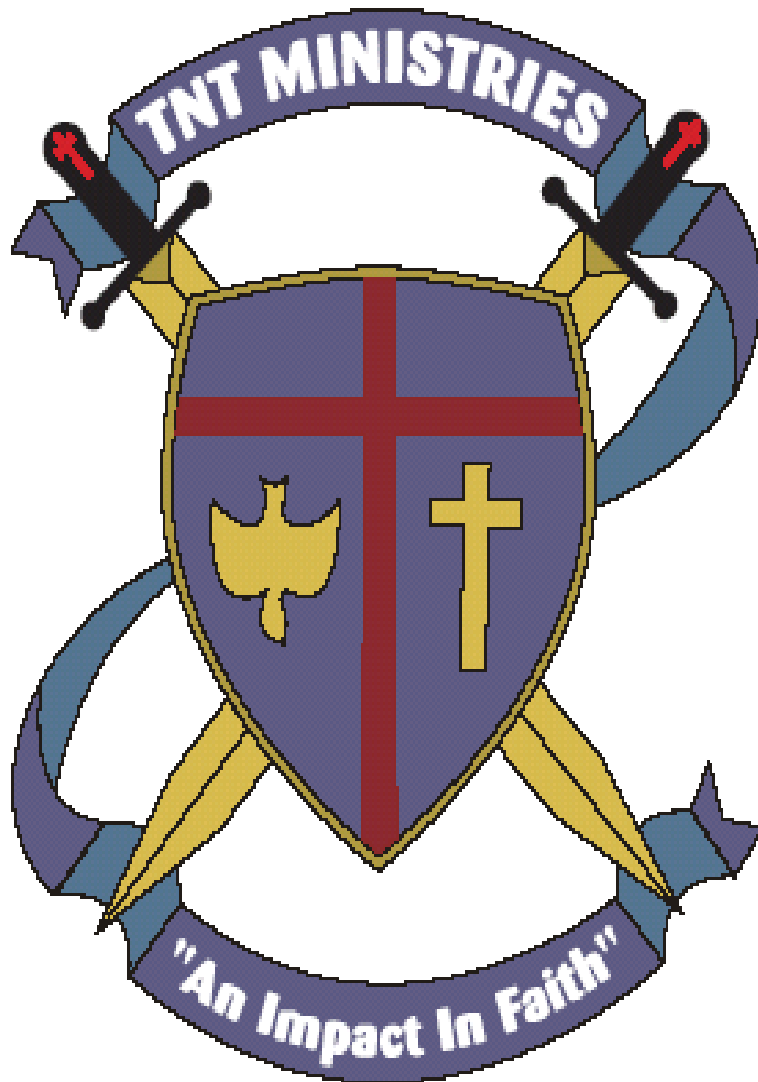


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**“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,”
2 Cor. 10:3-4**



**“Not By Might Nor By Power But By My Spirit Says The Lord of Host.”
Zechariah 4:6**

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Fellowship Meeting Time

At this time we are looking for a new place to meet in the Mesa area. As soon as we locate a new place we will place out notifications via our newsletter and website. Thank you for your patience.

Outreach Ministries

Prison Ministry - We are currently in both the state and federal women's prisons in Arizona – we send in Bibles, Bible Studies, and Newsletters. If you would like us to send in materials to a friend of loved one please contact us.

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Greetings Friends and Family,

Tina and I earnestly pray that our newsletter reaches everyone in the highest of spirits this holiday season. We wish you the best on this Thanksgiving holiday. Thanksgiving is a time to be happy and thankful for the provision that God has given to us throughout the year. The greatest blessing that we have received or can receive is the free gift of Salvation that God has offered to us through His Son Jesus Christ. During this season I ask you to remember that Christ gave His life for you, it is through His death that restoration is brought into your life. So, even if you feel like you don't have anything to be thankful for, remember the precious gift that Christ has given you.

By now, I am sure that everyone has realized the new layout and design of our newsletters. God has truly blessed us with new insights and strategies for the growth of TNT Ministries. In light of recent circumstances within our lives God has changed the face of our ministry. There are several new areas that we are moving into; we will hold meetings every other Saturday of the month and we are currently looking to find a radio station to air our ministry show. God has blessed us with a new vision to reach out and help those that are in need of restoration in their lives.

Remember that God loves you very much and so do we.

In Christ's Service and Love,
Pastors Ty & Tina McGehee

Gratitude is an Attitude

By
Pastor Ty McGehee

Thanksgiving is a time that we as a society have set aside to give thanks for the harvest or plenty that we have received. Thanksgiving is a day that has always perplexed me in its meaning. Why do we set aside one day a year to be thankful? As a Christian I have to ask, “Are we not to be thankful everyday?” It is sad that for some Christians the only time that they really take to truly be thankful is on this one day of the year. For me as a Christian everyday is a day that I am thankful for, I rejoice in the day that the Lord has made.

