



Dayspring Discipleship Institute

"...the ministry of the Word" - Acts 6:4

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"...the Dayspring from on high has come to give light to those that sit in darkness..." --Luke 1:78-79

Newsletter

Dearhearts,

It was a particularly bad winter our first year in South Dakota. We had moved there the summer of my sophomore year from Mississippi. I had never heard the moaning of the wind as I did that night. Our old two-story frame house creaked and groaned as whistling sounds signaled that blizzard winds had found their way through unseen cracks and crevices around the windows.

There is nothing quite like the sound of a South Dakota blizzard sweeping across the prairie and blasting the landscape with white flakes dismembered and ground fine by its fierceness. All the world hides then, as did I, burrowing down deep in my covers and serenaded by a strange howling lullaby into a fitful sleep. It dropped to 34 degrees below zero that night. The high the next day was -20. The snow, blown thin on one side of the house, touched the eaves of the back porch on the other. No one stirred outside that day. When we did venture out the next, we were wrapped and layered like mummies with no skin showing.

We all hole up when harsh winds howl outside our windows. It is human storms we fear most...those winds that can find their way through unseen cracks and crevices in our hearts leaving debris or haunting lullabies that play over and over again in the night for years to come. The danger is that the layers we wrap ourselves in will encase us in a cocoon that causes us to lose touch with our hearts...control or anger or keeping at arm's length those who would like to know us better. The hiding soul may move into relationships and then out, hoping for love...then running when it gets too close, gyrating between too much love and too little, between enmeshment and loneliness. This is often what our busy-ness is about...a frenetic, behavioral wrap that keeps us operating above the storm damage.

Christ's call to you and me is to come out of hiding. Christ called Lazarus forth from the tomb, then called him out from his grave clothes. One was a call from death. The other a call from crippledness. The one was

a summons to life; the other...a summons to living. He calls us all forth from such places and insists on the struggle of resurrection; letting us hobble unaided, bound hand and foot, to the mouth of our cave... How much do we want this new life? How willing are we to defy the forces against us? To *let Him remove* what has bound us? The struggle is ours...the new life is His.

All because He is after our heart.

He aims to get at hearts made cold by frigid winds; He aims to thaw our frozen places. He is about healing broken hearts and enlarging those shrunken by bitterness. This is why He insists on our forgiving "seventy times seven." Forgiveness is about bringing our hearts out of hiding and keeping them fully alive. When the storms hit, we all tend to protect ourselves and bind our wounds. But His call is to come forth from our caves into the bright sun of a new life.

Christ loves your heart and has moved heaven and earth to bring it to life and to keep it living. Your heart is the place where He began in you. It is His home here.

Amazingly, it is fit for a King and large enough to house eternity...if we answer His call to come out, and hobble our way to the mouth of our cave.

I love you,

"And Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come forth.' And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes. And he said to them, 'unbind him and let him go.'"

John 11:43-44

Ministry Update

Taking Time to Draw Near

Saturday, October 22

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

If you just need a break from the stress of our world or of your own world, if anxiety and tension knot your shoulders or your stomach, this October Saturday morning may help as we look at how to use Scripture in prayer to grow our faith and our assurance in Him through *meditation upon God's provision*.

We live in a time that demands of each of us that we rise up to be who we really are. Of all people we are the only ones who have been fueled to speak peace into chaos, hope into despair and confidence into fear and discouragement. Yet too often we find ourselves so caught up in the world's brew we become speechless.

Perhaps it is that we spend too much time in the world and not enough time in the word.

"Meditation on Provision"

Saturday October 22, Dayspring Chapel

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

The formatting for the opening time has changed from what it was in September. The first 45 minutes will offer an introduction to the use of Scripture in prayer to be followed by personal "practice time" with follow-up guidance. We will then move into an hour and a half of personal time in the chapel, prayer garden or parlor embracing God's provision through meditating on his word...perhaps the beginning of a season of peace.

I invite you to join me Saturday morning the 22nd to see what a change in pace and focus might offer to your heart. Please let me know if you can come. Brenda

Can You Read the Bible or Sing a Hymn?

Annie is not the only resident of the nursing home who loves to have us just sit and read the Bible to her, or, when no Bible has been brought...sing a hymn. It is a simple and wonderful way to minister to these beautiful people.

Would you consider this simple way of touching their world with something of heaven's joy? We are short on servants and would welcome your help!

Please let us know if you are interested.

Web-Site

The page on the **Gobekli Tepe** discoveries was being updated last month as our newsletter went out. If you haven't visited the "**Temple in Eden?**" page in the last couple of weeks, you will find many new photos and some additional information on this fascinating archeological discovery in southwestern Turkey. Click on the **Bible and History** page, then click on "a Temple in Eden?" and scroll down to this new section located just past the information on **the Age** of the site.

Teachings / Downloads has not yet been updated. Our intent had been to have new teachings on Galatians on-line by mid September. Please know we are working on it and will have some of Brenda's new teachings up shortly.

New: Check out our Calendar near the top of the menu for ministry offerings and opportunities.

From Recent Visitors to our Website page *Manuscripts of God*

Oh Brenda, I came home from a 14 hour day to this wonderful post...I am fed; soooooo rich!!!!

Glorious! Miraculous! Thank you!

Barbara from Arizona

What a beautiful way to begin a new day. Thank you Brenda I hadn't taken time to experience this in a long time. Mary Jane, Rowlett

Thursday Evening "Sacred Principles" Going Well

We are into our fourth week of Brenda's study on the essential principles of discipleship that unlock the ways of heaven in our daily experience. Among the remaining principles are Commitment, Relinquishment and Incarnation.

If you have not yet attended, each lesson stands on its own, so you will not find yourself lost or confused. We welcome your joining the twelve to eighteen who are attending *Sacred Principles*.

Thursday Evenings

7:00 – 8:30

Dayspring Chapel