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7:00PM

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Youth Pastor

Jonathon Giummule

*Highlights for
December:*

- Weapons of our Warfare Series - Peace
- Ministry Spot Light: The Ministry of: Church Vision - by Pastor Ron

WHEN FAITH TOUCHES THE ANOINTING, IT RELEASES THE POWER OF GOD

The Weapons of Our Warfare- A series on our spiritual weapons -

PEACE Bv: Patrick Bucksot

Let's pretend that we are playing a game. The game where I mention a word and you say the first thing that comes to your mind. The game will be difficult because I am writing and you are reading, but let's go for it. The word is **PEACE**. I am certain that the answers would be as varying as there are copies of this newsletter. As I began to meditate on this word, I also thought of different types of peace. Some of the definitions for peace are as follows: *An absence of war; An agreement or treaty to end hostilities; Freedom from quarrels and disagreement; Harmonious relations; Inner contentment and serenity.* Many of you probably thought of these same things for your answers but allow me to throw a wrench in everything that you know about peace.

Peace is a weapon of spiritual warfare! Oh, it is true that two people or nations can live together in peace even if they do not agree on everything. And, a peace treaty is an agreement between two nations not to attack one another or their mutual friends. However, peace treaties are only good between the nations that sign them. The people of each nation can rest pretty easily by having the understanding that the other nation of the treaty will not do anything to harm them. What about the other nations that don't like your nation? There are a lot of countries and people that still do not have much international peace since the attacks on 9/11. So where does peace come from? It certainly does not come from the worldly systems. Our governments are mostly corrupt, the financial systems are bankrupt, our medical systems are

incredible but also incredibly self absorbed. Every known 'man made' system that we rely on cannot provide any lasting peace. So, where does peace come from? There is only one place and He is our Prince of Peace – Jesus.

When Jesus was born the Angels declared in **Luke 1:14** – *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and good will toward men.* We still use this phrase at Christmas time. It is desirable to have peace on earth and wish goodwill toward others, but we need to understand the role of the church in this message. Let's take a look at two scriptures. **Mark 9:50** and **Luke 12:51** appear to have two different meanings about the word peace yet Jesus said both of them. **Mk 9:50** – *Salt [is] good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.* **Luke 12:51** – *Do [you] suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.*

How can this be so? How can we be told to live at peace with each other and Jesus said that He did not come to bring peace? Please remember what Jesus said in **John 3:16 & 17** – *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

God's desire is that everyone would come to a saving knowledge of Him through Jesus.

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Pastors Corner- A word from Pastor Ron – “Looking Back - Leaping Forward”

Acts 10:38

“God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and Power and He went about doing good and all that were oppressed by the enemy was healed because God was with Him”

As I look back at the last year I see so many different things that have drawn us from excitement to sorrow back to excitement. Brenda and I spent some time just looking at what the Lord has faithfully brought this church through and the quality of spiritual maturity and anointing that is within the members and we are simply blessed and amazed. God has blessed this Body with incredible gifts, talents and callings from heaven.

Some have asked the question, “*What is Breath of God International Outreach Church?*”

The Lord very clearly spoke that this church was to be built as an apostolic church to gather eagles to soar and build up more eagles. (Ephesians 4:11-13 and 1 Corinthians 12:28) We believe that this is an apostolic hub of apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers and evangelist that will train up those within the global body of Christ to walk in their calling.

Breath of God International Outreach Church is built on seven building blocks;

The Seven Building Blocks of the Church**WORD**

The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account (Hebrews 4:12-13, NIV)

WORSHIP

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24, NIV).

PRaise

Through Jesus, therefore, let us

continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess His name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased (Hebrews 13: 15-16).

PRAYER

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer (Matthew 21:22, NIV) *Proseuch* – denotes (a) prayer to God and (b) a place of prayer. Use of prayer in general in the New Testament. Prayer is properly addressed to God the Father in Heaven. Prayer is to be offered in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Hence prayers should be consistent with His character and be presented in the same spirit of dependence and submission that characterized His prayer life. The Holy Spirit makes intercession through our prayer. Prayer is impossible apart from the Spirit’s help and believers are to pray in the Spirit. Also, faith is essential to prayer as our recognition of and commitment to the faithfulness of God.

PRESENCE

The Lord replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest (Exodus 33:14)

POWER

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8)

Dunamis – power, inherent ability or capability to perform anything, power to work or to carry something into effect, power in action, might, power or ability residing in a person or thing.

