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Please Pray For...



Crystal

- Please pray for the Genesis Board as they seek the Lord's guidance in their decisions each month. Pray for wisdom and unity as a group.
- Pray for my clients as they walk into the spring months. As activity levels increase, it is easy to forget to spend time with the Lord. Pray for a hunger for Him and his word.
- Praise! My family member who has been struggling with mental illness is in a better place emotionally. Please pray that the improvements will continue.



Katrina

- Pray for clients to find restoration and healing in their stories, and discover God's goodness.
- Pray for staff as we seek to provide helpful services for hurting souls.
- Pray for students as they are getting back into the rhythms of school schedules.



Todd

- Our leadership here at Genesis Institute and what God is moving us towards in regards to counselors, possibly a director of counseling, building maintenance and more.
- Our International Students as we continue to walk with them through this part of their journey.
- Our counselors as we counsel, support and encourage those with whom we sit.
- Book for Men: Men of Courage – Dr. Larry Crabb



Amanda

- Thank you for joining me in prayer for helpful and collaborative relationships between counselors, medical doctors, family support systems and the Church. That a continuing peaceful relationship with each other would result in better care for our clients.
- For my husband, as he nears his six month test for the fire department. That others would be blessed by his attitude and heart for the community.



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The Heart of Genesis

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When We Find No Satisfaction

"We are distressed when we are compelled to wait... Waiting intensifies pain because it forces us to see we are dependent creatures, we want satisfaction." **Dan Allender, Cry of the Soul**

I did not outrun this last ugly cold virus. Despite all my precautions being around many sick people it laid me low. I seldom get sick, but even the best of precaution and health strategies failed. My lingering cough, mushy brain, and body fatigue continued to dog my last weeks. This virus disrupted a yearlong anticipated speaking engagement on marriage for my wife and me at a beloved local church and sadly had to forgo in the last minute. My wife is supportive and people kind to me. Intellectually I know this sickness too shall pass, it is only temporary. But why won't this rational thinking *satisfy*?

I was dragged into the land of disappointment. Internally I couldn't find the energy to propel me forward and shake off the negative feelings. My soul felt discouragement, unsettled by unfulfilled commitments. It was more than just my body healing; it was a deep longing arising in me.

I had moved beyond the rational into the world of the passionate and unacknowledged desire for satisfaction. Dr. Allender wisely says, "We are distressed when we wait in a bank line or for a friend that is late. The break in momentum toward satisfaction tells us that relief is not imminent; in fact it might not occur at all. We want *satisfaction*-the resolution of our tension and emptiness-but we can't obtain relief because satisfaction of our deepest desire is in the hands of those [people and events] we can't control." Like a cold bug, or waiting in a bank line, or for late friends. The recognition that our satisfaction is in the hands of an-

other person can be unsettling and scary. The discomfort derives from the knowledge that we humans are imperfect, and despite our best efforts we let each other down. Each of us living in this world lacks real satisfaction, and only the healing balm of God can fill our loneliness and heal that deep ache.

So where do we rightly go with this tension and emptiness we experience? I had to take some of my own counseling, which so often as a soul physician I have dispensed to others. I had to *name* and *feel* my struggle, and then allow God to help me. To free the captive, you must name the captivity. We need to fully acknowledge the weight of our demand for immediate satisfaction. It is a false requirement that life, even God, cooperate when and how we think things should happen. We must confess our demand for satisfaction before the Lord.

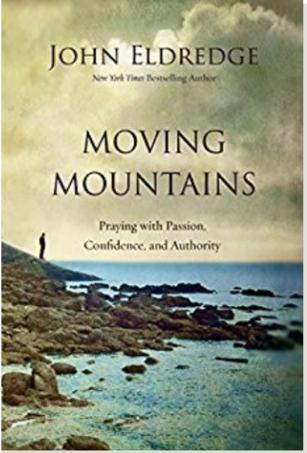
"To free the captive, you must name the captivity."

Acknowledge our dependency to God. Dealing with our dependency moves us out of discomfort and toward truth and a deeper peace. We alone are not the point of existence. Loving God and others are the point where real satisfaction is found (Mathew 22:37-39). So when the inevitable tensions and emptiness come, may we allow the pain to move us to the One that will satisfy our deepest thirsts.

Warmly in Christ,
Dave
Executive Director



Moving Mountains



I've been reading this book by John Eldredge and wanted to share a few words with you.

This book is part devotional, part adventure story, and part field manual. *Moving Mountains* will show you how to experience the power of prayer; from the intimacy of 'listening prayer', 'inner-healing prayer' and 'The Cry of the Heart', to the skill of prayers of intervention, consecration, and warfare. Your life will never be the same, nor will the world...because of your prayers.

When we discover that prayer is a partnership with God,

new possibilities open before us. There is nothing more hopeful than the thought that things can be different, and we have had some role in bringing that change about. With God, we can MOVE MOUNTAINS!

"With God, we can move mountains!"

I know you will love this book. John also wrote *Wild at Heart*, *Fathered by God*, and *Beautiful Outlaw*. He is devoted to restoring men and women in the love of God. That's what we do here at Genesis!

Linda



Evening of Stories 2017

Thursday, October 19, 2017

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Don't forget to Save The Date for this years Evening of Stories event. We are so excited about having Sheila Walsh as our Keynote Speaker. She will be performing musically as well as speaking! If you aren't familiar with her work, please go to our website and click on the Evening of Stories tab. There is more info on the books she's written, a link to her website and blog as well as a video with a sample of her speaking.

We hope you are as excited about her as we are. Registration for this event will open on June 1st, 2017.

Hope to see you there!

