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# The Clarion

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# The CMF Clarion

Welcome to the Clarion. It is our privilege to serve you, the reader, and our prayer would be that this instrument would be used to promote the growth of the Kingdom of God in your life.

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Blessings upon all who read.



Dear Friends,

Greetings in Jesus' Name! It is my task to report to you that we enjoyed our gathering together April 27-29. It was a blessed conference and a fitting end to our time at the Philip Bonjorno Conference Center in Carilisle, PA. We are thankful for the many times we met the Lord in His Body in the beautiful surroundings of the Conference Center over the last

eight years. Now it is the time for a change. The Spring 2016 meetings were marked by a good unity amongst the brethren and a freedom of worship in all four services. All the messages were anointed and had a great impact on the hearers. I started it off with a message called "The Day of New Bread" showing four types of bread that believers need to eat from Isaiah 30 and John chapter 6.

Lou Pressman preached on "Glorifying God in Every Area of our Life". Ric Vargas expounded powerfully on "The Blessing of the Priesthood" explaining that through the proclamation of blessing and prayer over God's people that change can come. Mark Waters brought us on the "Road to Emmaus" showing that the full revelation of Christ is the only thing that will help us with our present trials.

It was good to sense fresh liberty to move in personal prayer and prophecy. Great strength and fresh direction was given to those that needed prayer.

We enjoyed fellowship with Walter and Joan Muench who recently relocated to the Philadelphia area from North Carolina. They plan on joining us for future retreats now that they live once again in the north east. We were glad to have Ron Moore in our midst who blessed us on the piano during worship. Ron along with his wife, Lorraine live and minister on Long Island. Ron has almost completed a book on his grandfather C. L. Moore who many of us knew and were benefitted by his prophetic ministry. We look forward to seeing more of Ron in the future.

So the Lord is ushering CMF into a new day. We thank all those that are moving with us in this great day of transition from the old order to a new order in Christ. Hope to see many of you in Mount Bethel, PA at Tuscarora Inn and Conference Center.

Sincerely, Bert Ghilardi

#### The God That Resolves All Conflicts

the controversy of Zion. was a very grievous con-There is a conflict between flict between Paul and satan and the heathen on Barnabas recorded in Acts one side and Christ and His 15:36-41. It had been dechurch on the other side. termined that Paul and Psalm 2:6-9 declares that Barnabas should go forthe conflict has been ward to confirm the settled. King Jesus alone churches. Barnabas feels will sit on the throne. that it is time to promote Amen!

Man relying on his natural wisdom and righteousness fails continually to resolve conflict. Further damage to God's purpose and to His people takes place when man tries to settle conflict.

was between satan and beginning. Outside of a God. Isaiah 14:12-14 Luci- few scriptures, Barnabas fer had iniquity in his disappears from the Bible. heart. He wanted to take Paul, who preached corpo-God's place in the throne. rate vision, asks for the The Lord says he will end recommendation of the in the pit of hell.

In Ezekiel 28:13-17 we see the cause of satan's pride as the anointed cherub. He has been on the mount of the Lord. His beautiful garment is made up of stones of the new Jerusalem. He has been in the very presence of God and knows all of God's plans. This revelation of God's purpose has caused pride and iniquity in his heart. His fate has been determined. He will be the laughing stock of all na- If you are presently in contions. So we can say that flict with the Lord and His much of the conflict we experience is initiated by again to His desire and He satan and by men that will direct your path. It is have ambition.

The conflict the Lord hates the most is that which place brethren. God separates Bert Ghilardi, Endwell, NY

We are living in the day of but satan divides. There the unproven John Mark who failed on the last jour-Promotion comes from the Lord. The conflict exposes ambition, and pride in the heart of Barnabas. He leaves Paul and returns to his home country of Cyprus. He will be martyred, according to The first conflict recorded history, in the place of his brethren. It is confirmed by the brothers that Paul should take Silas on his journey. One brother goes back to his place of origin without the blessing of the Church and the other needs the confirmation of the brethren in order to go forward. Paul allows the Lord and His church to help resolve the conflict. Barnabas, who once honored corporate principles, disappears in his frustration and disappointment.

> purpose, submit once time to be rightly related to our past and let the Lord resolve all our conflicts with man and God.

