



Jesus Cares Ministries

Building Individuals ♦ Families ♦ Marriages

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He Moves...

He Moves...

And He Moves Again!

God is moving... always... in spite of... and sometimes because of the times that are at hand. He sometimes moves behind the scenes in ways we cannot see until His ultimate plans are revealed and His destiny fulfilled. Other times He moves in ways that are spectacular and very visible. Again and again we see His movements throughout history:

- Through the aged Noah we see a plan unfold. Through persecution Noah prevails, while extending an opportunity to a wicked, gainsaying world. Sustained through a century of obedience to the unseen God, Noah and his family are saved.
- A people of destiny are preserved though trodden down with bitter enslavement. A prophet is raised up, a sea miraculously parts and this nation finds a path to freedom on the dry ground of the Red Sea.
- A young woman who is barren desperately moves to the temple to cry out bitter tears before a faithless, fat loving priest. Her trust can only be in God as this undiscerning elder accuses her of drunkenness. God speaks through this spiritually reckless man and Hannah's womb is blessed. A child is born, a prophet who speaks of judgment for sin and returns God's vision to a nation whose candle was barely burning.

- We see Him miraculously supply food and drink for a challenged prophet as his nation cowers and suffers famine under the wicked King Ahab. Through this faithful prophet God reveals a plan to expose the vanity and worthlessness of serving a false god. Many are given an opportunity to repent and turn to the Living God!

- We see his movements through Mordecai who was watching and waiting as his adopted, adult child moves in to the harem under the charge of Hegai, the keeper of the women. At the right time and the right place, he becomes privy to a plot to kill the Persian, power hungry King Ahasuerus. This action moves Mordecai into a favorable position that is significant enough to save a nation destined for destruction.

- The most spectacular, of course, are the promises of Messiah declared in Genesis, weaved throughout the Tanakh and revealed in stunning accuracy through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, our Messiah and King!

He moves again and again and those movements are frequently made through an awaiting remnant. He will not stop moving, no matter who is in power, no matter what kings or magistrates are reigning. His Kingdom endures and will not be shaken. Let us be reminded of the words of a certain King Nebuchadnezzar, a world renown ruler who was humbled under the throne of heaven's ruling King:

*“For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom is from generation to
generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are
reputed as nothing; He does according to His
will in the army of heaven And among the
inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His
hand Or say to Him, “What have You done?” -
Daniel 4:34b-35*

He moves among the women of Jesus Cares again and again...



I am humbled and amazed time and time again. We just finished our 11th annual retreat. I watched expectantly as women who have been mentored and loved by JCM for over half of their lives shared testimonies, teachings, encouragement and hope to those gathered this year at Grace Lodge in Lakeside, Arizona. They had stories to tell, insights to impart and even tragedies to share. Weaved into all of their accounts were glowing reports of a God who moves, sometimes unaware, in big and small ways, a God who goes before them and manifests His presence just in time for their flesh not to fail! Linda laid the foundation for us. “Feet First” was the name of our retreat and the theme was about stepping into our Jordan. The waters may be raging and the banks overflowing but the God who calls us will never lead us in to the waters to drown. Many of the women came feeling defeated by the overflowing banks of

life's circumstances but left with courage. Some came with heavy hearts but left with renewed vision. Seasoned saints, brand new babies, weary or encouraged they came and gave testimony of a Savior who delivers, redeems, and heals. None could deny His tangible presence living in each one who attended. Our hearts were knit together; our lives were intertwined; our strength was renewed.

A big thank you to Donna Shurwin of Mountain Haven Inn in Pinetop, Arizona.

She made it possible for the women to come to retreat at an affordable rate. As if that was not enough of a blessing, Donna is willing to make discounts available for the friends of the ministry! If you are looking for a cozy stay in an Inn run by a beautiful, Christian lady, contact Donna directly: 928 367-2101



Mountain Haven Inn

is her reservation line. Toll free is: 888 854-9815 or text: 928 521-2111. Tell her you are a friend of Jesus Cares and she will explain the discounts available.

Thank you, also, to Grace Community Church for the great hospitality we experienced at Grace Lodge.

We had women staying in two different locations and both accommodations were amazing. **Thank you, also, to those who provided scholarships.**

He moves among the residents of Wellspring again and again...

It never ceases to amaze us as we watch the Lord work in the hearts of the Wellspring residents. This past quarter brought many opportunities to visit the sick and the afflicted of Wellspring. Some of them have come from a background of Christianity but the busyness of life kept them from pursuing life with the Savior. How precious to see them renewed as they come back to the Savior in their hour of need. One man in particular shared his story of a cancer journey that woke him up to what was really important in life. His life won't be long on this earth but he is headed for heaven. Another woman wrestled with religion and all its entrapments as she faced a terminal illness. The gospel presentation was made clear to this needy soul. Many believing residents thanked us over and over again for being there for them during a difficult season of recovery. Family members expressed gratitude, staff assisted us, and most of all the presence of God made a way for us to present hope to all through our Sunday services and monthly *Meet and Greet*. Thank you to the friends and family members who assist us in this vital outreach to Wellspring Therapy Center. We appreciate your unselfish and devoted service.



Baptism at this years women's retreat

Can We Catch Up To His Movements?

As many of you know an anonymous donor made funds available to us that were above and beyond anything we would have expected. We have been seeking the Lord regarding what His direction might be and I pray we can catch up to His movements. Our hearts are leaning towards continuing the networking we have been doing and adding an element of training to our conferences that will include making opportunities available for the church to be better equipped to reach out in these perilous times. Mental health issues, same sex attraction, pornography and abuse issues seem to be stopping at our doorstep quite often these days. It seems that there are issues snowballing out of control in our country and even in churches across America. We want to be salt and light and rise to the high calling of Christ to preserve lives and lead the lost out of darkness. We are in the process of connecting with organizations and individuals that want to impart and invest into others to see them become the salt and light that God intended. How many times did you turn someone away because their issues seemed too complicated or because you felt you did not have the giftings needed to help them rise up from their afflictions? Have you ever wanted to help a single mom or a grieving family or a friend caught up in addiction cycles and didn't make a move because you felt ill equipped? God is moving upon the broken-hearted, His heart fills with compassion for the widow and the orphan; He pleads with the addict to forsake all to follow Him. Can you keep up with His movements? We are purposing to gather Christ-centered teams along with multiple resources to equip the body for works of service. If you are interested in being equipped or would like to be a part of a team that is willing to equip others while walking alongside of the local church, please contact Doreen @ 480 831 1737.

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As always, please consult your tax professional with any additional questions related to your personal tax situation.

Help needed... will you move?

- We have need of a website designer who can make our website phone friendly, among other things.
- We need individuals willing to preach and

teach at Wellspring when we are absent, or help us gather the residents on the Sundays that we are there for service.

Whether it is peeling garlic, mentoring a woman in distress, giving a timely donation, offering encouragement to the weary, sending a letter to a prisoner, or countless other tasks, we are glad that the Lord moves among us. Thank you for being the hands and feet of the Savior to us and those that we are serving. You move among us with multiple, diverse giftings to bring a message to many that...

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