

Embers of Life From the Forge

The National Christian Conference Center Newsletter

• A Meditative Moment

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God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” 1 Cor. 1:9

One of the hardest things we face is the loss of a loved one. In the past two years, I have experienced the death of my brother-in-law after a long illness and the sudden death of my youngest brother. The pain and heartache is difficult to handle; indeed sometimes it has felt unbearable. I am blessed to have a close knit family and they have been a strong support to me, but the true source of strength comes from my relationship with Jesus and my fellowship with Him. As Christians, our faith in God is the pillar upon which our lives are built. The knowledge that Jesus is with us always sustains us through the darkest of times and the promise of the Holy Spirit is a comfort in every trial. When facing the inevitable hardships that come along in life, there is a tendency to wonder where God is in the midst of them. Unanswered questions and nagging doubts threaten to rob us of our faith. We may feel as if we are alone in a battle; that God is far from us. This is the time when God is closest to us. I am reminded of what is perhaps my favorite poem, *Footprints in the Sand*. During the most difficult times in our lives, God lifts us to His shoulders and carries us through. What a comforting thought to know that when we seem to have lost sight of God, He has His loving gaze on us. He watches over us as the infinitely loving Father that He is. He has promised never to leave or forsake us. His promises are new every morning – great is His faithfulness!

He shall be like a tree

Planted by the rivers of water,

That brings forth its fruit in its season,

Whose leafs shall not wither;

And whatever he does

shall prosper.

~Psalms 1:3



• A Word from one of Our Ministry Partners

Jesus spent much time alone with His Father in prayer. Luke 6:12 tells us that He went out to a mountain and prayed all night. His relationship with His Father was very important to Him. He could not walk in the strength, anointing, or even fulfill the call upon His life, without spending time with His Father. Yet, many times we forget this in our own lives. We are so busy with the day to day affairs of life that we neglect our relationship with our heavenly father. Eventually we risk experiencing signs and symptoms of burnout.

Honoring the Word of Christ, Teaching The Word Ministries partners with The National Christian Conference Center to call leaders to a peaceful environment that is set apart from the daily routines of life. It is in this atmosphere where leaders are able to receive wisdom from God empowering their transformation. Acts 3:19 promises us that there are times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord.

Teaching the Word Ministries also partners in both stateside and international settings employing the principles modeled by Jesus, namely: Christ, community, character, calling, and competencies. This integrated approach builds healthy leaders in congregations, non-profit organizations, and marketplace leaders. With a Kingdom Focus, the Core Values of Teaching the Word center on exemplifying the character of the Father, the nature of the son, and the fruit of the spirit.

Remember that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself and hears them when they call to Him. It is only from our relationship with Jesus Christ where we can rise up and be the healthy leader He has called us to be. It has been our privilege to partner with The National Christian Conference Center in bringing wholeness and restoration to leaders in the body of Christ.

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