WITNESS

Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high” (Luke 24:45-49, NIV) *Martas or martur* – one who can or does whatever he has seen or heard or knows

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Breath of God international Outreach Church (BOGIO) is not the typical church. We are not trying to be like any other church or ministry. We are walking in the DNA that the Lord has set for this church and ministries. BOGIO is an apostolic ministry that believes in the Word of God, *“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, and some prophets and some evangelist, and some pastors and teachers.”* Ephesians 4:11. This church and ministries are not just a gathering place for the apostolic but a training place for those stepping into their callings and offices. One of the wonderful blessings that the Lord has given this ministry is to pull out those gifts and talents the Holy Spirit is stirring up and allowing them to effect this region and world.

The last year we have had to walk in some tough places and through some areas we really did not want to walk, but through all that the Lord has cranked up the Fire of God and burned off the things we needed to get past in order to move us into a more powerful and awesome place to advance the Kingdom of God right here.

Through these hard times the Lord has strengthened the Body and prepared us to usher the

awesome Outpouring that is on its way! We have been in a two year spiritual endurance time and now 2010 will be apostolic training camp. We are moving into a deeper worship and a deeper anointing that will produce Kingdom results! We will experience the changing of the atmosphere when we carry the anointing and presence of the Lord. Acts 10:38 will not only become a reality but a way of life.

I can say with awesome excitement that Breath of God International Outreach is healthy and strong church and ministry that is getting stronger daily in the advancement of the Kingdom of God! Now is not the time to sit and dwell on things past but to leap into the destiny the Lord has for BOGIO Church and expect an outpouring of His Power.

“God anointed you with the Holy Spirit and power and you will go about doing good and all that are oppressed by the enemy will be healed because God is with you!” Acts 10:38 Today

Only Believe

Pastor Ron Estes

The Very Heart of God by: Shirley McCullough

The very Heart of God.... To seek the heart of God is to know his desires. To know what he longs to see. For his children to rise up and walk in the calling they were destined to walk in. To have kingdom minds. To know the schemes the enemy has for them to kill, steal and destroy them. To know this world is not the kingdom you were meant to be part of. You are not of this world. You are meant to change this world, to bring heaven to earth. To shine as Christ shines. To have the heart of God is to have the heart of Christ they are one. To walk in the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit that our Father God gave us when our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ left this earth to sit at the right hand of the Father and intercede for us. We are to walk in that power, live in that power, speak in that power and it is only done when the Holy Spirit lives in us. To

hear what the Spirit says daily. To live in the spirit and not in the flesh. We have a body but it is to be crucified daily and not live by its desires. To know the heart of God is to seek him. Listen when he tells you to go, speak when he tells you to speak, say what he tells you to say (and you better make sure it lines up with his word before you say Thus says the lord) to be one with him is the very heart of God. To do his will. To feed the hungry, care for the poor, reach for the widow and do it all with the love of the Father. The unconditional love no exceptions. The cast a ways, the backsliders, the brokenhearted, the abused, the rejected that's the heart of our Father. Full of compassion. To feel the pain and hurts of our brothers and sisters. To love one another with the love he poured out for us on that cross. Is that not the heart of GOD? God Bless you as you seek after him.

THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE - Various Funnies

Dude Ranch

My wife and I went to a "Dude Ranch" in Texas. The cowboy preparing the horses asked if she wanted a Western or English saddle, and she asked what the difference was.

He told her one had a horn and one didn't, she replied, "The one without the horn is fine. I don't expect we'll run into too much traffic."

Illegal Turn

A man in a hurry taking his 8-year-old son to school, made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Uh-oh, I just made an illegal turn!" the man said.

"Aw, Dad, it's okay" the son said. "The police car right behind us did the same thing."

Who Was That?

After putting her children to bed, a mother changed into old sweats and blouse and proceeded to wash her hair and give herself a facial. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin.

At last she wrapped a towel around her head and with cold creme on her face stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard her three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

Nice Flowers

An absent-minded husband thought he had conquered his problem of trying to remember his wife's birthday and their anniversary. He opened an account with a florist, provided that florist with the dates and instructions to send flowers to his wife on these dates along with an appropriate note signed, "Your loving husband."

His wife was thrilled by this new display of attention and all went well until one day, some bouquets later, when he came home, kissed his wife and said off-handedly, "Nice flowers, honey. Where'd you get them?"

