

# And He said "Let there be LIGHT!"

## Caregiver over life and death in our tongue!

**This is incomprehensible,** how the voice of God spoke and created galaxies out of NOTHING. Our finite minds leave us baffled at the awesomeness of God's Universe.

Then He created us from the earth in His own image. He endowed in us the same ability to make choices. **Through our own spoken words we are to be "caregivers" of what He made to create something truly amazing or disastrous, in relationship with Him and other people.**

I truly understand the word **"caregiver"**. For those of you who have been praying for Nancy, my dear wife, she has been home from the hospital for 3 weeks. The recovery from pneumonia has not been easy. A caretaker manages everything. She is doing better yet is still on oxygen. Thank you for your continued prayers.

***The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. (Proverbs 12:18)***

No one is exempt from reckless words. They **expose our hearts** no matter our status in life, all the way to the White House and media. That is why speaking healing of life into the court halls and the Detention Center is literally transforming lives forever. **It is TRULY EXCITING!**

### WAR OVER WORDS

**Each Friday** our volunteers meet in the auditorium of the Gwinnett County Justice Building to faithfully intercede in prayer for all our judges, attorneys, solicitors, and every case executed on the justice side. We pray the Spirit of God will saturate every case with truth, righteousness, justice, and mercy.

Yet, even in our earnest intercession, Satan will find a loophole to cause a **PROTEST** of confusion. January 14<sup>th</sup> ushered in a war over words (*racist pig, and Demonrats*) on Facebook from one of the commissioner board members to a U.S. Representative.

***"Through the wisdom of the Chairman Commissioner before the board's 2 p.m. meeting started, she read an apology letter she sent to the representative. Using hurtful words and name-calling should not have a place in governing," the letter said, in part. The commissioner also reads a statement, apologizing for his "choice of words" and calling the representative a "leader of the Civil Rights Movement who should be commended." Angry protesters spoke for about three hours. The uproar shows no signs of slowing down. "It's growing bigger," protester Art Smith said "And it's going to get bigger than this. I can tell you." Tyler Estep***



The report here from the Atlanta-Journal Constitution is only a fraction of what resentment and harmful words can produce in other folks. **The power of words is a reckless sword or healing lotion.**

**Outside the court house**, I had the privilege of meeting these two ladies under the umbrella of **SHAME** on the commissioner. Upon asking how I could pray for one lady, she finally recognized her real need was for peace in her own life. With a "Unitarian" background, she really had no hope after the grave. After a prayer together, a peace with gratitude settled over her heart. She was beginning to realize what she needed to hear the most: **"He who is without sin, cast the first stone."**

***PRAYER truly exposes and disarms the enemy !***



## **EXPOSE, DISARM, AND DESTROY THE ENEMY CAUSING CONFUSION AND DISTRUST IN OUR COMMISSIONER LEADERSHIP**

**We are all aware of the disruption in town halls** across our nation inciting distrust, disharmony. It ultimately weakens into the arms of county leadership into dysfunction and disarray. No county is exempt. One harmful word, as noted, can put the enemy into a massive protest.

This is our moment for the Body of Christ to administer reconciliation, healing and forgiveness. Please begin praying now that our Gwinnett church leadership and members will come together in prayer and praise for spiritual warfare on the frontlines of our Judicial System.

## **Caregiver to a hurting unknown soldier of the Cross**

*"There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground."*

*"These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect."*  
(Hebrews 11:35-40)

What percentage of men or women in our Gwinnett County Detention Center are incarcerated for proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, refusing to stop despite multiple warnings? **ZERO ! WHAT FREEDOM WE HAVE !**

**One of the great joys** of Bridge The Gap Ministries is the wonderful privilege of networking with other like-minded ministries that share the same heartbeat for the Gospel. There are individuals and ministries who are heroes of FAITH at this very moment dearly suffering for their faith in Christ. **The untold thousands who are suffering need our words of encourage from YOU. If you are interested** in reaching out to believers in their months and years of pain and suffering, contact David Burgher @ 770-601-0265.

# SHAME – HIS BEDROCK FOUNDATION FOR TRUE REPENTANCE



It was good to hear from you. I'm sorry it has taken me this long to respond. Your words are very encouraging. I never thought I would again be in prison. **I have never in my life felt shame to this magnitude before.** That's probably why I fell to such an awful sin. I never truly saw who I was before now. And oh how it makes me **truly aware to how much I need God's grace and mercy.** How God can love someone like me is something that is taking me some time to comprehend. I have never been in a **more humble state of mind**, but that's the best place to be.

I know how Peter must have felt after denying the Lord. I believe that is truly when His eyes were opened. I believe from studying that is the first step in true conversion as spoken in Acts 26:18. Peter tried from the very beginning to

follow Christ but it always ended in failure until his eyes were opened by the devastating reality he faced as he saw himself forsake His Lord. **But that was the bedrock from which he built his new found faith** with true understanding. I have much more to say, but I will keep this letter short.

I owe everyone in the prayer group a huge apology. I think I will write them a letter too. I cannot believe that once again my amazing wife has found it in her heart to forgive me. I truly am thankful for such a gift from God.

I am sending 2 letters from men on long term prison needing some help. I am connecting them with you who need a more active relationship with the Lord. Who knows what God can do? **He is most patient with people ! JM**

## God's Amazing Redemptive Grace in FEBRUARY

***"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was LOST, and is found.' And they began to celebrate."***

**Luke 15:24**

Celebrate with us all those who prayed for forgiveness and salvation. Please pray for each name as they face the opposition because of their new faith in Christ alone. Pray they not lose heart in spiritual warfare.

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Our sincere appreciation to you for your every prayer and dollar. They will keep us on the front lines **reaching out to those struggling and entangled with SIN.**

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**OUR VISION** is to Bridge the Gap between the justice system and the mercy of God to effect lasting change in individual lives and families of incarcerated persons with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, so that they rejoin our community as (law-abiding, good, or honorable) citizens. Justice and mercy meet at the cross. The name is taken from Ezekiel 22:30, where God says, *"I searched for someone to stand in the gap . . . but I found no one."*