

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me . . . I will give you rest

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". . . and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. . . "

Ephesians 6:19 (NKJV)

What a profound request Paul made of the church in Ephesus! "**That utterance may be given**", is much more than just asking for words to proclaim. In addition to the proper words, Paul is asking for eloquence: the ability to proclaim the Gospel with wisdom, persuasiveness, and power in a manner that will be understood by his audience, be they one or a thousand. And Paul asks for this, "**that I may open my mouth boldly**". Paul desires the right words that he may speak confidently and frankly. Words that display a genuineness and humility of character that negate the possibility of the Gospel message being seen as presented with arrogance or pride. For even as this message of God's plan of forgiveness and restoration to fellowship with Him cannot be received in arrogance or pride, neither can it be truly presented in such a fashion. Even as the Gospel must be received with humility of spirit, it must also be shared the same way because it is God's message, not man's. And so Paul asks the Ephesians to intercede on his behalf that he might present the Gospel of God's Grace with grace.

Yet Paul's request goes beyond a single task for he knew, as do we, that those who receive this message of grace are to impact this spiritually dark world in which they live. He also knew, as do we, that the words that issue forth from us as we live life have a great impact on those around us for the Kingdom of God. How we respond to cultures, circumstances, trials, hardships, etc. is usually first heard in our words rather than seen in our actions. And our response, whether verbal or written, should be one that imparts grace to the hearer (Eph 4:29). This will provide encouragement to our Brothers and Sisters and may lead to the opportunity to share the Gospel in settings you may not have considered. Paul responded to the hardships he had faced in ministry (2 Cor 11-12), which was his daily life, with these words. "*most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*" (2 Corinthians 12: 9c-10)". We should have this same perspective.

So what would that mean for us? And since we are talking about words, what would they sound like regardless of their form? It means that the prayer request made by Paul in the verse above is one that each of us should ask of our Brothers and Sisters. And we should reciprocate by interceding for them with the same request to the Lord. The form? It may be a written or spoken word. Either way it is a word to encourage or impart godly wisdom, for the form is not as important as the sound. What does this word sound like? It sounds like peace in the midst of a disaster. It sounds like hope in the face of despair. It sounds like patience in times of frustration. And it sounds like joy in a season of sorrow. What does it sound like? It sounds like the power of Christ working through you to make Him known!

Cindy and I are in the midst of our final preparations for the Mission to Mardi Gras. This year, 22 men will be on the street to proclaim the Gospel to the crowds. Prayer requests for the New Orleans trip are included within this newsletter. Please pray for the mission.

The dates for us to proclaim the Gospel at Mardi Gras are February 11-16.

We ask for your prayers for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace mentioned above. We also request your prayers for the following:

- Stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Continue to pray for the health-care professionals as well as the personnel behind the scenes that are necessary for our health-care system to function.

We have moved into a new year with new challenges. As we seek the Lord's wisdom and direction for 2021, we ask that you agree with us in prayer for this: that we will hear when He speaks. Cindy and I also ask that you pray the request(s) found in Eph. 6:19 above for us.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are truly grateful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy Mohr

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

Scripture says that we are to make the most of every opportunity. So as we encounter others, one thing we can focus on is found in Colossians 4:6. "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Practicing this one thing can make all the difference in truly being heard.

Call of Grace Ministries is a 501(c)3 ministry and your contributions are tax deductible. We go as God provides and your support of this ministry is a blessing to us as we move forward in the Lord's call.

Mission to Mardi Gras 2021: Feb. 11th - 16th

Please be in prayer now for the mission

Civil Authorities

- Pray God's blessing over the police and EMS services.
 - Pray for the health and safety of all civil servants.
 - Pray the Lord will prompt them to ask questions regarding our presence, that we might share Christ.
 - Pray for the medical gifting of the Paramedics and EMTs.
 - Pray that the police will act wisely in every situation.
- Pray that the Lord would convict the civic leaders of the evil that is inherent in Mardi Gras, that they might choose not to condone it regardless of economic gain.

The Crowd

- Pray for the health and safety of the people.
- Pray that the people will be receptive to the Lord's ministry to them through His ministers.
 - Pray that the people will take a tract.
 - Pray that the people will read the tract with understanding.
 - Pray for conviction and repentance through the Holy Spirit's ministry to them.

The One

- Pray that the Lord would protect the conversation from distractions.
- Pray that those on mission will speak as the Lord directs in the conversation.
- Pray that the Lord will overcome barriers to communication.
- Pray that the Gospel will be received with understanding when shared.
- Pray the Holy Spirit's conviction will lead to brokenness and bring them to repentance, resulting in salvation.

Those Who Go on Mission

- Pray for the wives of those who go that they will rest in the Lord's comfort and peace while the two God made one are separated.
- Pray God's protection over the family, both immediate and extended, and the households of those who go.
- Pray that we will submit to the Lord's conviction to remain a clean vessel.
- Pray that we will listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance at all times.
- Pray that we will respond in all situations with grace.
- Pray that we will be bold and compassionate in sharing the Gospel.
- Pray that we will be obedient to be a blessing in all situations.
- Pray that we will rest in the obedience of going.
- Pray for our health and safety from the time we leave until we return home.
- Pray that we will be changed by the mission to the Glory of the Lord!

***Pray that it is the Lord's Time for a Great Harvest
in His Field called New Orleans!***