

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - After receiving her bone marrow transplant she is recuperating at a town home in Palo Alto. Pray for continued energy and improvement in strength over her body. Pray for endurance for the rest of the family as they care for Traci.

Sue Doxater - is on hospice. Sue has attended TLC for years and loves her church family. She is a resident of Hearts and Hands and a recipient of the amazing Bridge of Hope Ministry.

Orville Helmle - had a large mass removed on 3/18 and had to have a 2nd operation on 3/21. Pray for wisdom for the doctors. Orville and his family have recently relocated to Lodi.

Ralph Silvestri, Kimberly Tush, Sally Ealy, Donna Moon, and Steve Elmore - at Dominican. Pray for God's peace and comfort.

Laverne Kersey - had surgery on 3/30 at Dominican due to a fall down a flight of stairs breaking both her arms. Pray for a complete recovery.

1st Lieutenant Ryan Evans - will be consulting with a doctor on 4/5 to discuss draining his cyst on his pancreas. Pray that he can experience God's peace and the procedure will be completely successful. Pray for his overall physical and mental condition and continue to lift his family up in prayer as they travel this very difficult journey with Ryan.

Margaret (Winnie) Garratt - was at Dominican due to health issues and is now recovering at Pacific Coast Manor. Pray for a quick recovery.

A BIG Thank you to all of you who delivered Easter flowers to our shut-ins. It was a reminder to them of the new life and hope that is ours in Christ Jesus!

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



RISE

ABOVE PEOPLE PLEASING

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"The bodily resurrection of Jesus is more than a proof that God performs miracles or that the Bible is true... It is much, much more than the assurance of heaven after death... Jesus' resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from the earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven." - N.T. Wright

The resurrection of Jesus doesn't just affect my _____, it changes my _____.

So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard." - Acts 4:18-20 (NLT)

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you..."
- Romans 8:11a (NLT)

WHAT IS PEOPLE PLEASING?

- It's not about how _____.
- It's actually about how _____.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH PEOPLE PLEASING?

- It is a miserable _____.

Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety. – Proverbs 29:25 (MSG)

- It leads you to _____.

My child, if sinners entice you, turn your back on them! – Proverbs 1:10 (NLT)

- It leads you away from _____.

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. – 1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

Many people did believe in him, however, including some of the Jewish leaders. But they wouldn't admit it for fear that the Pharisees would expel them from the synagogue. For they loved human praise more than the praise of God. – John 12:42-43 (NLT)

HOW DO WE RISE ABOVE PEOPLE PLEASING?

- Resist _____.

Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant. – Galatians 1:10 (NLT)

- Realize _____.

I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me. – 1 Corinthians 4:3-4

- Remember _____.

So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." – Romans 8:15 (NLT)

Resources and Acknowledgements:

N.T. Wright, Surprised by Hope (Harper Collins, 2009).

Timothy Keller, The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness (10Publishing, 2014).

Rick Warren, Escaping the People Pleasing Trap, preached at Saddleback Church, 2014.

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE:

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DAILY DEVOTIONS

Explore what it means to live with hope and power as a "resurrection-focused" person! Get a free RISE daily meditation book in the lobby and join us each weekend in April!

NEXT WEEKEND: RISE ABOVE UNFORGIVENESS

Featuring a dramatic new video produced at TLC about Lynn and Dan Wagner, and their journey into forgiveness. You will be inspired!