## Mission Cali, Colombia

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Pastors, Transformando El Mundo Church, Cali Colombia

# **Prayer Request:**

⇒ Health and vitality of the ministry and congregation, protection from the Zika Virus

# Christ In You, the Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)

We feel the importance of saying a word with regard to Christ in heaven and Christ within the believer, that is, what is objective and what is subjective. It is tremendously important that we should keep a proper balance of truth. A very great deal of our trouble is because of there being an unbalanced emphasis upon some aspect of truth. It is good to know the truth, and it is good to rejoice in it, but it is just possible that even truth may get us into trouble. There are many perils lying in the direction of truth, even spiritual truth; and there are not a few of the Lord's people who have fallen into those perils. It is not that they suffer from want of light, but they are suffering very much because they have not got their light properly adjusted and balanced. Thus it becomes very necessary for us to get things in their right perspective and proportion. Preponderance on any one side will always lead to spiritual injury, and very often to disaster. The history of many instrumentalities which have been raised up and used by the Lord is eventually the sad story of a loss of power and effectiveness because of striking an unbalanced emphasis, of putting some side of truth in a place out of proportion to that which is complementary to it....

If we over-emphasize the subjective we take something from the glory of Christ. If we over-emphasize the objective we take something from God's purpose. It is a matter of the work of God in Christ, and the purpose of God in Christ: and these two things must both have their place. May the Lord give us understanding, so that we come into a place of rest and are delivered from the perils which lurk in the vicinity of every Divine blessing.

By T. Austin-Sparks from:

Christ in Heaven and Christ Within

## The Father's Yearning

"Behold the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience of it, until (it) receive the early and the latter rain." (James 5:7) What kind of fruit is spoken of here? What is the Father really yearning for? The 'early rains' were required for the proper tilling of the ground and sowing of the seed, but the 'latter rains' were required for the maturity of the grain. Although a farmer could rejoice in seeing the sprouting of seed and growth of plants, his ultimate joy would come by reaping a bountiful harvest. Like wise our Heavenly Father's deep yearning is for the fruit of 'mature sons' fashioned after the likeness of His first lovely Son, the Lord Jesus.

Excerpt from "Spiritual Maturity-An Imperative" Sergio Valori 2009



In Loving Memory of

# Sergio Valori

October 5, 1930-June 18, 2015

Founder and Father of

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We are forever grateful for the word and vision of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus that our brother imparted to us.



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# Dreaming God's Dream

By Mark Waters, S. Waverly, PA

The Lord presents His dream for mankind.

Mark 4: 1-34. In Mark chapter 4 a multitude gathers around Jesus and He preaches to them through parables. As you go through those beginning verses the phrase "the kingdom" is repeated. This theme of the kingdom is what is on Jesus' heart and He is teaching it to the multitudes. At the center of this truth of the kingdom of God is the revelation of God's high purpose and plan for man. God created man to bear His image and to have dominion. His purpose was to have close and intimate companionship and friendship with man. God would impact the creation out of man living in this love union with His creator. Man was to be an extension of God's presence and government in the earth. He would secure His interests in the earth through man. Tragically through Adam, this call from God to man was lost, but God hasn't given up on this dream and He never will. The gospel, through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ opens to man the call to the kingdom again. The message was preached; "The kingdom is at hand." Through redemption it is within reach again! In these verses, the Savior is preaching the good news to the multitudes. He is ministering a word that reveals God enduring dream for man. He will never let go of His dream that man, the crown of His creation would live in love union with Him and that out of this relationship the whole earth and all of creation will be impacted by God.

#### The Call Goes Out Again

In Mark 4: 35-41 we see Jesus does something very significant. After a whole day of sharing the good news of the kingdom, he calls His disciples to go with Him on a journey to the other side of the sea. Jesus is still teaching the kingdom. The subject has not changed. This journey is a prophetic illustration of the good news he has just spent all day preaching. He wants them to see what this call means and how it will be worked out in their lives. It begins with a call to leave where they are and to take a journey with the Lord to another place. Notice these important points found in vs. 35:

- "And the same day" This is a connecting phrase. It links us to
  what Jesus had saying all day about the Kingdom. The point we
  are to get from this is that this theme of the kingdom of God
  that Jesus has been speaking about is being carried on as the
  chapter continues.
- 2. "when even was come" See also Romans 13:12. They were at the closing of a day. In scripture God always begins a new day at night. This phraseology can speak of an end time event. It's as if we are being taught what things will be like at the close of a day. The evening time is a time of change. One day is ending and a new day is drawing near. In an end-time the Lord is winding things up as they have been and He's

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Men's Retreat**

Originally scheduled for June 3, 4 has been postponed. For further information call Tom Kerr 973-940-1601.



