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IT'S ABOUT THE HEART

The disciples asked Jesus, **“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?” His response was, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you mind.” “This is the first and greatest commandment,”** He then said. **“And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” [Matthew 22:36]** Love sounds easy and yet so hard at times to give or receive. I want to believe that I love God with my whole heart, but do I? Barriers unseen in my heart block that whole-hearted devotion that Jesus talks about. Experiences of life deposit in my heart the disappointments, resentments, trauma, shame, grief, unforgiveness, lies, neglect, or abandonment. Those wounds make it a challenge to love my neighbor, spouse, children, parents, or friends with a whole heart. But Jesus does not put a condition on loving. He does not say, love them

the best you can. Even more so, he says love them as you love yourself. It is hard even to love myself with all that clutter in my heart. **“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” [James 1: 2-4]** I truly believe the trials and conflicts of life are to expose what’s in the heart. God so loves; He wants to transform the debris hidden in the heart so that we are not

lacking anything of all that He wants to give. His heart is that you **“may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,” [Ephesians 3:18]** Once received, you can pour into others what you have received.
—Melissa Varner, Administrator



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Didn’t receive an Invitation?

Spring of Hope’s Annual Spring Fundraising Banquet

Monday, March 16, 2020

Please join us for the evening. **Use this tear-off tab to reserve your seat(s).**

Location: Menno Haven’s Life Center (Parking Back Lower Level) 300 Ridge View Drive Chambersburg, PA 17201

_____ Number Attending (\$25/person)
Reservation Name: _____

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Living in Challenging Times

We definitely are living in changing times. It's not only in our life but it appears that the entire world's system and structure seems to be lacking clarity of direction. It seems that every place we turn there is uncertainty. This causes unrest in the heart and the soul (mind, will and emotions) of mankind. It doesn't matter whether it is the government, our career, our relationships, etc. there is a sense of unsettledness within our culture. As a result it feels like it is out of control. People are living in confusion, fear, frustration and sometimes to the point of being angry. Therefore many people are turning their focus onto whatever they believe will give them a sense of peace.

As a result we are tempted to take on a Nebuchadnezzar mindset. Where we think we can put it together in a way that things will be prosperous and successful. Nebuchadnezzar thought that he could get the cooperation of the people that he conquered by allowing them to keep their own gods. He took their land, robbed their riches, controlled their lives, but he let

Upcoming Class at SOH... Do you or a loved one wrestle with fear, anger, darkness, or destructive habits that seem impossible to break? There is a very real battle going on for the souls of men and women, and it is time for Christ-followers to learn and practice the battle plan God has designed for our victory and freedom. Carlos Rosado, a seasoned spiritual warrior, pastor, and counselor will lead us on a journey to better understand the spiritual battles we face.

The upcoming class will be held in April on Thursday evenings.

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them keep their idols. Everything was about Nebuchadnezzar until he took over the little nation of Judah and he encountered a God (Abba Father) who required exclusive worship. He placed good people around himself and one of these men was Daniel. God used Daniel to change the life of the King (Nebuchadnezzar).

If you want to find some clarity of direction in your heart as to how to respond, to the state of the world today, read the book of Daniel. It can alleviate your confusion, fear, and frustration. Nebuchadnezzar thought he could put it together and it appeared for a period of time that he had accomplished his goal, but in the end God was ultimately in charge! Thus, we are tempted to take things into our own hands and lean on our own understanding and determine that if the correct people get into leadership everything will be good.

Proverbs 3:5-8 (ESV) -- Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from

evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

This doesn't mean that we aren't interested in what happens in the world; rather it means that we trust God in the middle of it. The fear of the Lord will protect us from being wise in our own eyes. HE will make our path straight and light our path.

James 5:17 speaks of how Elijah prayed **fervently**. To speak fervently means that we have or show great intensity of spirit or enthusiasm - Being intentional and passionate. The prayers of a righteous man have great power as they are working. We need to pray fervently about our response to the direction that the world system is focused. Understanding that we are “in” this world, but we are not “of” this world. We know that we are a part of the kingdom of God. We are citizens of a greater kingdom where **Abba Father is in charge and Jesus is our King!!**

—Wayne Kuhns, Director