Saved Pew

While on vacation a man and woman visited a local church for the Sunday service. They always like to sit close to the front, so they entered a pew in the second row. Shortly after settling in, an usher came up to them, tapped lightly on the gate, and said, "This pew is saved."

The husband replied, "That's okay, so are WE!"

You are WORTHY of Salvation!!!

"For God so loved the World that He Gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

"John 3:16-17"

Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden we have been in a displaced relationship with God. We were created to dwell in fellowship with Him, but our sins placed a barrier between us and God. Man has attempted to bridge that gap through many forms of religion and good works, but the fact remains that we cannot build a bridge over this gulf created by Adam and Eve. In God's infinite love and mercy, He sent His only son Jesus to pay the penalty of sin and forever bridge this gap. It is through His love that sin is forgiven. The only thing that we can do is repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us through the sacrifice of Jesus. **Romans 10:9&10** says that if we confess with our mouth, the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, we shall be saved. For with the heart, man believes, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. You may be thinking that you have done too much wrong to be worthy of God's grace. The point is - **GOD LOVES YOU!!!**

YOU ARE WORTHY of salvation because Jesus already paid the price for your sins. You can't do anything more or less to make God love you any more than he already does. He desires to have an intimate relationship with you because **YOU MATTER TO HIM!**

Please Pray This Prayer with Me

Jesus I love you and I know I am a sinner. I have sinned against you and I am sorry. I believe in you and want you in my life right now. Change my life and take away anything unholy. Help me through each day and to seek you in everything. Teach me to pray, give me desire to read the Bible and place me into a church. I can't do it myself; only with you can I make it. Help me Jesus. I praise your name. Put Joy in my heart and mouth. Thank you Jesus, I love you. AMEN.

If you have given your life to Christ please send me an email at bogionews@hotmail.com I would love to read your testimony!



The Weapons of Our Warfare- A series on our spiritual weapons - PEACE By: Patrick Bucksot

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However, there are those that are completely blinded by the enemy and will never see the truth. With them there will not be peace. In **Mark 9:50**, we are called to be the salt of the earth. We are to be the flavor of God wherever we are. Pastor Ron has talked about being marinated with God's presence so that we are the flavor of God. If we have the flavor of God, we can change the atmosphere around us and be an offering of peace. We can be the rainbow in a dark storm. If we walk in the joy of the Lord, we can cause others to ask us why we have hope. But please don't be confused by **Luke 12:51**. Jesus was not referring to natural peace. Everything in the natural is controlled from the spiritual. I am not saying that we are pawns in a chess match, but we have choices to make every day and those choices are derived from the spiritual. When we do good things and make the right decisions, they come from God. When we do bad things and make bad choices, they come from Satan. In **Luke 12:51** Jesus is not saying there is no hope for peace, but knowing that Satan is going about to kill, steal and destroy all that he can deceive, there won't be peace between two spiritual realms.

The desire that Jesus has is for His church to understand that His peace is more than enough to survive this world. As believers, we are to hold onto the promises of God and live as if God really did win the war for our lives. It is also our job to share this victory with others. We must also take a stand. There are so many things that the world is trying to do to influence how the church is to operate. Being at peace does not mean that we should compromise the Word of God. We cannot bow down to the world's demands. In **Matt. 21:12-14** Jesus cleansed the Temple of those that were being influenced by the world. He declared that His house is a House of Prayer and they had made it a den of thieves. If we allow the world to run our churches, they will become a place empty of God's presence. We are to show everyone around us that God is the only way to true peace.

During the Vietnam War there was a peace movement that swept across the United States. Many of the people were saying, "We want peace and not war." We are still reeling from that movement today. There is a call for peace without a true understanding of its cost. They want peace by talking to those who hate us. They want peace by having everyone destroy all of their weapons; when in fact, only the honest ones would. What these people are

looking for is some kind of utopia that does not exist. As believers, we can offer the only peace that truly exists. We must offer the Prince of Peace. Our peace came with a high price. Jesus offered Himself as the one sacrifice to give us peace. He did not offer a utopian experience but provided a lasting peace if we followed His word.