**Emmanuel Fellowship Youth Camp** 

July 17-22 Ages 12-20
Cost: \$280 For information call
Seth Vargas 631-988-9183;
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#### **Women's Retreat**

Sept. 23, 24 Bethany Christian Fellowship, Athens, PA Ages 16 and up Cost: \$30
For information call Arlene Ghilardi

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# Fall 2016 Christ Ministerial Fellowship Retreat

This retreat is for pastors, elders, deacons and their spouses and all those who feel a call to ministry.

October 26-28 Tuscarora Inn & Conference Center, Mt. Bethel, PA.
Cost varies as to the accommodation chosen. To register call Mark Waters 570 888-1055.



If anyone lacks the funds to attend a retreat, please call the phone number provided for information.

coming of the kingdom will be the power by which God will for man comes flooding to him. close this age and usher in a new day. We are about to see a prophetic unfolding of what it will be like for God's people when "the evening" comes on the earth.

3. Let US Passover unto the other side. The good news comes as a call. It is not merely a call to escape hell and go to heaven. It is a call to take a journey in union with Jesus to "the other side." It is a call to enter the kingdom, not as individuals, but as a company of people knit together in union with Christ. See Exodus 19:5,6. After being redeemed by the Lamb and set free from the bondage of Pharaoh, God's people come to the mountain of God where He begins to tell them that there is a purpose behind them being delivered by the Lamb. God taught them there that He wanted to make them as a people into something. He wanted them to become, unto Him, a kingdom of priests. There is a purpose behind their salvation! God saved them that they, as

His people, would be a channel of His glory and rule in the earth. His dream for them would be that out from them, His rule and His kingdom would be brought to bear in the affairs of the earth. They were to be a kingdom people. (1 Peter

2:9; Numbers 14:21)

This is the dream God has for man, but man sold this calling down the river. Adam and Israel forsook that calling. Even though that's true, God has not given up on His pur-

pose for man! He will still have His dream come true. That's what the rest of the chapter is all about. Through sin man has A Great Storm Arises failed to be what God has created Him to be. BUT HERE WE SEE IN THE GOSPEL the call for man to become unto God, this kingdom people is restored. What man has lost, God has sent His Son as a man to recover. Jesus became man in order to fulfill God's dream for man. He is everything God created man to be. Everything the Father wanted for man is true in Jesus and in union with Him, man is restored to His God given call again.

Crossing to the other side is prophetic language for entering into the purpose of God. What man cannot do for Himself, God has sent His Son to do. Jesus as God's man is entering into the Father's full purpose for man. GOD IS FULFILLING HIS DREAM FOR MAN IN HIS SON and the wonder of the gospel is that Jesus is not doing this alone. He is taking a company of people over with Him. "Let US pass over to the other side." Jesus is the one taking a people with Him to the other side!

Though man's call to God's highest was lost through sin and disobedience, that call is heralded again in Christ. Jesus wants to take a people into God's fullness. God's dream for His Son is to have a people who are one with Him in His calling. His Son is not to be alone. There is to be a people united with His Son. HE WANTS US TO BE JOINED WITH HIS SON FOR THE FULFILMENT OF HIS PLAN AND PURPOSE IN THE EARTH. There is nothing for

bringing in something new. This word of the good news of the us outside of Jesus, but in union with Him everything God has

God is dreaming a dream for man. His dream is a wonderful dream. To pass over to the other side means to leave the place where we are, and to start on a spiritual journey to the fulfillment of God's dream. It's Christ with a company of people moving together to the other side. That's the gospel. The Lord wants to take His people on. The gospel is an individual call, but it is also a corporate call. Let us pass over to the other side.

The gospel is a call to be joined with Christ as His companions, as kings and priests, moving with Him toward the final fulfillment of God's purpose in the earth. Christ and His companion's are to pass over together into a great inheritance. God is dreaming a dream and He wants us to dream His dream with Him! One has said, "God is a dreamer and all those that walk with Him will be dreamers too." He puts His dream in others that they might dream His dream with Him.

> Are you dreaming God's dream for a people in union with His Son who will together enter into the fullness of God? Before this age ends, God's dream for His Son, and His Son's companions will come to pass!

IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF WE COULD STOP HERE AT THE WON-DER OF THIS GREAT CALL BUT THERE IS MORE THAT HAPPENS TO THIS COMPANY AS THEY MOVE WITH THE SON TO THE OTHER SIDE.

Are you dreaming God's dream for a people in union with His Son who will together enter into the fullness of God?

