

# Loving People Enough Ministries

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Hello and Greetings,

As I sought after the Lord for our newsletter this month, the word "Prepare" came to mind. This word *prepare* occurs 215 times in the New King James. This is a word God uses to describe what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do! In this life we are all preparing for something because this is how God created us. We will either succeed or fail by the level of preparation that is required on our part. You see, God has done His part. He did it at creation.

1Cor. 2:9 says, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which *God has* prepared for those who love Him."



As Christians, this gives to us tremendous hope. God HAS prepared. This is a statement of what we can expect! As we continue the Preparedness Peace classes, we are developing and refining the curriculum in order to equip the saints to help those in need. Disaster preparedness comes in many forms. We hope to begin classes at the Lubbock Dream Center soon. When the class dates are made available to us we will be sure to let everyone know.

Our prayer is that the heavens open wide for each of you as you continue to pray and support us in the journey we are on. We pray Joshua 1:9 over you all! "Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the Lord your God, am with you wherever you go."

The adventure is not in the destination, we already know heaven is waiting for us. The adventure is in the journey. Moment by moment, God is in control. Begin asking Him to prepare you for the next leg of your race. Hebrews 12:1.

## Counselor's Corner:

*"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the winds of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me."* Ps. 139:7-10.

There is not a more true scripture in our lives today than this one right here. It is a promise and an encouragement rolled into one. It is another way of saying that He will never leave us or forsake us and nothing can separate us from His love. The goodness of God's promises is beyond measure and His mercy endures forever!

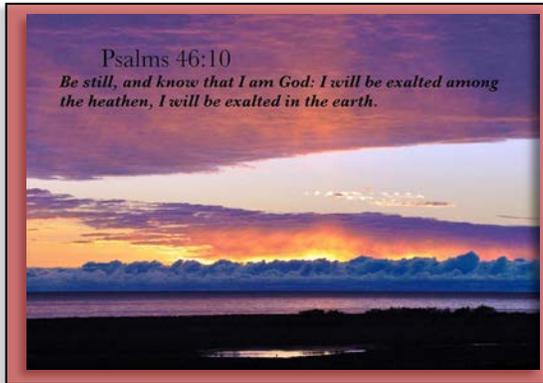
We see all around us Transition and Change! Changes are occurring in our country and around the globe. Changes are happening in our local community, our church, our family, and our friends. Literally everyone we know, including ourselves, is in a transition of some kind. No one has been exempt from this transitional season of change! It is a great shaking in the body of Christ. For some the transition is good, and for others it is not so good. For some it has been a life and death reality! But one thing is for sure transition means change. It means being stretched out of our comfort zones and it means we are uncomfortable as we grow. For us the transition part is the easiest because you are busy "doing"! You are so busy about the transition that there is not a whole lot of time to recognize the change that is about to occur once you have time to slow down and think. Transition and change brings with it its own anxiety and anxiousness (good or bad). It can literally steal your breath sometimes and it can keep you from being able to think much less pray. BUT GOD! HE is ALWAYS there and ALWAYS faithful! And He always changes what was meant for our harm to be for our good!

I read something in a newsletter, a long while back, that I cut out and taped to my desk. I read it often and it is a reminder to me that God is still in control of ME! He is still in control of MY CIRCUMSTANCES! And HE is still the GOD who created the heavens and the earth!



The name of the article is called The Secret Place and it gives 6 points to reflect upon:

- Time with God cannot be rushed...Intimacy takes time. (Even in transition and change – parenthesis mine).
- Consciously push back the demands pressing in on us...Take control of your thoughts.
- Create a place of rest...Find time to just be alone.
- Focus on the goodness of God...He cares for you.
- Offer a sacrifice of time....Help someone else.
- Open your spirit to receive a new awareness of God...His mercies are new every morning.



Father I pray that everyone who reads this receives Hope, Strength, Comfort, Peace and Encouragement as they are going through their own transitional life changes. Father I pray for those who are not transitioning to find someone who is and stand in the gap for them. Father I pray that we as a body of believers will stand strong together for what is True -The Truth of Your Word and Your promises! Father I pray for restoration and healing as we run our race that we can all attain the future you have for us. (Jer. 29:11). Father I declare that for anything the enemy has stolen from us will be replaced sevenfold! Father I thank you that you never sleep and are never, ever caught off guard concerning the details in our lives. To You be the glory forever and ever! In the mighty name of Jesus! Amen.  
 Love, blessings and prayers to you all,  
 Dr. B.

Have a blessed day and

We love you all,

Blessings,

Doug & Lisa Barber



*Father,  
 Keep our focus on you  
 Have our eyes set on eternity,  
 That we be kingdom minded  
 through the mind of Christ  
 Amen!*

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