



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

March 2017 Ministry Letter

A note of Encouragement!

No matter the environment or place or position you may find yourself in, weather in your past, your present or even your future the situations, trials, enemies tactics, and or darkness that may surround you keeping you bound will not over take you, in Jesus name! Remember God's Word (Jesus) seek ye first the Kingdom (His system and ways) of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you! (Notice the words "add unto you." Not put you into bondage, push you down or keep you in park, faith is always moving forward.) Seeking God's Kingdom is seeking after Jesus for He is the Word! John 10:10 says Satan, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full". No bondage here! The Lord tells us: John 15:7 "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." In every dark place there is a way out in Jesus Christ the Light of the World. John 8:12 "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Seek Him today! Jesus is your answer for everything! God Bless you in Christ,

Patti



Thou art good and doest good Psalm 119:68.

New Living Translation Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. James 1:17

I could give you a lot more scriptures that God is a good and loving God and Father. Having said that I find something that disturbed me a lot. I heard a Pastor call it no fault religion, but actually it is God's fault religion, we take no responsibility. Let me explain. Most of you know the situation I have been in for the last couple of years and my recovery. Well there are a lot of people who want to pray for me and that is most wonderful. But some people want to blame God for my situation, well not in so many words but the blame goes to God non the less. Their prayer goes like this. Dear God we know that healing is of you and we know that this event that happened to our dear brother was not caused by you, yet you allowed it to teach something and we will give you all the glory for the answer and healing. Amen!

What a nice prayer giving God the glory for allowing me to get sick

and then healing me. When someone in the natural does something to hurt someone else and then remove the hurt to get the glory is call a Narcissistic personality disorder (NPD) is a long-term pattern of abnormal behavior characterized by exaggerated feelings of self-importance, an excessive need for admiration, and a lack of understanding of others' feelings. People affected by it often spend a lot of time thinking about achieving power or success, or about their appearance. They often take advantage of the people around them.

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is a mental disorder and my God is not a mental case.

"Well God allowed it to happen." I was told by the man who was praying for me. Let me tell you a story: My mother was a very abusive person and truly a Narcissistic personality. She would mentally, physically and verbally abuse her children, my Dad on the other hand never touched me or abused me in anyway. I was under the impression that my Dad knew nothing about the abuse because he was seldom home. One day while my parents were sitting in our dinning room I walked in, I was 17 at the time, and for some

reason my mother decided to take a swing at me and I caught her arm in my hand, so she proceeded to take a swing at me with her other fist and I caught her other arm and told her that was enough, never again would she hit me. My Mother looked over to my Dad sitting at the table and Dad said "I told you this would happen." At that moment I realized my Dad knew all the time what was happening to me and did nothing, he allowed it to happen. I realize for the first time that my Dad was just as responsible for the abuse as my Mother was. A few weeks later I was kicked out of the house.

The man tried to explain to me and said, "well God is sovereign and He is in control of everything." He didn't know it but he just walked into something he wasn't ready for, our Pastor has been teaching for quite some time now on the sovereignty of God and I was ready with a simple question. Did God tell you what to have for breakfast this morning or did you have a choice? Did God tell you that you are going to have bacon and eggs when you wanted cereal? He said well no, I had a choice. Well then God is not sovereign over your choices is He? Well now, he said, you have given me something to think about. So I proceeded to ask him was it God's will for everyone to get saved? Yes of course it is. Well then is everyone saved? No. If God was in control of everything then wouldn't he make everyone get saved? Then I asked him, did God make you a robot? No he said. Then you made a choice to serve God. So if you have a choice in your life then you can't say it was God allowing something bad to happen so you can learn something and then give God the glory.

That's right God gave us the RV and car and let me drive it 20 miles and just to keep me from getting a big head zapped me with a sickness that almost killed me. I could just see God up in heaven saying, hey I just gave Reagan and Patti an RV for their ministry. I am a good God, now let's kill him. Does that sound like a good and loving father? No that's abuse and my God and Father is not an abuser with a mental disorder.