I strongly feel that an attitude of gratitude can bring dramatic changes in a persons’ life. In life it is your attitude that affects the way that you live your daily walk with God. If you have a bad attitude you will never be able to live in the full potential that God has for you. There are 138 verses in the Bible that deal with “thanksgiving” – gratitude as an attitude is a Biblical principle. A heart that does not carry an attitude of gratitude will quickly be filled with anger, hatred, malice, bitterness, and vile speech. The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 4:31-32 tells us put away all these negative things and let kindness and goodness comes from our hearts. A heart with gratitude is a heart that is filled with love, the love of God. In such a heart there is no room or place for negative things that will stifle our growth in God.

In a heart of gratitude there is no place for anxiety. Do you realize that when a heart is full of thankfulness that anxiety cannot dwell in its mist? In the sixth chapter of Matthew, we are told that God provides for the bird every need so how much more will he provide for our needs. We can take comfort in knowing He will provide no matter what. O’ how thankful I am for God’s providence in my life. It reminds me of Martin Luther, the great reformer, saying that a little robin was the greatest preacher that he had ever seen. Every night he would place breadcrumbs on the windowsill and the little bird would come, eat, then fly away to a tree and sign songs of gratitude to the Lord, and then fall asleep. This little bird did not worry about a thing. When we have a heart of gratitude and we are praising God anxiety cannot find a place within our hearts.

It is the attitudes of our heart that affects our outcomes in life. What are you looking for in life? More importantly what are you finding in life? Are you finding the positive side of life or are you seeing the negative side of life? If all you are seeing is the negative then it is time for an attitude shift. Start looking for the good in life and give thanks to God. The power of praise can take the discouragements of life and turn them into thanksgivings.

You may be asking how can I start to change my attitude. The first thing is to realize God's sovereignty in your life. It is God that provides for all your needs, all that you have comes from God, and it is because of this that we can begin to cultivate an attitude of gratitude. We need to reflect daily upon the goodness of God in our lives. Then we must learn to give ourselves to others. It is through selfless giving that we entertain a heart of thankfulness for what God has given to us and allowed us to give to others. When others see your attitude of gratitude what they are seeing is the reflection of God's grace in your life and that will draw them to want to know Jesus.

Coming Soon

Manual For Spiritual Growth ***Unlocking the Dynamics of Your Relationship With God***

We are excited about this manual. It is the manual that we use in discipleship training. We have been prompted by the Holy Spirit to print this manual in a full version for self-study.

When you read it you will see why we are so excited about this awesome guide of growing closer to God in your daily walk. This manual is in the process of being rewritten with a lot of new material that is not in the current version.

If you would like to reserve your copy please contact us at TNT Ministries, P.O. Box 2337, Mesa, Arizona 85214-2337 and simply request to be put on the reservation

The Mustard Seed

The smallest seed mentioned in the Bible is the mustard seed, it is the smallest of all known seeds. The mustard seed will grow into a plant that is over five feet tall. Jesus used the mustard seed as an illustration of the growth of the Kingdom of God, how it will start from something that is small and grow into something that is large (the seed – the plant). Jesus also used it to illustrate the smallest amount of faith needed to operate in signs and wonders. How amazing it is to know that we do not have to be giants in faith to operate in the gifts, signs, and wonders that God has given to the saints of His Kingdom.

Hurting

There's a gnawing inside your body. The pain inside hurts so much; it feels like a vise grip holding your heart and lungs. You can't breathe, every breath hurts. You gasp for air, your sinuses are swollen, your body is screaming for air.

Your stomach hurts, it feels like a brick is in there and the concrete is churning around and around. Your mind sways from one thought to another and the whole time you are rocking back and forth on your hips, holding your knees, the tears falling down upon your face faster than you can wipe them away. You try to blow your nose but you've run out of tissues. You use whatever tissues you have space on.

You cry out "Why? Why? Why?" "God, why?" "It isn't fair!" "God, help me please!"

Fear begins to creep in, you feel like jumping out the window, you want to run out the door into the street and keep running as fast as you can to escape the pain, escape the torment running through your mind. "Help me God, help me God, help me!!!"

No, this isn't a movie or a book, this is real life. This is me earlier this month and I know you've all felt this way: Every single man or woman reading this article has felt these emotions and physical pains running through your body and mind.

I experienced that several times this month. Why? Someone I trusted did something very evil to me and I suffered greatly for it. I should have listened more closely to God as He had been giving me signs for months about this person but I didn't listen. I thought it was my imagination. The verse I kept hearing was "Be wise as a serpent but gentle as a dove," (Matt 10:16). I didn't listen to God. Instead, I was like an ostrich with my head in the sand ignoring the Holy Spirit's rumblings.

It doesn't matter what this person did. All of us have experienced something awful at one time. Perhaps it was a loved one who hurt you, perhaps it was a friend, perhaps it was your boss or a co-worker. It doesn't matter. What matters is how you deal with the situation and the anger inside.

My first instincts were anger and then revenge. How could I get back at this person? I had to pray hard to God about removing this anger and unforgiveness. I prayed over and over again about bringing these thoughts into captivity, (2 Cor 10:5). I knew I had to take each of these thoughts to God because the original intention was unChristlike and that was disobedience. I've realized one thing, God doesn't like disobedience, but He honors obedience.

