



NEWSLETTER

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Our Groups

Dale's groups are continuing to study his favorite authors and the accompanying Scriptures. Linda's groups continue in the Founders' Bible, studying articles about the founding of America and the Scriptures our Fathers used to set up our republic and our Constitution. Elaine Fowler is leading Linda's noon group and is doing a wonderful job! Thank you, Elaine! Most in our ministry are serving the Lord in a great variety of ways that build up the Body of Christ and make a significant difference in our culture.

Proving the Will of God

There are over 150 teaching articles I have written on our website: www.daleebel.org The following are some excerpts from my 3/27/19 teaching titled, *Proving the Will of God*:

What fuels a Spirit-empowered Christ-Follower is more than a plan, but we must be motivated with purpose and passion. We can focus our energy in a moment of life but not know where we are going. In Acts 16:6-10 we see the Apostle Paul and his companions knew the general region where they were headed: Phrygia and Galatia, but the Holy Spirit stopped them from preaching the Word in the Province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia they tried to enter Bithynia but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them. So they left Mysia and went to Troas.



Finally Paul went to sleep. ***"During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'"*** Acts 16:9

Paul awakened and concluded that God called him to preach the Gospel to them. You would think that if anyone would know the will of God for certain, it would be Paul. Yet we find that he really had no idea where God was going to lead him. He was proving the will of God.

It is rather humorous to think that he could not determine where God was leading him so he went to sleep!

When he was conscious he couldn't understand. God had to get him unconscious to make it clear!

Many times, we can feel the pressure to tell people things we don't know. Being led by the Spirit is not the ability to define everything the future holds. It is the willingness to move forward because we know that the Lord Jesus Christ is trustworthy, the Holy Scripture gives us clear guidelines and yes, the Spirit in us will direct us.

We don't always know the specific will of God, but by taking incremental steps of obedience to His Word we can prove the will of God (Romans 12:1,2).

Linda and I continue to prove the will of God and our greatest reward is YOU! ***"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work"*** (Philippians 4:1). We are eternally grateful for each and every one of you! **DALE**



From Linda - Getting to Know Our Neighbors

Dale and I have lived in seven neighborhoods in our nearly 51 years of marriage. In each I have led a Bible study for women. In our present home, some years ago, I felt the Lord impress upon me the great commission in a personal way. In Mark 12:28-30, a scribe asked Jesus what was the greatest commandment. Jesus answered, *“The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”* His personal word to me was

Love your neighbors as yourself, Linda!

After praying, Christ gave me the idea to host a monthly breakfast for my neighbors ladies. The invitations I sent out said:

You are Invited to

Third Thursday

A Casual Monthly Morning Coffee Time

Who? The women living in our Haverhill neighborhood

When? Every *Third Thursday* of each month from 9:00-10:30 a.m. through November

Why? To have a casual time to connect with our neighbor friends

What? I will serve a light breakfast of coffee, tea, juice, fruit and rolls

Where? Linda Ebel's home (my address & phone number)

Rsvp? No! Drop in any month you can and any time between 9 & 10:30



I loved having our neighbors over! We averaged from eight to fifteen women each time so I gauged my breakfast to serve 15 or so. By the end of that year our neighbor friends knew each other so much better. Nearly each time one neighbor would linger behind for awhile to ask for prayer. A year after we ended *Third Thursday*, the Lord led me to begin a weekly Bible study and all nine women I invited said yes to the invitation! We met for three years, two gave their hearts to Christ, and we even did an overnight retreat together. Some are attending my studies now and some have moved away. I love each of these precious friends! Maybe God will lead you to do something similar.

Prayer for Our Family

Our 19 year old grandson, Heather and Jeff's son, **BROCK DALE MCNOWN** (at left), is undergoing chemo for Hodgkin Lymphoma, stage 2b, cancer. His eight chemo treatments and then radiation treatments should be done by the end of May. We have hope that God will completely heal him! Brock's PET/CT scan half-way through chemo shows some cancer activity but much less than at the beginning. We appreciate your joining with us in fervent prayer for Brock's healing. This has been a difficult road. Brock's life verse is Psalm 18:2, *“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my strength in whom I will trust, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.”*



Also, thank you for continuing to pray for our grandson, **JUDE WINTERS EBEL** Seth and Vanessa's 12 year old son, who has Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (above right with Isla). He has been having an increased amount of seizures and is developmentally delayed. They have started Jude at a new clinic at Stanford and they like their new pediatric neurologist there. She feels Jude would be a good candidate for brain surgery. Prayers are requested for wisdom about this and for his seizures to subside. Jude also continues on a chemo drug to reduce the size of his benign brain tubers/tumors. We all value your prayers over the years for Jude!

Jude's first complete sentence he ever said was a Scripture, *“He cares for me!”* 1 Peter 5:7, *“Casting all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you.”*

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Linda and I stepped away from pastoral church ministry ten years ago and started our present discipleship and teaching ministry. Our mission is “Reclaiming Organic Discipleship.” The early disciples gathered with each other in homes for teaching and prayer. We have served continually in leadership in Christian ministry for 53 years since our college days, even before we met each other. We continue to work several days a week in our ministry, teaching, mentoring, counseling, leading four weekly study groups, three of which are in our home, and writing articles for the website. We are very grateful to those of you who are on our financial support team! Your gifts make it possible for us to continue our work.

If others of you are being spiritually fed and blessed personally by our ministry, being taught in our home or other location, or encouraged and taught by the articles Dale and others write, will you please pray about and consider investing in our work? It has been our pleasure to serve you and to enjoy your fellowship! Choices for donating are online with PayPal (credit card or bank withdrawal) at www.daleebel.org or by check to Dale Ebel Ministries, PO Box 653, West Linn, OR 97068 or by bank checks. We appreciate you all. Thank you! DALE and LINDA Email Addresses: dale@daleebel.org linda@daleebel.org