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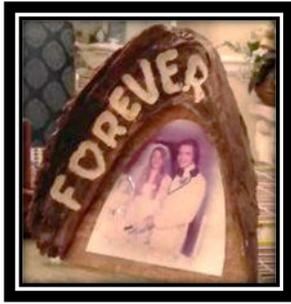


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Strength surrendered under control

MASTERING MEEKNESS



OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY

God was very much aware upon creating man that he would need a help mate companion for accountability in leadership, love, friendship, encouragement, and a different perspective. That has been our theme now for 45 years in marriage. In essence, men were wired for a bride to bridle his " strength under control ". The essence of meekness.

I painted this horse picture 2 / 4 / 1969, the year of my high school graduation. It still hangs in my office today. Unknowingly God was painting a picture for me of my need for a help mate bride (Nancy) to be my bridle to carry the big load of founding and pioneering Bridge The Gap Ministries, Inc.

Beyond that, God is revealing to me how inmates with their WILD BEHAVIOR are as a WILD HORSE in part because they have had NO MATE for accountability – no bridle for "strength under control". Inmates, when chased down under arrest and brought under control experience their greatest freedom. There is where their "strength is under control" with a yielded will, soul and spirit to the supreme BRIDE - JESUS CHRIST. THAT IS TRULY THE HIGHEST FORM OF MEEKNESS.

Meekness scores the lowest in sexual adultery and fornication. Meekness scores the highest in the court halls with couples in holy matrimony and those leaving the lobby of the Gwinnett Co. Detention Center.

Our prayer group group met at the Fulton County Courthouse on 7/7/2018. We had 13 including myself join for prayer. Of those 13, four were 1st time joining the Atlanta Prayer Partners. Two were children under 12 who had come to other prayer gatherings with their parents.

We had Ricky Schoonmaker stand in the center of our circle and we all prayed in unison a prayer of dedication over him. He is sensing God's call for full time chaplaincy there.

We prayed to take back from the enemy the ground the courthouse is on. We prayed for judges who will be elected in this mid-term elections that they will be Christians, and also for the next nominated Supreme Court justice. We declared we were tearing down demonic strongholds in the Name of Jesus. We asked for the anointing that breaks the yoke on a jar of olive oil and then we all walked around the courthouse pouring this oil out and then walked in this oil and spread it around with our feet symbolically "treading on the lion and the cobra and trampling the great lion and the serpent", as the scripture reads in Psalm 91.

We will plan to meet in August either on Saturday the 4th or Sunday the 5th and march to the top of Stone Mountain and declare that all we can see is the Lord's - that we have come to take it back from the enemy (who comes to steal, kill and destroy). Daniel Flagg (BTGM volunteer)

BTGM GRAND UNION AT HOME BASE



Home base is where you hang your heart! God has now expanded BTGM court hall ministry to a level of unity that now strengthens a firm support base. We brought all our volunteers together July 14th to our home for a catered breakfast reunion of which many faces our folks have never from 4 counties. A sense of urgency and oneness for the Gospel was ignited.

Our only heart's desire and goal is to be the feet and mouthpiece of Jesus at the "city gates" of all Metro Atlanta within each court system. Because of the unending crisis issues in each court house, through prayer we are introducing the CHRIST of their CRISIS. **Please pray for us as God opens the doors for us one county at a time.**

MIRACLES FROM MEEKNESS

I went to visit the citizens inside Clayton County Jail in the women's Department on July 2, 2018, we went to dorm 3. There were a total of 56 ladies. 54 receive Christ by confession, a total of six ladies felt comfortable enough to give their testimonies. **They really did open up to us.** I went in with a lady I had never met, yet it was so awesome how we were able to work together. My message came forward as God's reason for love He showed to us. The powerful thing about it, we were there at 6:45 pm. There was so much anointing in the room that God moved in the heavens. We didn't leave out until 9:15 p.m. I really do thank God! We can't take pictures inside the jail, but we can take books and items.

Carolyn Forehand – Clayton County

My life before receiving Christ wasn't anything but heartaches and pain. I used to blame my parents. But it was just a part of dwelling in that past and trying to live in the future. Marriage, divorce, step fathers. **Just rebellion. But it was my own fault.** A lifetime of drugs, alcohol, crime. It was no one's fault but mine. Jails and prison and misery. **I just never grew up until this time took me 50 years!**

I've attended church. Never really doubted the power of God and the Holy Spirit. God has been so good to me all my life. Without Him in my life I would not be here. **But I never got close to Him even after 7 years of prison.** This time I was out on the streets in the free world.

Drugs, alcohol and just forgetting about the Lord almost killed myself and didn't care. Yet God in His mercy saved my life by putting me here and kept me from drugs, death, and hell. He let me know He's not ready for me yet. I can't thank Him enough. I prayed very day and night.

I now understand the Word and His love He gave me through Jesus that he has always been with me. Thank God for caring about me who answers my prayers. He cleared my mind, body, and soul showing me a love I never had before. I praise His name. I OWE Him everything. I will never be the person I was before. Praise His HOLY name for saving ME.

Raymond Parks