

# Encouragement Now!

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

## May 2017 Ministry Letter



**H**appy Mothers Day!  
The Kids always said that Mom has eyes in the back of her head. This is why she needs two pair of glasses!

I have read that the monetary value of a mother and home-maker is in excess of \$180,000.00 per year. To be truthful I think they underestimate how much a good mother is worth. Her value is limitless, and her love and sacrifice you can't put a price on it. Mothers you are priceless.

Have a Blessed and Wonderful  
**Mothers Day!**



much God!

How can He really be a to much God! Simple! He gives us more than enough! How can you say that when I am barely squeaking by. What are you believing for? Well first off for all my needs to be met. That's a great start and so what are you doing about it? Well I am praying, asking, wondering, reading the word of God and waiting on the Lord. Well it sounds like you are doing all the good things, religious things, admirable things but are you **DOING** the Godly things? God said:

*"Luke 6:38 King James Version (KJV) 38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

There are several principals in this passage, the first one is give! Well I can't afford to give. You can't afford not to give because scripture goes on to say it shall, lets stop right there **SHALL** is a big word it come from the root word, "Old English sceal, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch zal and German soll, from a base mean-

**G**od is a God of to much, as many like to say He is a to

ing 'owe." It also means: used in laws or rules to say that something is required. Amazing God said that if you give it is required or owed to you good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. What is owed to you? Whatever you give, you need finances guess what you have to give. You need friends show yourself friendly, you need help, be helpful to others. Whatever you give **SHALL** be given to you. Well it doesn't work for me, I've tried it and it didn't work. Well you just called God a liar and God said:

*"Numbers 23:19 King James Version (KJV) 19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"*

Someone is wrong in this situation and I don't think it is God! God is a good God and He wants to see us prosper. Why does He say what you get is running over? So you can bless others, it is impossible to help someone else when you don't have enough yourself.

*Matthew 14:13-21 New Living Translation (NLT) Jesus Feeds Five Thousand 13 As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from*

many towns. 14 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." 16 But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them." 17 "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered. 18 "Bring them here," he said. 19 Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. 20 They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. 21 About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

Now why in the world would there be twelve baskets left over, doesn't God know just exactly how much each one is going to eat? Of course He does but He is a to much God, He gave more than enough and there was more than enough for the disciples to have lunch the next day. John 6:8 tells us it was a young boys lunch that he gave up to feed the five thousand. The boy gave, maybe he got the twelve baskets to take home. Never the less he gave and well over five thousand people were fed and there were leftovers. You can't out give God.

What about when the disciple loaned Jesus their boat so He could preach from it?

*Luke 5:2-11 New Living Translation (NLT) 2 He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. 3 Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, [a] its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." 5 "Master," Simon replied, "we worked hard all last night and didn't catch a thing. But if you say so, I'll let the nets down again." 6 And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking. 8 When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, "Oh, Lord,*

*please leave me—I'm such a sinful man." 9 For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. 10 His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.*

Apparently God didn't know how much fish the boats would hold because He gave them so many fish that their boats almost sank, the nets began to tear, the disciples were amazed at how many fish they caught. What happened? They loaned their boat to Jesus for Him to preach and then they obeyed what He told them to do. You mean I have to do something, I thought it was going to just drop into my lap, whatever I needed. Sometimes God does it that way and sometimes God opens the door for us to use our skills and reap a large harvest. The fish didn't just jump into the boat they had to cast their nets, haul in the fish and bring them to shore and then sell them. For fishermen to be amazed at the amount of fish they caught had to be an astonishing amount. They had more than enough because God is a to much God!



Many years ago God gave Patti and I a vision of a bus that we would travel in and minister the Gospel. As we would travel we would look for a bus and wonder how God would provide it and when. Patti was over

seas in Scotland when a woman came to her and said, not knowing about the bus or what God had said, you have not received the bus not because you have done something wrong but because the disobedience of others. That did not stop us looking but we were not relying on man but God. A few years later we purchased an RV to travel in, gave that one away and eventually purchased a class C RV. All the time we would travel we would see the big class A RV's on the road and each time we saw one we would point at it and say "someday that will be ours." Someday came as we had given, it was given unto us pressed down, shaken together and running over, we received our class A RV and we were able to give away our class C RV. You might say, well you could have sold the class C RV and made money, and yes we could have but God has a better idea you see the seed has a greater value than the sale. With a sale you get what you get, with a seed you get pressed down, shaken together, and running over, the seed is always greater than the sale.