Jesus said in **John 14:27** – *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

What kind of peace does the world offer? The world would have us believe that true peace comes from a survivalist attitude; meaning that only the strong will survive. The world would tell us that financial freedom will give us peace, but you can look at the torment of those that don't have financial struggles and see that this is a lie. The world would tell a young woman that an unplanned pregnancy will keep her from fulfilling her dreams. They tell her that an abortion will bring peace from a bad decision. Most of these young women have found that the abortion did not bring the peace that was promised. Many ended up committing suicide as a result of their abortion torment. I could go on and on about the false peace of the world, but will say only this; we need to look at the times that we sought peace from the world and remember how many times that it brought disappointment.

What kind of peace does Jesus have to offer? I will start with **Luke 10:17-20**. In this set of verses the seventy disciples that Jesus had sent out returned from their assignments. They were excited that "even the devils were subject" to them through the name of Jesus. Jesus answered them with this in **verse 20**; *Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.* I am sure that the disciples were very excited about their trip, but Jesus was trying to give them a warning. There are times when we feel like we can walk on water, and then have times of complete failure. Our peace does not rest in those times of victory, but that we are going to be in heaven with Him. We need to recount victories in our lives to be reminded of God working, but there will be another battle tomorrow. Let me give you one final word when comparing peace from this world and the peace from Jesus.

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Please bring me your bottle

A woman in Maryland is using them to help pay for her Chemo Therapy. I am not sure how it works, but a man that works for me is collecting them for her. I will set up a box at church to collect them.

Thank you!



Please recycle your aluminum cans At BOGIO. We are collecting them for The Special Needs Baseball Ministry. A recycle bin has been set up in the fellowship area.

Thank you!

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Community Bible Study

There is a community Bible study beginning in January 2010. If you are interested in participating please see Wanda Rodriguez.

The Weapons of Our Warfare- A series on our spiritual weapons - **PEACE** By: Patrick Bucksot
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I won't deny that we all have struggles with peace in our hearts but let's examine why we don't have peace. Where do we tie up our finances? Where do we tie up our time? Those two questions can probably answer most of our peace problems. Start seeking the Lord for help in redirecting those to areas of our lives that should bring Him more Glory and Honor and allow us to live in His peace. **Galatians 5:22** say's that peace is a fruit of the Spirit of God. True peace can only come from God because it is a part of who He is. True peace originates from God and can only be operated from an impartation of His spirit. It is a peace without compromise. It is a peace that brings Glory to God alone.

In **Daniel 3:17, 18** they tell this to King Nebuchadnezzar: *"If it be so, Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But, if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up."* Wow, what boldness. What faith. What peace. The king was offering them peace if they would only bow to the golden image, but Let me give you another verse to help explain this point they knew that this would only be a short lived peace. They knew that they had to answer to God and that He offered the only true peace. We need to have the attitude of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Let me give you one final word when comparing peace from this world and the peace from Jesus. **Galatians 5:22** say's that peace is a fruit of the Spirit of God. True peace can only come from God because it is a part of who He is. True peace originates from God and can only be operated from an impartation of His spirit. It is a peace without compromise. It is a peace that brings Glory to God alone.

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To close, I want to list some scriptures that will encourage us all in knowing Jesus as our Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 26:3 - *You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You*

Phil. 4:6, 7 - *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

John 14:27 – *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

John 16:33 - *These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, **I have overcome the world.***

Colossians 3:15 – *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16 – *Now the Lord of peace Himself will give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you.*

What is Worship? By Debbie Goggins

Dance Minister of the Gospel

“Worship” defined in *The Random House College Dictionary* is “reverent honor and homage paid to God” The following is what I discovered about worship and want to share with you in hopes that you will have a deeper understanding and desire to worship the Father with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Before we do that, let’s look at what the Bible says about worship.

In John 4:23-24 of the King James Version it states, verse 23: “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.” Verse 24: “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”

I want you to follow me as I make clear what those verses are saying. In simplified terms the verses are saying that “now” is the time for “true” worshippers (Are you one?) who shall (and not might or maybe) worship the Father “in spirit” and “in truth.” Abba Father seeks such true worshippers to worship him. In verse 24 it says that God is a what? God is a “Spirit,” and they (that’s us) that worship him “must” worship him “in spirit and in truth.” Quite frankly, there is no other way to worship Abba Father except in spirit and in truth. That is exactly what he “seeks.”

So, what exactly is worship? Worship is getting to know the Father more intimately by loving and adoring Him for being so good to us. It is when we raise our hands towards heaven and say, “Thank you Abba, for all that you are to me, all that you do for me, and all that you continue to do in my life.” It’s simply a total submission to Him who deserves all of us, because He first loved us.