Think about it. Why were Adam and Eve thrown out of the Garden of

Eden? They were thrown out because of disobedience. Heavy stuff, huh? So, I prayed and I prayed. How many times, I don't know but it was a lot. I knew this was a serious matter.

As a minister, I counsel people all the time about applying Christ's love to any situation. Now, I had to counsel myself. Do you know that unforgiveness is a stronghold? (2 Cor 10:4-5). What exactly is a stronghold you ask? To quote Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary, it says "strongholds..high thing: Overlooking ancient Corinth was a hill 1,857 feet high. On top of it was a fortress. Paul used that imagery as an illustration of the spiritual warfare he waged. He destroyed strongholds, cast down towers, and took captives. The fortress, towers and captives represent the arguments, thoughts and plans that Paul was opposing. Paul cast down all rationalizations."

Interesting, isn't it? To think an emotion like unforgiveness can be as massive as a huge Roman fortress? Let's look at some of these feelings as discussed in the Bible: "A root of bitterness" is discussed in Hebrews 12:15 is a sin that leads to denial of the faith.

Righteous anger is different from fleshly anger. God's anger is always controlled and perfectly expressed. The anger Moses felt when the Israelites did not trust God was righteous anger.

The anger Moses expressed when he hit the rock hard was fleshly anger and that was contrary to God's request. That one action showed disobedience and Moses was unable to enter the Promised Land after that action. See, this type of anger denies the power of God to care for your needs and hurts and to completely take over your life. Ecclesiastes 7:9 says "Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools."

Jesus tells us in Mark 3:25-26 "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."

So knowing all of the above, I told God, "I'm angry God. I'm angry because they've hurt my husband and me. I'm hurt, I'm angry and I'm in pain. Help me God to close this door and allow your love to come into my heart. Help me to love my enemies as you've commanded us to do." I repeated this over and over until I was blue in the face.

And then one day two weeks later, I felt God remove this from my shoulders, my heart and my mind. All of a sudden, God's beautiful love came over me in a powerful way. His Spirit touched mine and I no longer feel angry, bitter, or desire revenge. Instead, I feel joy, hope and love. I feel no ill will towards this person. And, to tell you the truth, I'm in awe. It is as if God has truly cleansed me inside from every emotion I was carrying, perhaps from previous hurts. All I know is this: God has transformed me into a new person and that is the miracle of God. His love is all over me and I can't stop thanking Him for everything He's done.

So friends, I ask you, please. If you are having problems with these emotions, understand, you are not alone. All of us go through these things at one time. It is how you are going to deal with these emotions that will make the difference in your Christian walk and how God is going to work in your life. You have two choices, to allow God to take everything and heal you or to continue to keep it bottled up inside and allow the enemy to take control and set up shop. Don't allow that to happen. Stand firm, knowing that you are a child of God (Rom 8:15) and realize the promises God has made to you, His kid. Remember that He will deal with these past offenses when you forgive, (Rom 12:19-21). Then, the blessings of God will reign upon you.

God Bless each of you reading this. If you want us to pray with you, please ask. We will stand in agreement with you and remember something else – the power of prayer is phenomenal and “when two or more are gathered together, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them” (Matt. 18:19)

With Christ's love,

Pastor Tina McGehee

Happy Thanksgiving



Ministry News

Ministry News Fellowship Meetings – We are excited to announce that we are currently looking for a facility in the Mesa area that will allow us hold meeting there. Please keep us lifted up in prayer as we search for the place that God wants us. We are so excited to be able to offer a time of fellowship, prayer, biblical teaching, and personal ministry for those that are seeking to build a closer and deeper personal relationship with God

Prison Ministry Notice – Ladies in our prison ministry, we have good news for you. We have put together a correspondence Bible study course just for you. After the completion of the course you will receive a certificate of completion! If you want to participate in the course please send us a letter indicating so and we will send the course to you a lesson at a time. Remember, if you need a Bible we can send you one free.

***** Ladies If You Have Been Moved***
*** Please Inform Us Of Your New Address *****

New Ministries Starting

Radio Ministry - God has laid it into our hearts to start producing a radio show. Currently we are doing research in this area. We are looking at a Christian station on AM radio, 1360 AM. Please keep us lifted up in prayer as we seek God's face for direction and finances in this area.

We are looking for Christian owned businesses to support our 30 minute radio show. For a monthly pledge of \$150.00 we will give your business two 30 seconds blurbs/commercials a month on our show. If you are interested in supporting us in this area please contact Pastor Ty at TNT Ministries, P.O. Box 2337, Mesa, Arizona 85214 or by phone, 480-223-7774.

Food Closet -We are also in the process of getting our recognition from the Food Bank so we can start receiving food. This is a greatly needed resource which will be used to support programs for the homeless and those less fortunate.

How Can We Pray For You?

We spend time each week praying for the needs of TNT Ministries' friends and partners just like you. If you would like us to pray for a special need in your life, or if you just need us to stand in agreement with you, please write your request below and mail this form back to us or go to our website.

 **We do not require donations for prayer requests** 

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