Well what about what happened in John 9?
John 9: 1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

So God allowed the man to be blind so God could get the glory for healing him and people could see the power of God.

I believe Jesus is saying it doesn't matter how the man was born blind, we all know that Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy all that matters is God is going to get the glory for healing him. What Satan meant for bad God will turn it around for His glory. In other words why are we looking at the past to find blame when we should be looking at the future and find the answer? To many of us are living in the problem and not looking to Jesus for the answer or blaming God for the problem and thus we have a no fault religion.

We need to take responsibility for our actions or inaction instead of passing the blame around. Every good and perfect gift comes down to us from God. How can God be good and bad? It is not possible. My God is a good God and does only good for His children. He is not a abuser or does he condone abuse by allowing it to happen. Let's put the blame where it belongs, Satan he is the one who comes to kill, steal and destroy.

Let's give God the glory for all the good things He is doing in our lives!!!

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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Warm & Fuzzy

A new segment in our newsletter as requested

While enjoying the teaching in the letter we were informed by several of our friends that they wanted also a more softer more warm and fuzzy part of the newsletter as well so here it is.

In February we were suppose to go to Florida but the Lord had other ideas and we have found out that it always is better to follow the Lord and not our ideas. His ideas always work while ours not so much. We left Tulsa headed for Texas where we spent time ministering and preparing for the long trip west to California, yep you got it God sent us from Texas to New Mexico, then Arizona and California, back to our old stomping grounds. We thought we would someday go back to California just not so soon. When God told Patti, when I was sick, that He would restore me we thought it was just my physical situation but when God does it, He does it right and completely.

First stop was in El Paso Texas on the border of New Mexico we had a flat tire on the car we are towing. It was a miracle, we stopped in a Walmart to get a few things and while stepping out Patti looked at the car and the front tire was low and just went flat in front of her eyes. All the time traveling we could have been pulling a car with a flat tire and never know it, but God took care of everything. Now what the devil meant for bad God turned it around for Good and we were able to minister to the road side assistance man who changed the tire and then the next day we went to Discount tire and ministered to the workers there the

faithfulness of God. We got our new tire and off we went.

While we were in a Walmart there was a minister with two other boys from Teen Challenge selling Christian articles they made, what an opportunity to encourage them with



the faithfulness of God. We were able to minister to them for a couple of hours, telling how God took care of us physically and financially and the miracle He did. The Pastor invited us to come back and minister to all the boys on our return trip. We will see them soon!

Then to Arizona, Patti has not seen her sister for 20+ years and we only planned to stay a day, well the reception we received was such a blessing and an old but new relationship was formed. While in Arizona a couple of our dearest friends were visiting a few miles away and we were able to hook up with them, pray for each other, and celebrate Patti's and their birthdays together, we had a wonderful time. While planning to go to California the next day Patti received a text wanting us to go and be with her sister again, she wanted to make Patti a special birthday breakfast before we headed out of town. After tears and hugs we left for California.

We were going to go to stay in the desert of California first and work our way up to Bakersfield where my brother lives, whom I haven't seen in many, many years. But the plans of men and then the plans of God are different we felt directed to go to Bakersfield first and see my brother, so we did. We were able to renew our relationship and spend a wonderful day with them telling them of the faithfulness of our God, giving them some of the testimonies of what God did and what He is doing. We stayed at a campground in the middle of an orange grove and it was harvest time and while staying there we were allowed to pick as many oranges as we could. We had a blast! We have so many oranges we have been giving them away to fellow travelers on the road. What Fun! And what an open door for ministry!