Here are some details I had written a couple years ago when I was going through the Eagles International Training Institute to become a licensed dance minister. Worship is to ascribe worth to something or someone through speech and conduct. Worship addresses God directly, expressing reverence for His nature, character attributes and power, and grateful praise for all He is and does. How do we do that? We do that by simply worshipping him with all of our being. We do that by rehearsing His attributes consciously and recounting how who He is affects us and is changing us. All we have to do is give ourselves wholeheartedly to Abba Father in worship. It’s that simple. It can also be done by employing singing,

both with the spirit and with the understanding; using speaking, bowing, kneeling, dancing, corporate applauding, and instrumental music to enhance our expression of worship.

Honestly, God really doesn’t ask for much. Did you know He created us to worship Him? His desire is to have a deep and intimate relationship with us because He loves us so much. He loved us so much that He gave – He gave His only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to die in our stead so we could have life and have it more abundantly. Can we not spend five-, ten-, fifteen-, thirty-minutes, or even an hour or so worshipping Abba Father? Maybe if you are not already doing this, you can make a decision to start today by spending quality time in His presence and by showing Him how much you love Him through your worship.

I’d like to share what I do, and it’s not that I want you to follow my steps. What I do is simply put on worship music and lay in His presence in my special “closet” (your choice where it’s quite), sometimes not even saying a word, because I long to hear His voice; I long to hear him speak to me. It’s so easy to come into Abba’s presence and tell him that we need this and that, and that we need it right now. But you know what, it doesn’t take much to “ask Him” what it is that’s on “His heart” that we can do for Him. It doesn’t take much to say, “What can I do for you today, Abba, and to whom can I be a blessing to today? Use me for thy glory, honor, and praise.” I know He smiles down from heaven when he sees his children ready to worship and reverence Him, and just wait to hear from Him. I know He smiles down from heaven when he sees that we love Him so much that we’re more than willing to sacrifice an hour or so basking in His presence. Again, it’s really not as hard as some may think.

Begin today to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Amen and blessings in His great abundance!



Truth and Trust - By Mary Faux

Have you ever noticed how a particular verse or word from God will keep popping up in various ways? The pastor may preach about it, you may hear it in a song, through friends and in reading and even through complete strangers. Listen up!!! God is trying to get your attention and tell you something.

This has happened to me lately with Mark 11:23. A patient at the hospital reached into an envelope of clippings and handed a clipping to me which happened to be Mark 11:23. Now this isn't the first time this verse had crossed my path. I put the clipping on my computer so I could ponder what the Lord wanted to tell me.

Mark 11:23 (NIV) - ²³"I tell you the **truth**, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and **does not doubt in his heart but believes** that what he says will **happen**, it will be **done** for him.

Mark 11:23 (KJV) - ²³For **verily** I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

I decided to break the verse down into the key words which I have put in **bold** print. The first word that jumped out at me was the word **truth**. Let's face it – the truth in worldly terms does not stand for much because man can twist the truth to fit his own devices and plans. Maybe that is why I was having so much trouble with the word "truth". Which also lead me to realize that I have problems with the word "trust". Are truth and trust tied in together?

In pondering the word TRUTH, I recalled some scriptures, "God is not a man that He should lie" Num. 23:19

"For the word of God is living and active..." Heb 4:12

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... John 1:1

I knew that God is Truth and the Word is Truth because the Word is God. But God urged me to dig a little deeper. My friend, Beth Bucksot, keeps telling me how looking up words in Strongs Concordance in the Hebrew and Greek will open up new worlds of understanding. Even just reading one version of the Bible will limit your depths of perception. It is true that the Holy Spirit is the ultimate source for revelation and truth in scripture. However, studying other trusted sources also opens up our desire to learn and study and opens our hearts to new revelation.

Guess what? The word "truth" in the NIV, the word "verily" in KJV and the word "Amen" (or aman in Hebrew) are remarkable words and the meanings gave me a lot to ponder over.

In Mark 11:23 – the NIV used the word "truth" instead of the word "verily" in the KJV to help our comprehension. According to the Lexicon results from the Strong's concordance, when placed at the beginning of a discourse, verily and amen mean - surely, truly, and of a truth. At the end of a discourse, verily and amen, mean- so it is, so be it and may it be fulfilled. Read further about the word "amen" from Strong's concordance.

