

March 31, 2016

***When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?***

Psalm 8:3-4 (ESV)

I have always been fascinated by the night sky. As a young child I wondered what was out there. I will admit that I was "Trekkie" before the term was ever coined. And, yes, science fiction was my favorite literary genre at that time. I was captivated by the idea of aliens, alien worlds, and man's ultimate conquest of the universe.

As a young man, I met Jesus. Since then, my perspective regarding the night sky has changed. My awe of the night sky has shifted focus from Creation to the Creator. At first, when I would look at the heavens and consider the immensity of Creation, the magnificent display of power within Creation, and the vast wisdom that was required to bring order to what otherwise would be chaos, I would feel insignificant. Like the psalmist (David), I sometimes wondered why the LORD would bother to create me, or any of us. After all, mankind has been nothing but trouble from the beginning. Even now, I sometimes feel that way. I shouldn't. Neither should any of us.

A long time ago, a lady realized some things from the Bible. She summarized them as three properties regarding existence. While they hold true for all of the Lord's Creation, I will relate them only to us. We came into existence and continue to exist because:

- God made us
- God loves us
- God cares for us

We exist because the Lord created us. And embedded in the fact that we exist is this truth: because He created us, we have worth. This worth is not because of what we do or say but simply because, "We are". This is where our worth begins: the fact that the Lord thought of us then created us.

Our worth is then validated by the fact that God loves us. It is our prayer that you never doubt that. If you doubt it now, or ever, you need look no further than the Cross to find God's love for you on display for the world to see. It's a love we don't deserve because of our sin. It's a love that we can't earn; there is no aspect of merit involved in this love because it is pure. It is the love of God toward each of us. A love that is freely offered to us but came at a price: the death of the Lord Jesus. Do we realize the vastness of our worth to the Lord? "For God so loved the world. . .". Revise that. "For God so loved you that He gave His only Son. . .".

Finally, this belief of our worth is vindicated by the third truth: God cares for us. This is not "cares" as in having affection for us. Rather it is "cares" as in looking after us. He provides for each of our needs both physical and spiritual. And the Lord does this in minute detail. From what we ate today to the redemption that is available in Christ. From the gentle urging of the Holy Spirit to encourage change in us for His glory to the breath we just breathed, the Lord is actively involved in providing everything that we truly need.

***". . . what is man that you are mindful of him. . ."***

The answer lies in God, who proclaimed your worth when He created you and continues to do so as He loves you, and cares for you. I am thankful that the answer to that question doesn't rest on my shoulders. What about you?

# Call of Grace Ministries

*Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest*

## Immediate prayer needs for our ministry

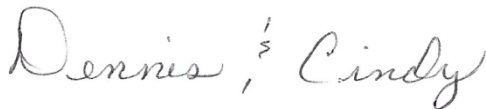
Each of the branches of ministry below have different needs for the same goal: the glory of the Father through the exaltation of the Son. The latter two also have a common need for additional funding as the ministry expands. In addition, all three would benefit from additional workers in the Lord's harvest fields. We ask for your prayers.

- **HOPE Teams** - This is part of our normal street ministry in our hometown. We facilitate a group through our church that goes on the streets to pray for the households and share the Gospel, through conversation and/or literature, at each home. HOPE Outreach begins this Monday, April 4th. *We ask that the Lord provide additional "feet on the street" to pray for our community and share the Gospel with their neighbors.*
- **Shelter Outreach** - We have facilitated a weekly Bible study at the Lighthouse Shelter in Marion for quite a while. Almost immediately, we were blessed to see the Lord bring additional teachers alongside to reach out with Christ's love. We were also blessed that our church, First Baptist, came alongside to provide Bibles and other literature that is given away to those we encounter as well as a welcoming, loving environment for those who join us in worship. *We desire to expand this ministry to the other shelters in the Southern Illinois region.* *We ask that the Lord grant us favor with the shelter administrators and boards and that He show us the churches in each town where a shelter is located that He has waiting to help with this.*
- **Memphis in May** - This outreach occurs from April 28th-May 1st during the Beale Street Music Festival. A group of men will be on the streets sharing the Good News of the Lord Jesus with the crowd of approximately 100,000 who come to Memphis that weekend. *We ask the Lord for each man to go in the power of the Spirit, proclaiming the Gospel with love, boldness, and compassion even as the Holy Spirit convicts the crowd of sin, righteousness, and judgment.*

In addition to the immediate prayer needs mentioned above, we ask that you continue to keep our ministry schedule for this year as a matter of prayer.

We thank you for your continued intercession for this ministry. If the Lord calls you to go on mission with us, or you are led to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please contact us

Until Jesus comes,



Dennis & Cindy Mohr

We are thankful for those who have committed to pray for this ministry of the Lord's. If you are praying for us and haven't let us know, please contact us.

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