

Praise Reports

Several months ago my husband was diagnosed with a tumor on his right lung. Doctors thought it might have spread to his bones or brain. I reached out to Rivers for prayer and all of the tests/scans came back negative. He is scheduled for surgery on April 15 to remove the tumor. Thank you RDM prayer partners for your faith filled prayers. His word does not return void, but accomplishes that for which it was sent!! KP



My senior manager wrote me up for being deficient. God turned it around. I got a raise and a bonus instead MM



I wanted to share part of a text message as it is a praise report from my brother. I had the RDM team pray. "Hi Sis, please thank those who've prayed for me!!! I'm finally getting sleep and feeling better each day that goes by b/c of it!!! I AM SO GRATEFUL! This was such a blessing to my heart to receive this text. Thank you RDM team for all your prayers!" It is so good to hear my brother is able to sleep and he's feeling better. SD



About two months ago I had been spending time with my grandkids and kissing their beautiful faces all over. Right after one event, one of them tested positive for covid and the parents also. I made mention of this to RDM and they prayed before I was to be tested. Praise the Lord, I did NOT get COVID, my test was negative! Thank you so much for your prayers, they availed much. DC



This past summer, my dear husband of over 45 years went home to be with the Lord. An organization he was involved with was supposed to give me some insurance monies. They were rather negligent and I kept getting the "run around" when I called about it. I had RDM agree with me in prayer and within hours the boss phoned me and said I'd get what they owed me within one week and I did. Thanking the Lord and thank you to RDM. ID



My uncle was in terrible shape. I asked RDM for prayer. Thank you all, he now is stable in ICU. MM

Due to some bleeding episodes during a bout with COVID and my past history my Dr. said I'd need an esophageal and pancreatic biopsy done. He would do an exam first then these. I asked RDM for prayer, and praise the Lord, the esophageal varices which caused the probable bleeding had not gotten any worse, nor were they inflamed, but stayed the same. The Dr. was very glad and decided these biopsies were not necessary. Thank you Jesus, and thank you prayer partner team for your prayers. RB



Nibbles, one of our adorable guinea pigs suddenly stopped eating and began losing weight. Then a few days later stopped drinking (an ominous sign). After prayer and a vet visit she gradually began to improve. The vet never could give a diagnosis as they did not have a clue what was wrong with her. But God did know and we believe He touched her body because He is concerned with anything we are concerned with. We serve a gracious and kind God. PD



I heard the Lord say, "I am surrounding you, your feet will not slip. No weapon formed against you will prosper." I walked into church the following Sunday. I saw Jesus taking me to his table. Then I heard Him say, "I prepare a table for you in the presence of your enemies. A few days later a kind sister in Christ sent me a card and on the card was – He prepares a table for you in the presences of your enemies! MM



When I went for my COVID shot, I had a particular type in mind. I asked while in line if they had that shot, they said no. I was nice about it but said I guess I'll be leaving then. They stopped me and asked a supervisor, this woman gave permission for me to change my appointment to the next day as that day they'd be giving the shot I requested! We changed the appointment right at the place for the next day. I know without doubt it was the favor of the Lord because right afterwards we did several chores. Everywhere we went someone had a nice comment about us, it was the wildest thing. After this occurred a few times I knew it had to be God's overshadowing favor upon us. He is wonderful. PD

The Pivot Point

By Pattie DeLea

The word "pivot" is described in Webster's Dictionary as: a person, thing, or factor having a central role, function, or effect. A key position, crucial or of vital importance in a given situation. I think we can all agree that History is filled with pivot points. This article is about a pivot point in the History of the Church and therefore the entire world.

This story begins in the book of Acts 10:1-16 (please read). Notice in this story of Cornelius that the angel and the Holy Spirit are working together to bring about a special meeting of Cornelius and Peter. Cornelius is described as a Roman centurion, a devout man who honored and revered God, a man of generosity, giving alms to the poor, and above all a man of prayer. This was a man searching for truth. God sends the angel from Heaven with the message to him. Meanwhile, God has started to work on Peter. Remember, at this point in time Jewish people could not conceive of a "gentile" knowing God. This Roman, this centurion, was a gentile. Peter, a devout Jewish believer in Jesus has the vision of the sheet three times and he was still perplexed by it: "Now Peter was still inwardly perplexed *and* doubted as to what the vision which he had seen could mean, when [just then] behold the messengers that were sent by Cornelius, who had made inquiry for Simon's house, stopped *and* stood before the gate." (Acts 10:17) The Holy Spirit speaks clearly in verse 19 telling Peter to go with the men who came to his house. The next day they travel together to Caesarea.

History is about to be changed by God. Peter finds a large group of people assembled at Cornelius' home. He reminds them that it was not lawful or permissible for a Jew to keep company with, visit, or come near to anyone of another nationality (v27-28). Does this sound like God? No? That's because it isn't. What did Peter mean by not lawful or permissible? Well, by this point in Jewish History the Jewish religious leaders had added all sorts of restrictions onto the Law of Moses. The Law of Moses is Holy and it is Scriptural, but no where does it say what Peter tells Cornelius, in fact, God tells the Jews in various places to welcome the stranger: "33And if a stranger dwells temporarily with you in your land, you shall not suppress *and* mistreat him.

34But the stranger who dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you; and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34) In fact, all the laws God gave in Leviticus were to maintain a Holy People unto Himself, A Holy God: "And you shall be holy to Me; for I the Lord am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine." (Leviticus 20:26)

Now back to our story. What happened to Peter because of the vision of the sheet? "28And he said to them, You yourselves are aware how it is not lawful *or* permissible for a Jew to keep company with or to visit *or* [even] to come near *or* to speak first to anyone of another nationality, but God has shown *and* taught me by words that I should not call any human being common *or* unhallowed or [ceremonially] unclean. 29Therefore when I was sent for, I came without hesitation *or* objection *or* misgivings. So now I ask for what reason you sent for me. 30And Cornelius said, This is now the fourth day since about this time I was observing the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon) of prayer in my lodging place; [suddenly] a man stood before me in dazzling apparel, 31And he said, Cornelius, your prayer has been heard *and* harkened to, and your donations to the poor have been known *and* preserved before God [so that He heeds and is about to help you]. 32Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is surnamed Peter; he is staying in the house of Simon the tanner by the seaside. 33So at once I sent for you, and you [being a Jew] have done a kind *and* courteous *and* handsome thing in coming. Now then, we are all present in the sight of God to listen to all that you have been instructed by the Lord to say. 34And Peter opened his mouth and said: Most certainly *and* thoroughly I now perceive *and* understand that God shows no partiality *and* is no respecter of persons, 35But in every nation he who venerates *and* has a reverential fear for God, treating Him with worshipful obedience and living uprightly, is acceptable to Him *and* sure of being received and welcomed [by Him]." (Acts 10:28-35) Beloved in Christ Jesus, notice in verse 34 that Peter

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