"The word "amen" is a most remarkable word. It was transliterated directly from the Hebrew into the Greek of

the New Testament, then into Latin and into English and many other languages, so that it is practically a universal word. It has been called the best known word in human speech. The word is directly related -- in fact, almost identical -- to the Hebrew word for "believe" (aman), or faithful. **Thus, it came to mean "sure" or "truly", an expression of absolute trust and confidence. – HMM"**

In the Gospels, Jesus used "verily" so many times to try and impress upon His listeners that His words are the absolute truth. "I solemnly declare upon you" and "Verily, I say unto you". Are we so committed to man that we have trouble with the truth? I confess that I do. I have listened to too many promises made by man and the enemy keeps telling me more every day. But I am finally getting wiser about this issue. God is absolute trust and confidence!! When we can grasp the Truth and Trust issue and believe that God's word is absolute truth, then we can trust Him in our lives and believe that He loves us absolutely !!!! There is nothing we can do that will remove God's love from us. When we grasp the Trust and Truth issue we can we then come to Him believing and trust that we can move the mountains, heal the sick, break bondages and use the very power of God that He has been placed in us!!!

In "My Utmost for His Highest", Oswald Chambers showed us the following three points. **Jesus did not commit Himself unto them...for He knew what was in man."** John 2:24-25

***We are to place our trust in God first.** If we trust man absolutely, we will be disappointed and bitter because no man can ever be absolutely right. Never trust anything but the grace of God in yourself or in anyone else.

***Put God's Needs First,** "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God" Heb 10:9 Not our will, our work but God's will. God's need must first be met in us, then He will open the way for us to met His needs in others

***Put God's Trust First.** "And whoso receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth Me" Matt 18:5 Are we allowing our natural lives to be transfigured by the indwelling life of the Son of God? If God's Son is being manifested in our worldly flesh – then we will do His will, His works because we have absolute trust and confidence in Him.

My issue is in truth & trust. I am very afraid to trust anyone in this world. When I am in the world I have only negative feelings. I am weighed down, bent over and feel every knife that has been thrust in me from the world. I yearn to be with Jesus so I can sing, dance and feel joyously alive and can walk in His fullness and mercy because He loves me and I love Him!!! I can shout, jump and run with the freedom a child has because God loves me and He also joins me in my riotous shouts of joy because not only does He love me but I love Him and am absolutely free to exhibit the Truth and Trust that I have in Father God.

What a wonderful life because no matter what happens in this world and in my own personal life, my Father loves me deeply and has given me promises that I know will come true. I have faith, trust, truth and a certainty in the promises of our Lord. I have at last in my life gotten something I can hold on to through all the days ahead.

December

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Date

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Intercessory Prayer 9:00 AM	2 Fast Food Wednesday	3 7:00 PM BOGIO Mid Week Service	4	5 6:00 PM Garth & Joyce House Meeting	6. 2 nd Sunday of Advent Advent Meditation
6 Worship service 10:00 AM ADVENT	7	8 Intercessory Prayer 9:00 AM	9 Fast Food Wednesday	10 7:00 PM BOGIO Mid Week Service	11	12 BOGIO Christmas Meal 6:00 PM	Communion Meditation 12. BOGIO Christmas Meal 6:00 PM
13 Worship service 10:00 AM ADVENT	14	15 Intercessory Prayer 9:00 AM	16 Fast Food Wednesday	17 7:00 PM BOGIO Mid Week Service	18	19 Men's Fellowship Breakfast	13. 3 rd Sunday of Advent Advent Meditation Communion Meditation
20 Worship service 10:00 AM ADVENT	21	22 Intercessory Prayer 9:00 AM	23 Fast Food Wednesday	24 No Mid week Service	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	19. Men's Fellowship Breakfast 20. 4 th Sunday of Advent Advent Meditation BOGIO Eagles Christmas Presentation Soup & Chili lunch after church Communion Meditation
27 Worship service 10:00 AM	28	29 Intercessory Prayer 9:00 AM	30 Fast Food Wednesday	31 7:00 PM BOGIO Watch Night Service			24. No Mid Week Service 25 th Christmas Day 27 th Communion Meditation
	December Birthdays						31. BOGIO Watch Night Service 9:00 Fellowship Snacks 10:00-Midnight Worship & Prayer
	17 – Monty Souther 19 – Crystal Caraway 21 – Lisa Sharkey		23 – Fran Giummule Beth Bucksot				