"And there arose a great storm, and the waves beat into the ship." Vs. 37 The Lord has spoken a word; "Let us pass over to the other side." You would think everything from here on out would be easy. But, instead, a storm arises against them on their journey with the Son to the other side. THE ENEMY COULD CARE LESS IF WE JUST WANT TO BE NICE LITTLE RELIGIOUS CHARIS-MATIC CHRISTIANS WHO NEVER MAKE THE JOURNEY TO THE OTHER SIDE. But, if the devil can, he must stop the fulfillment of this dream. Here are a people with a word from Heaven. Here are a people who want to obey God and enter into all He has for them. Here are a people making the journey in union with Jesus. They are not trying to cross over in their own strength. Jesus is with them. We think; "All should be easy now!" But it is not. There is a power working against this traveling company. Jesus and His companions are fulfilling the gospel call to enter into His fullness, and before the journey is completed, a terrible windstorm arises to stop them. WE SEE THE ENEMY WHO COMES CRASHING IN ON THIS ADVANCING COMPANY TO STOP THE WHOLE THING. He says in so many words; listen, if you have to have Jesus, have him, but it's safer to remain where you are. Don't try to make the journey over to the other side. It's too dangerous!

Gen. 37:18-20 The enemy has a dream too. It's God's dream really are getting. We think: "The ship is being battered to He hates. He wants the earth for Himself and seeks to stop all pieces by the wind and the waves and we can't even get God who seek to cross over to the other side. He says; we will see to do anything about it. He just doesn't seem to care." what will become of this dreamer and his dream.

God's dream working in you. He wants to destroy the dreamer and the dream. He will seek to use the storms of life against you to do that. The violent waves beat against the boat where Jesus and His traveling companions were.

Satan wants to knock God's dream out of us. The journey for many of us has been long and hard. A lot has happened. There have been so many waves beating the ship to splinters. There If we are going on with the Lord, we will have trouble. There is

is much discouragement. The devil's hope is that Christ's companions will give up on God's dream. He wants to send out the message that this journey to the other side is too hard. It's too dangerous and costly to enter in to this calling. He is hoping this traveling group will feel they can't make it and that they will settle down and be content to just be "quiet little Christians" who no longer count for God.

Many are losing their dream not only because of what the The enemy wants to beat you down. He wants to quench enemy is doing, but because of what God is "NOT" doing. Here we are in the worst situation ever, we are on the brink of devastation and wreck and God is asleep. He seems to not care. We pray and nothing seems to happen. He is not moved by what we are going through and seems nowhere to be found. He's not doing what we think He should do. Come on now Jesus, we are in trouble, do something about it!

going to be opposition and this desperate situation moved them to fear and doubt. How the enemy has fought this advancing company through the ages!

Notice that the devil moving against them in all his wrath and fury did not wake Jesus up, but the cry of His disciples did. Lord don't you care? How many times have you asked that question? But He does care and He is

God's enemy is looking to so beat against the ship as it jour- moved by the cry of His own people to help them in their time neys to the other side, that those inside will out of panic and of need.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SLEEP? YOU DREAM. WITH ALL THAT SATAN IS DOING IN BEATING AGAINST THE SHIP, JESUS IS STILL DREAMING. All the enemy's activity has not robbed Him of His dream for redeemed mankind.

frustration put away the dream.

### "Asleep on the Job"

#### And worse yet, Jesus is asleep in the storm battered ship.

Vs. 38. It's bad enough to have all the opposition from Satan, but here, when we need Him the most, God is asleep on the job. It's one thing to deal with the attack of the enemy, it's another thing to deal with a silent, seemingly indifferent God. Why is He sleeping when we are in such a crisis? But there is more to His sleeping than we know. Here the enemy arises to stop Jesus and His traveling companions from ever making it to their destiny in God. He comes lashing out in all his fury to stop them and how does it affect Jesus? He is asleep through it. He's at rest through all the enemy does. Jesus is in charge, Psalm 73:17-20 (Ps. 102:13,16; Ps. 126:1-3) In these verses not the devil and his storm! Jesus remains at rest! Heb. 10:12-13 Jesus has an expectation. His dream involves absolute triumph over all His enemies. He wants us to dream His Dream again. Sing again. Give yourselves again. It's the hour dream too that all that seeks to undo us and hinder us is to be of deliverance and the turning of captivity. He's releasing put under our feet as well. He is resting because the work has bondages in the church and satanic plots to stop and hinder been done. He wants us to sit with Him in His expectancy. the advancement of the church. Satan's defeat is sealed at the cross.

IS STILL DREAMING. All the enemy's activity has not robbed the church. It is the arising of the Lord to turn the captivity of them, it looks like Jesus doesn't care about how serious things would take a people, as His companions into His fullness.

