

The Invitation Newsletter

We want to welcome you to another addition of **The Invitation Newsletter**. Our purpose is to stay connected with you concerning this ministry as well as updates and devotional thoughts. Our devotional thought to give to you today has to do with..... **The Great Apostasy**.

In 1 Timothy 4:1-11, 15-16, we read these words regarding this subject.....

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. 4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; 5 for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. 6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 These things command and teach.

15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you. NKJV

I have recently been reminded of this verse as we sometimes feel the temptation to compromise with an alluring spirit and fall into a false sense of "status quo" concerning our unadulterated walk with Jesus Christ. This temptation is sometimes magnified when we see family, friends and even those in the church who once walked so closely with God but have now DRIFTED into a mindset of 'spiritual Luke-warmness' and a false sense of religiosity (mans attempt for self-righteousness). DRIFTING from the Word of God is a very serious issue with devastating consequences. It seems this occurrence can come upon any of us if we simply veer from the Voice of God.....*continued next page*

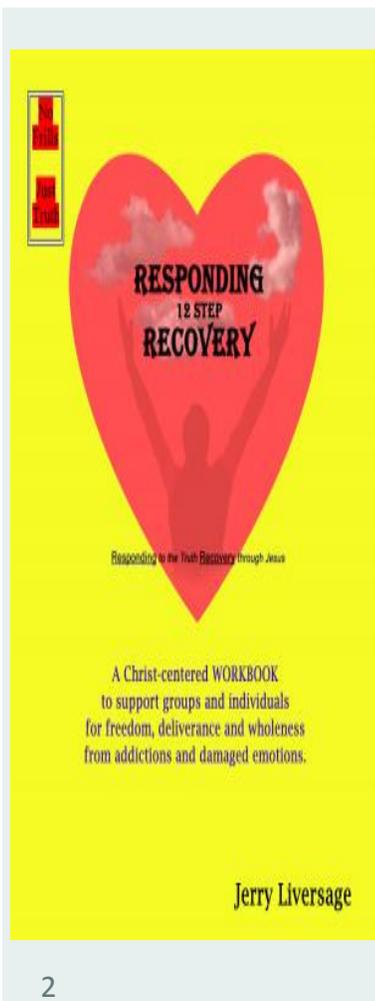
*Speaking Events*

- October 14
*Huntington/Westminster
Senior Apartments
Westminster, Ca*
- October 18
*Responding Recovery
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*continued from previous page....*When I was a little boy growing up in Buena Park, sometimes I would come home after the sun would go down. I did not know my mom would be outside watering the grass on a hot summer night, and calling for me to come home. When I would arrive, it would not be to a pleasant Ebba Liversage, who everyone knew so well. It would be to a frustrated mother who worried about her young son who was not responding to her concerned voice. When she would ask why I did not come home when called?, I usually gave some lame excuse as to "why." She would usually let me go on with my reasoning (lie) and then would proceed to tell me "why" I did not respond. She simply said "its because you couldn't hear me

calling." She was right. I had gone so far from home that I could no longer hear her loving voice.

Could this be part of an answer "why" some walk away from God? They grow cold, indifferent, and compromise because they ultimately walk so far away that they can't hear the voice of the Holy Spirit? No conviction, no desire to press into His Holiness, no resolve to go forward? The dangerous consequence of remaining stagnant and unresponsive is to actually go in reverse and not even know it. This seems to be the deception of sin. Jesus is constantly calling, constantly pulling, constantly inviting us to walk in His presence and Power. When we refuse, the consequences are devastating.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN RECOVERY?

Usually in each newsletter publication, we keep our authored Christ-centered workbook before you as a reminder. You may know of an individual or group who may want to use this Bible study tool of recovery from emotional and chemical addictions of various types.

Since this ministry is all about a journey with Jesus, we have been a witness to how God has used this book in different settings to include teachings through television broadcast and seminars.

As we approach the end of the year and are moving into the Christmas season, this workbook would serve as a great gift to someone who may be open to the liberating message of hope in Jesus, and from addictive behaviors.

This workbook can be ordered through this website or you can order through Barnes and Noble, Amazon or your local Christian book store.

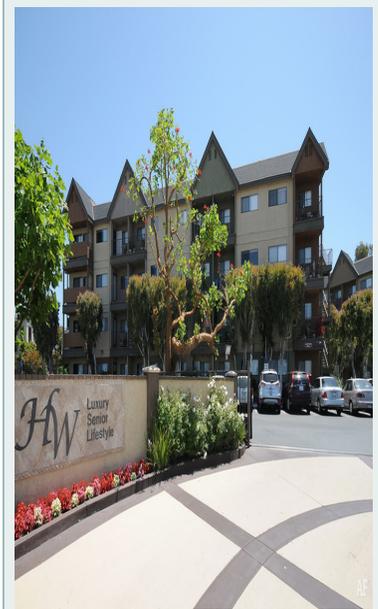
We continue to be excited how this God-inspired workbook continues to be used in individuals and small group settings.

