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Building God Muscles!

“Waiting on God is not for sissies”

I’m 5’3” with bulging biceps. One arm boasts a heart tattoo with “Jesus” scrawled across it. My other arm displays a cross labeled with a shroud unfurled like a banner announcing “Eternal Love”. The image recalls the linen shroud that wrapped Christ’s body. Left behind in the empty tomb when He resurrected, it reminds us that He defeated death, evidence of His power. I describe myself as viewed through natural and spiritual eyes, a description that combines my natural and spiritual attributes.

Don’t ask to see my tattoos! They are invisible to ordinary eyes! But

the imprints are as real as what we see through Isaiah 9:16, “Behold! I have indelibly printed (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands.” By spiritual vision, I see my portrait and yours on His hands. As for my muscles, they didn’t come easy!

I’ve spent a lifetime in intense, targeted muscle-building programs with a Personal Trainer who understands my weaknesses and my capacities. He takes me through rigorous training sessions designed to increase my strength. I focus on Him while hefting the heavy weight of circumstances far beyond my ability.

I can’t do it, but God’s power brings me through. Scripture testifies to God’s incomparable ability to mold puny human specimens into models of faith. The Holy Spirit training program is guaranteed to produce God’s mighty exploits through ordinary people. One of the most rigorous exercises is the daily workout of waiting on God.

Waiting on God is not for sissies. It is a commitment to lifelong submission to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. To get results, we exercise morning through night. The drill brings steady

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Catch a Wave to the Praise Cruise!!!

Cruising this year on **Sunday the 12th of August at 4p.m.**

Call 631-730-3982 for reservations aboard
the **Moonchaser** (@Captree Boat Basin, Bay Shore)

- BBQ Chicken dinner
- Ranan music ministry
- Healing Prayer
- Refreshments
- \$55 per person



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progress with occasional startling realizations of great leaps of overcoming power through grace. As binge exercising brings sore muscles or in extreme cases bodily injury, a flurry of prayer activity one day a week won't get us too far. Wavering in our commitment will hurt.

Jack tells me, "My friends don't like it when I don't go drinking with them. They say I'm stuck up. They keep telling me to relax. So, I go along, hoist a few. