and destroys young lives.

Can't seem to get ahead in your finances? Well we know it is hard today and it takes 2 incomes to make it, especially if you want to go somewhere in life. We both have good jobs and work hard and it doesn't seem to make any difference we get behind more and more. Who do we blame? God or the devil? God what's going on every time we get just a little ahead something goes wrong? Why are you asking God when the power to fix the problem is in your hands. Well you can't blame me for what is going on. Lets look at the word of God, your finances are being devoured, who does that God? no Satan. Now does God have a solution to the problem? Yes in Malachi, it's called tithing. I can't afford to tithe and besides that is the law and it is not for today. Sure and what you are doing today is working? Before the law was given their was tithing in fact the first murder was over tithing in Genesis. Why do you think the devil doesn't want you to tithe? So you can't prosper and fulfill the will of God in your life. When we speak for God instead of speaking God's word we interject our thoughts, our ideas, our teachings, our ways into the situation and not God's and we do it as a representative of God and shed the wrong light on God and turn people away.

The truth is let God's word stand on its own, God wrote it He can support what He says and it will give Him glory and bring His children back to Him! God is a good God!

God Bless You!

We want to thank each and every one of you for your love, support, encouragement, fellowship, gifts, prayers and love! We pray the Lord will prosper you above, and beyond anything you can desire or imagine.

GOD BLESS YOU! WE LOVE YOU,
Reagan and Patti

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