Time for a Change—As you know by now, it is the Fall season, which includes the re-setting of our clocks back one hour. I never liked time change of clocks but then I do not care for change in general. Maybe it is hard for you too? However, the reality is, all of creation is in a constant state of change. Things never remain the same! One thing is for sure, you can always count on change. Change is an interesting word. It is a word which seeks to express the many shades of meaning. These signify, in turn, "to change" "to exchange," "to turn," "to put or place," "to make other" i.e. "alter."

Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, these words:

1. To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: 2. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck what is planted; 3. A time to kill and a time to heal a time to break down and a time to build up; 4. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5. A time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6. A time to gain and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; 7. A time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8. A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. NKJV

You don't have to be a philosopher or a scientist to know that "times and seasons" are a regular part of life, no matter where you live or what church you attend. Were it not for the dependability of God-ordained "natural laws," both science and daily life would be chaotic, if not impossible. Not only are there times and seasons in this world, but there is also an overruling providence in our lives. From before our birth to the moment of our death, God is accomplishing His divine purposes, even though we do not always understand what He is doing. Solomon affirmed that God is at work in our individual lives, seeking to accomplish His will. All of these events come from God and they are good in their time. The inference is plain: if we cooperate with God's timing, life will not be meaningless. Even in the most difficult experiences of life.



In 2012, Holly and I moved to HW Senior Apartment Complex in Westminster, Ca. While there, we began a 6 year ministry of preaching and food distribution.

As of December 9, 2018 our preaching ministry will discontinue due to other ministry opportunities and our current move to Cherry Valley, Ca.

We are grateful for the time while there as well as the privilege of being used to preach the Word of God.

*We are also grateful the food ministry will **continue** with other volunteers as well as the **preaching** of The Word - Jesus.*

May God continue to Bless all the wonderful folks at HW Apartments.

DID YOU KNOW?

It has been estimated that approximately 55.3 million people will die each year.

This translates into approximately 105 people who die each minute.

A large majority will not enter Heaven.

*You can
DO SOMETHING
about
this devastating
fact!*

*Speak Jesus and
live what you
speak.....Jesus!*

NEW BOOK—PRESENCE, POWER AND PURPOSE IN A LYING WORLD

*New book available in January 2019. Jerry Liversage's new book deals with the Counterfeit World Kingdom, which **appears** to be genuine, authentic, and real. The sole purpose and mission of this elusive, deceptive Kingdom are to deceive and lead you away from the Triune Presence of God, the Power of God, and the Purposes of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Sin has caused all of God's creation to fall from the state of truth, perfection and grandeur to an alluring counterfeit maze of deception,*

lies, and destruction. As a result, the world is subject to frustration, bondage, decay and spiritual death so that it cannot fulfill its intended purpose. This deceptive and destructive theology has even found its way into some church settings. But there's a way out! It's a simple answer to a very complex and elusive issue, which has eternal consequences. We must make the decision to walk the narrow road of TRUTH through God's Word, which is Jesus.!

A Thanksgiving Proclamation

On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanks. For many years there was no regular national Thanksgiving Day in the United States until President Lincoln in 1863 proclaimed the last Thursday in November as "A day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." As one studies early American history it becomes obvious that our early settlers and forefathers expressed their "thanksgiving" and their "gratitude" to God daily rather than once a year. As a nation we need to go back to the pilgrims' fine art of gratitude toward God!

RESPONDING RECOVERY TELEVISION

As a result of Spectrum Cable closing their recording studios in the Orange County California city locations, Responding Recovery Television has come to a close.

After more than a decade of broadcasting in various city locations, this broadcast will cease to exist through Spectrum Cable Co.

However, Responding Recovery YouTube Channel will continue to broadcast. You can view this YouTube Channel by going to YouTube and Responding Recovery Ministries.



Rom 10:13
For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
NKJV

A NEW START

As many are aware, we recently accepted a new bivocational pastorate position at Banning Church of the Nazarene. We believe our evangelistic ministry fits with the vision of the church.

It is for this reason we are encouraged about a "new start" of evangelism in the Inland Empire.

In a recent pastors meeting with Southern California District Nazarene pastors, we discussed the idea of an evangelistic outreach endeavor together with one mission.... Jesus!

We also discussed the follow-up or discipleship opportunities to follow an outreach endeavor.

I am encouraged about a cooperative vision with pastors who understand the time in which we live and the short time we have to make a difference in our respective communities.

By faith, I am hopeful for changed hearts, lives and an update to you, in our next publication of ***The Invitation Newsletter***.

Nazarene Mission

International (NMI) Statement

*We are people united in our belief that our involvement **changes** lives world-wide. We are a cross-cultural, cross-generational movement that mobilizes Churches of the Nazarene in missions.*

- ***we are vision***
- ***we are action***
- ***we are impact***