We are now as most of you know all across the country telling of the faithfulness of God. For

us He has given to us so much and oh did I say that our CRV car came with the RV now how is that for a to much God.



You see all of this is not just for the Old Testament people or just for those in Jesus' day but for us today as well. God is the same yesterday, today and forever and He does not change. Now we know that there are those who struggle everyday all around the world because of doubt or unbelief but when we learn of the faithfulness of God and all His Word says He will do for us and that the examples we have in the Bible are true and the same can happen for us today then we know we have a to much God and He will not only supply all our needs but supply so much we will have enough to give some away and help others.

When we realize it is not just all about us and about others that is truly when we will have a prosperous life.



To Everyone  
who has a Birthday  
or Anniversary  
This Month:

Our prayer for you  
in this new year is  
that you will  
prosper, be  
in health,  
and have the  
most wonderful,  
blessed times of your life!



This past couple of months have been quite a walk (run) down memory lane for Patti and I. I briefly told you about our first kiss in the last letter but it was really more so much more, yes we were in the back seat of a car, yea. My Dad was driving and we were headed to Knox Berry Farm. While traveling on the road right in front of the famous Knox Chicken House Restaurant I got my KISS! Now on that very same road today there is a man directing traffic, still quite a number of cars. We told the traffic officer our story and he stopped traffic long enough for Patti and I to walk to the middle of the street, where we had our first kiss, get another kiss, and he took a picture of us. Sweet Memories!

I know I have been telling you about my recovery and all that God has been doing and is still doing. I am walking on my own with no cane or device, I no longer have braces on my legs and I have removed the heel lift in my shoes in order to stretch out the tendons in my legs so I can walk better. This is quite a difficult process as it is on the painful side but as a result I am walking longer distances.

Patti and I went to the beach while in California and it was quite an experience. Number one was walking in the sand for the first time in years and especially when walking on level ground is a challenge and now the ground is moving under my feet but we made it all the way. Number two, We decided to sun bath for the first time and I went to sleep, being from the mid-west now I am snow white and became beat red under the

We want to thank each and every one of you for traveling with us on our Happy Trails Thank you for your love, support, encouragement, fellowship, gifts, and prayers! We pray the Lord will prosper you above, and beyond anything you can desire or imagine. Please remember you are very special to us, you are in our prayers everyday. On our web site we have a place for prayer requests and praise reports or you can always call for prayer anytime.

GOD BLESS YOU! WE LOVE YOU,  
Reagan and Patti

California sun. Well who would have thought it was so easy to get down on the ground with the soft sand and it was so hard to get up obviously in the same sand that is moving, slippery, and soft with nothing to hang on to. My wonderful wife gracefully made it to her feet and proceeded to help me up, the site of me getting up wasn't pretty, graceful or easy. Patti and I don't drink alcoholic beverages but I am sure those around us on the beach thought I was drunk. I first tried to get to my feet as Patti held my hand, that attempt failed. I then tried again as I grabbed Patti's hand pulling myself up, then she began to laugh, we laughed harder and harder, the only recourse to keep me from falling down again was to grab Patti's leg and hand over hand crawl up her leg and eventually up to my feet. Those around us enjoyed the laughter and the site as they too joined in the laughter. It is not everyday you see a grown man crawling up some ones leg like a light poll and then waddle off into the sunset. A merry heart does good like a medicine.



**Never know what you'll find on the beach. LOL**



One thing I have learned about Patti as I am sure some of you know is how unselfish she is. We travel the country telling people the faithfulness of God and that is our most important goal. In our travels we have the opportunity to see many things and stop at

the most unusual places on the road like the little out of the way shop in California in the middle of nowhere in the desert, that had some of the most unusual gifts, of course we had to go there. When Patti goes shopping it is never for herself, oh yea we may get a T-shirt here and there but most of our shopping is for others, gifts for our children, grandchildren, friends, partners, family, people in need that we meet on our travels. She sees something that reminds her of one of you and she gets so excited to get it, it may only be a little item and a token of where we are but you are constantly on her mind. Isn't that just how

God is putting others out in front, caring, loving, helping, and giving. We serve such a wonderful Father and when we see it reflected in His children it is a wonderful magical thing. The reason I am writing this is through all the tests and trials Patti has had dealing with so much over the last few years with my health and other things and to still walk in the love and faith believing that God will triumph in every situation is a gift. I am alive because of the gift I have in Patti. I am alive physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually because of Jesus' love through my wife. It is important not only to see the progress I have made from being unable to move from the neck down to now walking, and yes driving again, but to see how I got that way. It is not all the therapy Patti and I would do or the persistence in moving me forward everyday but the giving and being unselfish to lay down ones life for another.