#### Christ in His Greatness Revealed

7. "And He arose and rebuked the wind". Vs. 39. Little did they know that in the midst of this crisis they were so frightened by, there would be a new and fresh appearing of the Lord. The storm is the setting for a mighty unveiling of the Lord to His people. Yes, there is much moving against this traveling company, but Jesus' call is sure. God's dream for Him must be fulfilled. Nothing can stop it. There is no power great enough to hinder it. 1 Peter 1:13 He manifests Himself, in the midst of all the storm and fury of the enemy as the grace to fulfill His own dream. He arises to turn the captivity of Zion and to cause His people to dream His dream again.

the world and its prince seems to be succeeding in their dream "TILL YOU AWAKE." He's giving us back our lost dream.

By nature, we are frightened by the storm and would seek to WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SLEEP? YOU DREAM. WITH ALL avoid it. Though it be the season of the devils fury and rage, it THAT SATAN IS DOING IN BEATING AGAINST THE SHIP, JESUS is also the place of a fresh and new appearing of the Lord to Him of His dream for redeemed mankind. This should minister His people. The final harvest is upon us. It is even time. The strength and assurance to the disciples, but it doesn't. To age of man is wrapping up. The time has come when He

comes the classroom where they learn of Him. We don't like This advancing company means his undoing. the classrooms He picks to teach us of Himself. We don't like Romans 16:20. What a picture is set before us of what it the classrooms He uses to write upon our hearts, but this is His means to dream God's dream with Him. We are not making the Himself. There are the storms of life. But one thing that will better people. It's God writing His will in our hearts. We are not struck with wonder about Jesus. "What manner of man is this" us as He shares His good news. May we hear His call and in - their hearts were staggered in wonder at Him. When was union with Him, pass over unto the other side. the last time your heart was staggered at the wonder of this man? The revival we need is the revival of His appearing. The church needs to see Jesus as the disciples did here. They saw Him at rest, unmoved, expecting, even in this storm, till all His enemies be made his footstool. Little did the disciples know the greatness of the one who is in the ship with them!

#### The Enemy's Greatest Fear

8. What is on the other side anyway? Vs. 5:1. What does the enemy fear about them arriving on the other side? Where are they going? As the story continues in chapter 5, they come ashore to a cemetery. This is satan's fortress. Death is the stronghold of the enemy.

There in the tombs is a man in captivity. God's man is being held in the clutches of satan. Man is God's valued, loved treasure! He is the jewel and crown of His creation. He is the one created by God to be His friend and companion, to be his house, and the extension of His glory. But what has happened to Gods beloved treasure? He is named in this chapter the man of the tombs. He who was to share God's life is captive in this place where death has its power. Death has conquered God's man. God's greatest treasure is held by satan in the fortress of death itself. What a devastating tragedy!

Little did the disciples realize why they were passing to the other side. What do they find there? They find satan entrenched in the land and the crown of God's creation imprisoned by the power of the grave. Right to this stronghold Christ and His companions are journeying.

Christ and His companions are crossing to the other side to accomplish a priestly ministry. We are not going over merely for ourselves, for our benefit, or for our "spirituality." We are going over for others.

This priestly ministry has to do with manifesting the kingdom and setting people free. It has to do with confronting the realm of death and its curse upon this earth. The man of the tombs is to be set free. There is a confronting and casting out of satan from creation.

Luke 11:20. If I by the finger of God cast out devils then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Romans 8:16-21; Rev.12:7-10 The dragon is cast out. Now is come...the kingdom. Jesus is taking us into full in union with Him to accomplish a priestly ministry in the earth. One that will ultimately mean the casting out of satan and the loosening of his usurping grip on the earth. No wonder satan brings the

"What manner of man is this?" Vs. 41. The storm be- storm against Christ and those who are crossing over with Him.

way. They were impacted by this mighty appearing of the Lord journey alone. The New Covenant is not a call to try to be never leave you the same is when you see the Lord in that alone. We are not on our own trying to enter in again. The New storm. These guys will never be the same again. They were Covenant is one that God will keep in us. Jesus is calling out to

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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#### **MISSION TRIPS**

#### Japan:

Missionaries: Lou Pressman, Ric Vargas May 26-June 6

#### **Bolivia:**

Missionaries: Lou Pressman, Ric Vargas in July

#### India:

Missionaries: Lou Pressman, Ric Vargas-August/September Melchizedec: Visakhapatnam, AP, India

#### Cali, Colombia:

Missionaries: Lou Pressman, Ric Vargas-November 25- December

#### Ghana:

Missionaries: Dan & Nancy Boisvert are praying about a possible return to Ghana in the fall of this year. Please pray with them for the will of the Lord to be revealed.