



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

October 2016 Ministry Letter

I know this newsletter has become more of a teaching letter lately so let me give you the good report of what God is doing.

I very rarely use the wheel chair anymore I am walking longer and standing longer everyday using a cane and I am believing God I will get rid of that soon. I can walk without the cane but I need to regain my balance to feel confident in walking without it. I do however walk short distances without any assistance, it may not look pretty yet but I am on my way.

We have been traveling full time for 9 months now and have seen so many miracles not only in our family and that has been fantastic but in so many people we have had the privilege of ministering to. A woman was healed from multiple allergies that she had taken medication for years. She was also healed of major kidney problems. Families given new direction for their lives and those giving their lives back to the Lord. Being a part of that again has been a miracle!



Assignments, What does God have for me to do? I can't hear his voice. Why does He not use me like He uses them?

Wow you must be special for God to use you so much he doesn't do that for me. People have a lot of statements and a lot of questions about God and there is simple answers to all of them. Simply the BIBLE.

I heard it said the BIBLE is Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth. To me that says it all, the Bible is our instruction book and if we follow it to the letter and learn from the examples set forth in it, all of our questions will be answered.

Now for the assignments, when God tells us to do something it's simple. Just do it! Yea that's easy for you to say, not really, it is difficult to

get past the way we were raised and the circumstances around us. Some believers don't think they hear from God and mock the ones who say they do, so they are never sure what they are suppose to do in life. Then some of the ones that say they hear from God aren't sure they are able to do what God says to do. Then others just jump right in and when it doesn't turn out the way they thought it should then they question did they hear correctly, maybe it wasn't God, ok I messed up it was just my flesh. God said my sheep know my voice and no other will they listen to. If we listen to our heart of hearts and do what the Spirit of God is telling us to do no matter what we think our abilities are and no

matter what the outcome is, just do it.

We are not responsible for the outcome of every assignment we have in life because God gave each one of us the ability to choose, and sometimes those we minister to don't always choose the right direction that God is trying to use us to lead them in. Now lets not get off into the flesh and determine that all of our Godly advise is from the Holy Spirit and how could those people not listen to me. If we limit our Godly advise to what the Word of God says then it is not up to me to make it come to pass and they can't argue with me they have to argue with God and I believe He is strong enough

and smart enough to handle any ones problems and their choice in the matter.

Let me give you an example in my own life. We were traveling on the road for quite awhile when I was awakened out of a sound sleep with

God almost audibly speaking to me and He said "You are going to work today." Well I was already working in the ministry but I felt lead to open the phone book and looked under advertising, this name and phone number just jumped off the page, I did as most believers do I called the number before it and asked if they were looking for some help, then I called the number just after it and asked them, no one needed help. I called the number I should have in the first place, the one that jumped off the page, and asked them. Why didn't I call that number in the first place? I was afraid I was not hearing or seeing correctly and I didn't want to make a mistake. I should have just trusted the Holy Spirit inside of

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me and called the right number God was showing me in the first place. This gruff man answered the phone and I asked him if he needed any help? Little did I know the minute just before I called he had just told the office manager to start looking for a new employee and then I called. But of course my flesh had to step in and this gruff man told me to be in his office in 30 minutes, I said I would be there in an hour, I had just got out of bed. Well I was so taken back by the gruffness of this person that I went back to bed. The moment my head hit the pillow Patti asked me a stunning question. Are you a man of your word? Well of course I am. Then what are you doing back in bed when you just told that man you would be there in an hour. Patti, he sounded mean and I don't want to work for a mean person. Did you give your word or not? Yes I did so I went to his office for the interview.

It didn't matter what I said or how I said it, I had no experience no resume, it was the worst interview of my life. I had been questioned by the owner, office manager, the head graphic artist and his helper one at a time and then all of them at once. It didn't matter again what I said most of them answered their own questions before I had the answer out of my mouth. Questions like do you know this special program on the computer, well no, and just as I got most of the answer out they would say, well it's new and no one knows it, we'll teach you. Needless to say God had it all set up, I didn't realize it at the time but I was on an assignment. I started work the next day.

Yes the gruff man was the owner, him and I did ok as far as personalities go. But he would have me do things over and over and over again until it about drove me up the wall. Patti would come each day for lunch and encourage me to go back into the office because I had enough! And had she not come I would have walked out. I would finish a layout and design that took weeks and he would approve it and the client would approve it, then the next day he would come in and make me throw it away and start from scratch. We worked together that way for five years, I was burned out, I talked to God about it and said "your word says you would not give me more than I could handle without a way out, I want my way out." Be careful what you ask for God will answer. I went back to work the next day and I was called into the office, the owner had decided to close the agency and I was out of work. I wanted my way out just not that way. I asked God now what do I do there are no open doors in the ministry, I don't want to go to work for someone else, what do I do? He clearly answered "open your own agency." The entire time

I had to do things over and over and over again God through my boss was teaching me how to run my own agency and I did that for the next 20+ years.

A year after I left the agency Patti said something I did not want to hear, give your old boss a call and see how he is doing. No way Jose! I think you should, she said, I think God wants you to, I fussed and then called him. His wife had just passed away and he was hurting so we decided to meet for lunch and then dinner, he became a part of our family and ministry, then we became best friends for the next 26+ years until he went home to be with the Lord. We traveled the world on vacations, ministering trips and helping others. The job wasn't the only assignment, he was our families assignment and we were his assignment. What a journey, he helped us more that we ever helped him and we are so grateful to God. God not only gave us a brother in Christ and friend who helped us in the ministry but a business and abilities we never thought we could do.

When God gives an assignment he gives the ability and provision to make it come to pass. Did King David start out with the ability to kill the giant or did God give him the opportunity to kill the lion and the bear first and then fackle the giant? God gave David the ability, the confidence and the experience before he ever faced the giant. Then God gave him some mighty men to lead before he ever put him over the nation of Israel. King David became Israels greatest king and they are still talking about him today.

Jonah didn't much like his assignment but an entire nation was saved. Joseph's assignment wasn't a garden party being a slave and then put into prison but not only was Egypt saved from a famine but so was his family. Abraham was given an assignment and not told where to go, just go! He changed the world. Jesus was given an assignment and it caused Him to sweat blood, Jesus not only changed the world but He changed you and me giving us eternal life, what an assignment.

Rest your eyes on the word of God and see all the examples He gave us, to give us the Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth our BIBLE.

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,

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