

Refreshing Souls on Living Water

NOBLE MARITIME Ministries



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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE HARMSWORTHS!

We are celebrating more deeply than ever Jesus' coming to earth to initiate the shift from the old system of performance-based acceptance to the new system of grace. God is good and it is **'His goodness that leads us to repentance'**. This is His 'Plan A' for bringing us to repentance, to a change of thinking.

God has been highlighting this strategy to me recently in Luke 19 with the example of Jesus and Zaccheus, the tax collector.

The Zaccheus Strategy:

Zaccheus was:

- singled out by Jesus, whose heart was drawn to him. Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing and said what He heard His Father saying. He was displaying God's tender love for Zach.
- approached and accepted by Jesus, while the crowd disdained him
- visited by Jesus in his home & shared a meal – a significant sign of acceptance and communion
- valued

Zaccheus' response:

- joy
- salvation
- overflow
- repentance (new way of thinking)
- generosity in Kingdom values toward the poor



Obviously lacking in Jesus' strategy:

- judgment and disdain
- pressure to change before acceptance
- pointing out faults and correcting behavior

Interestingly, the religious minds of the day continued to label Zaccheus an undesirable sinner.

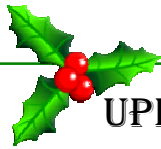
Conclusion: Again, Jesus put on display the heart and nature of the Father through His message, "I desire fellowship with you today"!

Enjoy the New Covenant and intimacy with your God!



Our home was blessed with many guests last weekend when we hosted two open house Christmas parties. 20 neighbors came over on Saturday afternoon for a neighborhood party and 52 other friends came on Sunday. It was fun to have so many wonderful friends and neighbors share in our celebration of the coming of Jesus. Celebrating Christmas with friends and family is one of the richest joys in life, wouldn't you say?





UPDATE ON *MV RODEO*

If you have been receiving my emails and responding with prayer (thank you very much!), there have been some interesting developments regarding this



vessel. The Lord is speaking to us out of Eph. 6, "***Having done all, stand***" – meaning: 'do what I've inspired you to do, then stand

peacefully in the midst of an unfinished situation, and trust me.' We're delighted that this time around, we're more at peace than previously. Our 'faith muscles' get a work-out each time we pursue an opportunity, working through God's process of *doing, standing and trusting*. We're good with God's timing and continue to make calls and contacts and, in prayer, use "*the keys to the Kingdom*" to ***loose*** the will and blessings of heaven on the yacht owner, broker and bank, as well as to ***bind*** the thief. Thanks for continuing to pray with us!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you faithful prayer partners who have stood by us throughout this year, praying, giving, encouraging and believing in us and the vision God has put before us. We couldn't keep doing what we're doing without you! May God bless you with the unsurpassing richness of His increasing presence in your life this new year!

Neil & Crew



Our home for the holidays

At this time last year, we entertained our non believing landlords and they allowed us to pray for increase and God's favor for them and their struggling business. Recently Neil asked him about his year. He responded, "There must be a God in heaven! We had a good year and the bookings for next year are the best we've ever had at this point!" - the Zacheus strategy in motion!

Speaking of our landlords, although our lease is up in May 2011, they have offered us the option to extend the lease at least another year. We are considering this and would appreciate your prayers for wisdom concerning this decision.



We would be encouraged to hear from you:

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