When I was lying on the bed unable to do anything for myself, I couldn't roll over, clean myself



or do anything and I saw how hard it was for Patti to do all of it on her own, no one really could have helped with my personal care. That became my motivation to

learn to do as much as I could so it would relieve some of the burden Patti had, lighten the load for her. As she was giving and pouring herself out it became my goal to do all I could for her. The biggest start was learning to roll over, I would watch commercials on TV in order to see how to shift my weight, please remember I had to learn everything all over again, as I watched how they would do it I would try to emulate it and eventually accomplish it. I finally learned how to roll over, I know it doesn't sound like much to some but it became my goal in life. Then on to the next thing, learn how to sit up, then stand up and on and on. With each thing I learned it took a burden off of Patti and removed just a little stress as well. I didn't go through this process for myself, it would have been to easy to give up, but I had my goal in giving because Patti's goal in the first place was to give all she had. Kind of sounds like our Heavenly Father, we love Him because He first loved us.

Isn't God so good and faithful!

*Reagan and Patti*



# Women of God WA mothers day of



The Bible is full of women, women of God, the world and the devil. There ways, callings, desires, accomplishments, home life, their husbands, children, and grandchildren, their hopes and their battles, along with their personal fulfilment and deceptions. God created women, made in His image and daily we have a choice to choose life or death, blessing or curse, who we choose daily to serve. Choose this day who you will serve, the enemy or Jesus.

I want to encourage all you precious women of God! Mothers, daughters, single, married, divorced, grandmothers and great grandmothers and soon to be mothers spiritual or physical. Being a woman is a privilege and a blessing. I have chosen 3 women in the Word to talk about today to show you how much God loves you and wants to use you for His light in the dark world! To deliver you from all bondage weather from relationships, addictions, demonic strongholds, deceptions, fear and lies of the enemy, anything that holds you back from living life in abundance! To fulfill the desires in your heart, that you may have lost hope, vision, passion or direction, leaving you downcast, discouraged, unhappy or unfulfilled! Keeping you from the abundant life Jesus came to give you. Let's look at these 3 biblical women:

1. Mother Mary, a young women pure, desiring to bring good to everyone, with a vision for life, marriage and bringing glory to her God. Her environment was not the best. The Roman government had much control, and there was much worldly darkness surrounding her. But God had a great calling for her life that would affect the whole world! Although there will never be another virgin birth and never be an assignment that will bring forth the Savior of the world Jesus! God has many women who have the same desires to be called and anointed to bring forth life and bring glory to God through His word! Women who desire and see God's kingdom, His righteousness and trusting all things will be added to them for the furtherance of their calling to fulfill and bring Glory to the Lord in all He's called her to do in her walk in Jesus on this earth.

2. Then there is Mary Madeleine (Luke 8:2 and Mark 16:9) a woman full of evil spirits and infirmities - the enemy had her in a great bondage of darkness, deceit and fears being controlled by Satan. She had many strongholds maybe through addictions and lust of her flesh, no matter how this women got into this evil life style Jesus still loved her and healed and delivered her from all darkness, bondage and demonic control. Then as Jesus delivered and healed her she became a great follower, supporter and servant of the Lord. She became a living testimony to Gods love and healing and delivering power and she was so in love with Jesus. She was the first at the tomb after His resurrection and became Jesus' first female evangelist to share the first good news to all who would listen.

3. Lets look at another of Gods women. Hannah - she had a great desire to birth children and to bring glory to God. She was overwhelmed by her affliction, she wept, begged, prayed, experienced self pity and could not receive a child. Hannah was not only miserable and self absorbed but made those all around her miserable as well. Emotional control is not living by faith, trusting God for her desires..

Once Hannah received Gods promise from the prophet, she took her eyes off herself and her problems and trusted Gods word. She ate and laid with Elkanon her husband and conceived her promise by faith. She birthed Samuel and God used him greatly. We walk by faith not by sight!

We walk according to Gods promises not by what we see or experience!

Ladies you may see yourself in anyone of these 3 ladies, or maybe in all of them but please see the love God has for His female creations! See what took place at Calvary just for you my friend! And realize there is nothing to big, to small, to dark, to rebellious or too wicked that the Lord cannot forgive you for, and will use you for His glory!

One of the highest calling ladies you have is to be a mother, grandmother or great grandmother weather in the physical or spiritual realm. Remember all children are precious in His sight.

Lovingly in Christ *Patti*



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