Then on to Rancho Oso campground that is in the San Ynez valley, first the harrowing experience of getting there. It was at dusk, of course Patti was driving, and it was raining and now we had to go over two mountain ranges in the RV, one is known as the grapevine and then going to the coast to Santa Barbara we had to go through another mountain range that was steep in parts and then the down hill as a 7% grade but our big boy did great! Then a few miles of one lane road, not one lane for each car just one lane and you prayed nothing was coming the other way because there was very little room. The turns were so tight that you could not see if anyone was coming so they provided mirrors at the curve to see if anyone was there. Thank God only one car came through and it was small enough to get past without going off the side of the mountain. There were mountains on either side of the road, our

side was going up and the other side was a steep drop off the mountain. When we thought we were just about at the camp there were two more hair pin curves, we began to pray in the Spirit, God is so good to us, there, right in front of us was a rainbow in the sky. We couldn't see where it ended because it began just in front of us. It was so brilliant and wide at the base, the colors were beautiful. God's promises right in front of us, we knew we were OK and God has great plans for this leg of the journey.

At the time I am writing this we are in Rancho Oso with no, phone, no lights, not even a motor car, not a single luxury like Robinson and Caruso as primitive as can be, Ha! ha! remember Gilligan's Island? Well it's not quite that bad but we have no phone, no text, no internet and no access to e-mail, a modern day desert island but in the most beautiful valley. This is a working horse ranch with mountains all around us. The stars at night and then the moon shining on the hill sides, it is a wonderous place. Patti and I were able to go to Solvang a Danish town about 25 mile from here, it is where we spent our honeymoon 43 years ago. Then it was only one street in the middle of beautiful green grass ranches. Now it is a little city but the hotel we stayed at was still there, it was about the only thing we recognized. We walked around a little, and were able to tell some of our testimony and how faithful God is. We don't go anywhere without telling about our God to all who will listen!



We are headed to the high dessert and then to Palm Springs before heading back to the Midwest. We are to be back in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri in April, at least that is the plan so far.

We still have a lot of traveling to do and in our next newsletter we will get you up to date but let me tell you what God is doing with my health.

I have been out of the wheel chair as you know for the past few months and walking with a cane. Patti said to me, "well it won't be long and you won't need the cane anymore," I said how about today and I haven't used it sense. Now I may not walk as pretty as some but I am walking under my own power and I can even walk up and down steps with a hand rail or Patti's arm. I am walking longer distances but as my strength improves

I am going longer and longer. While we were in Solvang a couple rolled by us on Segways, the ones without the handle bars, you just control them with your legs, and I commented on them as they went by, they turned around and so graciously asked me if I wanted to try theirs, they saw I was walking differently and they were so kind even to offer. I thought why not! I was able to get up on it and stand, I didn't fall and to me that was a miracle. I needed to hold on to their hands to balance myself. I was able to go forward, backward, left and right, it had a learning curve and I know I could master it if I had the time, it was fun and doable. I know going back and forth, left and right doesn't sound like a big thing but when a few weeks ago I couldn't do that on my own two feet and now with two wheels under me, that was quite a feat and more of a miracle to me!

I am able to hook up and unhook the RV's water, sewer and electrical by myself and most of the maintaince I can take care of as well. As far as the cleaning I wasn't very good at that before I was sick and I still am not much help, it's a man thing I think. If you need a prayer focus please agree with me for my back to be stronger, that is the only thing that is limiting the distance I can walk and I am getting stronger and stronger everyday.

Mentally I am doing great, I am able to focus, I am not able to multi-task, but I couldn't do that before. My memory I believe is sharper now than before I was sick, I can recall things more than ever before. As most of you know I stopped eating for three months and lost over a hundred pounds, Patti would tell me just to eat, eat anything I wanted but there was nothing I wanted so I didn't eat much. Now it is a different story I want to eat everything, before I was very picky as to what I would eat, now everything tastes so good, and yes even vegetables. God has restored my appetite now it is my chore not to gain the entire hundred pounds back, Patti is keeping me on track. Now she tells me moderation, remember Reagan moderation. I am so blessed, a wonderful woman, wife, lover, dietitian, motivator, and best friend! Life is GOOD! and so is our GOD!

Love you all!

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