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Why Some Grow Stronger Through Trials

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, who he has redeemed from trouble...

Psalm 107:1-2

I've found that people who have suffered a lot can go in one of two very different directions. They either become bitter about life and lose their faith in God, or their faith in God grows through the trial and they become increasingly thankful to God for his blessings.

The first group I can understand. I can see why severe hardships and trials would pull them down and cause them to lose faith. It's the other group that surprises me. I sat and listened to someone this week tell a very depressing tale of sickness and infirmity that, if I had been through half of what he has in his life, would have easily broken my spirit. Yet, I was amazed at the sincere gratitude and joyful spirit he possessed in God.

What is it about these people that their faith not only survives but thrives under such circumstances? It is that they've chosen to focus on God's blessings. They've disciplined themselves to give thanks to God for how He has helped them through every trial and they come to see God's hand at work in their lives more and more because of it.

If you're suffering right now, discipline yourself to think about God's blessings in your life. See what God has done for you and glorify him with all your heart and soul.

Father, you have redeemed us from trouble again and again. We offer you a tribute of praise!

David Maxson

NEWS & NOTES

April 9& 23 Tues. Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM via zoom- Study -Genesis

April 14-Sunshine ministry meeting right after worship service

Trip to see Daniel @ Sight and Sound Theatre in sept. Inquiry sign up sheet in back.

April 19- 7 pm Secret sister reveal,-potluck dinner at church building and prayer walk. See Nadine,so she can get a head count.

April27th Give Away Dayfill out sheet on back table as to what you might contribute See other upcoming events on back table. June 14-15 Kent Men's Retreat

July 20- VBS - a signup sheet is posted for volunteers who can help in any capacity. The **Shine ministry** is collecting items for the homeless-see list on the back table.

Remember to contribute to the Spooner House food collection, and to our own food pantry,

Barnabas Project- if interested in joining contact Mary Lou (475)529-5751

- *Pray for Angela Webber's mom, **Connie**, who fell this past week.
- *Pray for **Mike Fernandes**, Ray's brother, who is recovering from foot surgery.
- *pray for Dorthea Cooper's son, **David**, who lost two close friends this past week.
- *Pray for **Pat Yaglowski and her family**, her son Henry Jr. recently passed away.
- *Pray for healing of Margaret's knee.
- *Pray for **Daraylen Krekoska**, Laney's teacher who will be having surgery Wed.
- *Pray for **Paula Ross** as she continues to deal with effects of Epstein Barre,
- *Pray for Judith Gomes, her cancer has returned.
- *Pray for **Jenna Jones** as she recovers from the recent birth of her daughter.
- *Pray for **Karen Ohrenberger's mother** as she recovers from a broken hip. Cont'd prayers for **Karen** as she deals with CIDP.
- *Pray for Joe Nuzzo's cousin, **Angela** who suffered a heart attack, causing heart damage,
- .*Pray for **Kevin Early**'s mental health.
- *Pray for **Karen Tabor**, Angela's co worker, Her cancer has spread to her brain. She has 2 young children.
- *Pray for **Aidan**, (Luis's co worker) who is dealing with serious health issues.
- *Pray for **London Stephens** who is recovering from surgery to help with her hearing.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen (Ron's friend), Tom Byer *Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year. *Pray for families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers for our church leaders. Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones:Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia,Greg & Linda, Gina Porto

*Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses: Toni Bonadio,

NadineKeller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Jeremy Sazone, Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowski. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes., Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

- *Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School-** contact Ron
- *Opportunities to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

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Deacons: Ray Fernandes 203-502-8871

Luis Ruiz 203-610-2396 Bob Discala 203-521-7252 Patrick Keller 203-218-9517 Derin Wilson 203-360-1695 Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am Online bible class and worship service go to our website: **trumbullchurchofchrist.org**

Week of 4/07/24 Song Leader: Kris Eddy Lord's table: Andrew Langalis Closing Prayer: Zach Saracino

Usher: Bob Discala Week of 3/31/24-4/6//24 Donations \$2476Expenses:\$4163