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Calling Out the Gold!

“Calling out the gold in someone” is an expression we use around Noble Maritime Ministries. It means perceiving something of God's wonderful design in a person and expressing it to the person as an encouragement. For example: “Mary, I've noticed the way you enter a crowded room and quickly become aware of the lonely person. You seek her out and honor her by showing interest in her life. That is so much like Jesus and really pleases the Father's heart!”

Trusting someone with great responsibility calls him or her upwards. God trusts you! Ponder these truths:

- He made you in His own image and likeness.
- He honored you with one of the most powerful endowments in the universe: a free will. God chooses not to violate your will. Mk 6:5-6
- He trusted you with irrevocable gifts - even if you screw up, you keep the gifts. Rom 11:29
- He turned you loose with a tongue, which is capable of killing or giving life! Prov. 18:21 James 3:10
- God trusts you to forgive (or not) others' sins. John 20:23
- And He so trusts you that He chose to give you the message of eternal life rather than assigning angels to spread the Good News!

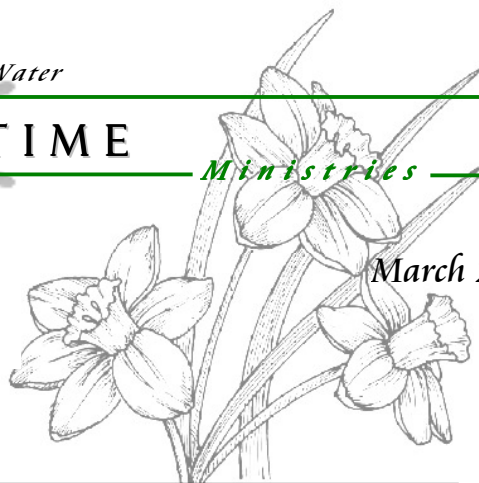
Let's face it, you are amazing!

Remember, **your past does not define who you are.**

God seems to be fearless (or reckless) in trusting His imperfect children with greatness! I believe His purpose is to call forth the gold in them!

Some of us might reject the idea that “I am important” because it sounds too much like arrogance. “I can't do anything without God”, you may say. True, but He chooses not to do (much of) anything without you, so cooperate, for Christ's sake! Confidence in **who we are** is what He's looking for. Arrogance is about “what can I get”, confidence is about “what can I give.”

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Dear Neil & Kathy,

...I send my message of appreciation for the blessed, though brief, get-away time with you. It is such a superb example of God's timely provision for me. You put flesh & voice to God's care. It seems that it can't happen fast enough that we believers are freed to be effective ministers of His grace. You know His heart – that He yearns for us to have joy and to bear fruit.” MP



PRAYERS NEEDED:

- ★ For Josh & team in Japan (see pg 2)-stamina, wisdom & safety.
- ★ For wisdom & discernment as we plan for the ministry's future direction, needs, resources, etc, especially regarding the renewal of the lease on our home for another year.
- ★ For the ongoing search for the right vessel to most effectively help carry out the vision of retreat, renewal and 'setting the captives free'.

I've not yet met anyone who thinks of himself or herself more highly than God does! What is commonly recognized as arrogant behavior is actually lie-based, pain-driven insecurity and a plea for recognition. We *must* get His view of us!

Jesus came to reveal the Father, correct? So, try to imagine Jesus fearing man's opinion so that He didn't boldly preach the Good News of the Kingdom with the accompanying miracles. Would He not have been abdicating His mission, abandoning His calling? And, *who all* would be affected by that?!

Was Jesus accused of being arrogant? **Yes!** Luke 5:21 And aren't we, as followers of Jesus, to imitate and represent Him on earth? Being misunderstood and falsely accused is an inevitable part of "sharing in Christ's sufferings" and a likely indication that a believer has confidence in who he or she is.

We owe the world a proper visual image of what the Father is like! John 17:18-26 This witness is so urgent that the **Earth itself is moaning and groaning in frustration.** Rom 8:14-23 tells us that we Christians are sons of God needing to be [fully] revealed and that all creation (the earth) is like a living thing, eagerly watching, waiting and groaning, as if "in pains of labor", for the "unveiling of their sonship" (their likeness to their Father!) (see sidenote)

I implore you!

Test me on this subject of who you are! Ask God if I am telling you the truth. Ask:

1. "Lord, who do You say that I am?" Remember, being fully **you** is the best way to honor Jesus' sacrifice. Note: If what you hear is a negative response, it is not your heavenly Father! "There is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus."
2. "Lord, what is Your agenda and how may I cooperate with You? What is my ambassador role?"

Most of us as children have picked up false beliefs (lies) about *who we are* (our identity), which only God can heal with a Truth encounter. If you need someone to help facilitate such an encounter give us a call. That is what we do!

Blessings, oh amazing and trusted one!

Neil and crew



Julie & Betsy have been fully occupied – and thoroughly enjoying – rehearsing and performing with 'Lyric Light Opera' in the production of 'Camelot'. Performances will continue through April.



Clearly one of the more "vocal" groaning spots on the planet right now is Japan. As much as anywhere, Japan needs a demonstration of the Father's kindness that leads to repentance, and a gracious invitation to join the family. Our son, Josh, landed in Tokyo March 15th with a relief team to practically display the compassion of God to the devastated people that survived the earthquake & tsunami. We are proud of you, Josh and team, for risking your comfort and health to communicate to the Japanese people the love of the Father. See <http://grassrootsnews.tv/> for their video reports.

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