

NOBLE MARITIME

Ministries

◆ Who wants to be freer? **“I do, I do!”**

◆ Who wants to be transformed? **“I think I do...what exactly does that mean?”**

(to be *changed in form*; to be *metamorphosed*)

◆ Who wants to renew their minds? **“Um, sounds like too much work. I guess I’ll pass”**

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind....” Rom 12:2

Lest you think I only help others with their healing journeys and I have my life all together, let me give you a peek into my week to illustrate an important principle of mind renewal.

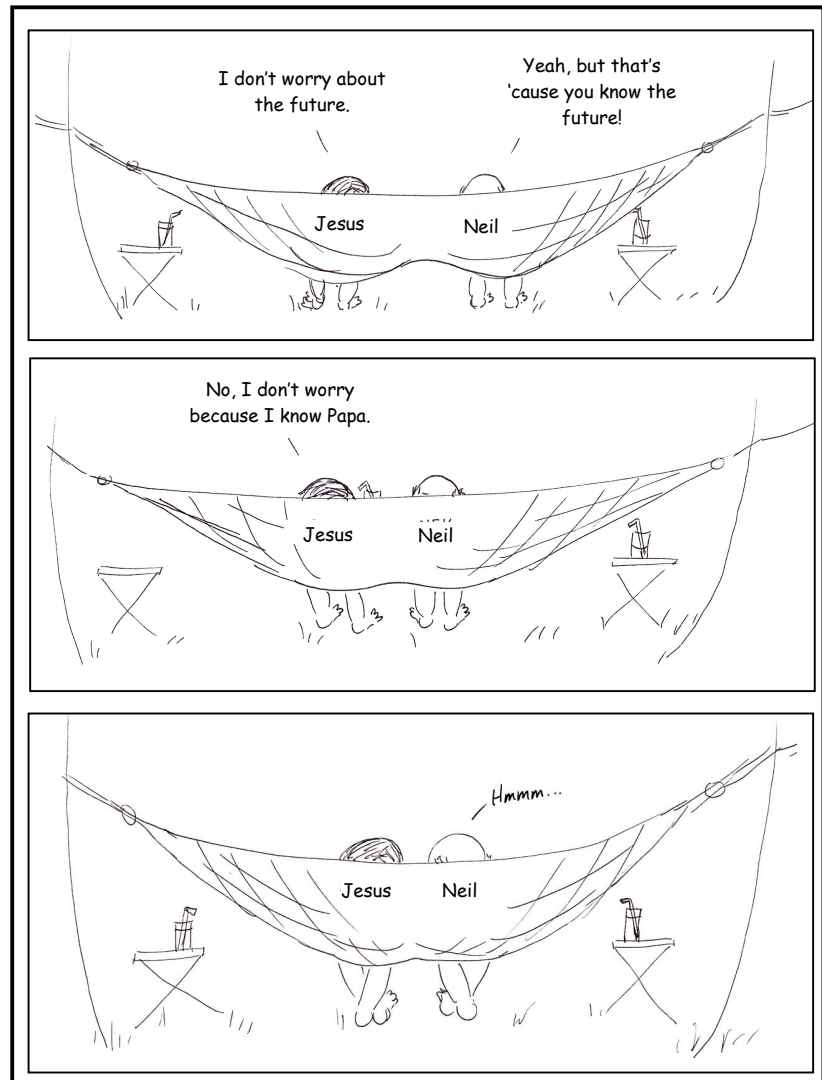
I have just been through an intense week of exposure and healing. Graham Cooke says that every challenge we experience is simply a notice that we are due for an upgrade! (a **belief** upgrade) - just like the computer needs continual upgrades! It is worth being stretched and healed so that we are more prepared for ‘Noble’ purposes – right?

The good news is that the resulting “prosperity of soul” (3 John 2), and healing of hidden weaknesses, prepares me for future responsibilities and pressures.

My story from last week: Our home base was put back on the market for sale. I *thought* I had solid faith about our security in the Lord in this area but soon noticed my neck and back were “out”, I wasn't sleeping well and my guts were very painful. This was my notice, “There is a belief upgrade available for you, do you want it?”

My first response? Overlook the upgrade offer and try to “fix” this situation with rational self-effort! Fortunately, four miserable days later, I was still unable to fix my future and finally got the message that a false security had been exposed and God wanted to heal it so I wouldn’t be vulnerable in that place next time.

“Okay! I’ll take the upgrade!” The healing wasn't something I *did*, it was an **experience** I received. It happened during that “almost awake” time, early one morning and felt like this cartoon.



The conclusion is **security comes from knowing my Father - not** from my housing situation! Sounds pretty obvious, I realize, but to ‘know’ something cognitively (in my head) is very different than the Biblical meaning of “to know”.

The word “know” means *a personal intimate experience of* - in this case - *God Himself*; e.g., “Taste and see that the Lord is good” Ps 34:8

John 17:3 says that the quality of life called ‘eternal’ is “*That you might know Him*”.

At the end of his life Job said, “I had *heard* of You (the Lord) but now I *see [personally & intimately experience]* You”. Job 42:5

We have **heard** that the Lord is good but to **know it** inspires security and prosperity of soul.

Neil

Quotable quote: “Insecurity is simply wrong security exposed” *Bill Johnson*



Eating on the deck with guests! Spring is here!

We would be encouraged to hear from you!

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NEWS FROM THE CREW!

◆ This month Betsy is at the School of Worship at Bethel Church in Redding, Calif.. She has also signed on as crew for a 10-day trip on the *Pacific Grace*, a Christian sail-training ship in Victoria. She will be leading and ministering to school kids who need love and acceptance and an encounter with Papa God!

◆ **Julie earned her Master Mariner’s license!!**
After much studying and writing exams, she is now qualified to operate vessels up to 100 tons. She will move up from the ‘deck-hand’ position to ‘skipper’ of the passenger & cargo ferry service, Island Express, which she has been working with for several years. Congratulations Captain Julie!



Julie at the helm of ‘Deception’, a 50’ Grand Banks pleasure yacht

◆ Last month Julie had the opportunity to join a small fleet of Grand Banks charter yachts from Bellingham headed up the west coast of Vancouver Island. She needed 4 more days of “Near Coastal” sea time for her Captain’s license, so going aboard as temporary crew for six days gave her the sea time as well as new experience in west coast boating! Julie disembarked in Tofino and the 5 boats continued on their way to Alaska.

◆ Neil & Kathy will be heading to Kona to visit Josh and to enjoy a rest in the sun. We’ve been averaging 20 guests per month - some for a day, some for several days. Doing what we do is very rewarding, but we’re tired! Julie will join us for part of our time there.

◆ We are asking God for a more permanent home that meets the needs of both family and ministry. It appears that private financing would be necessary. Would you please pray with us?

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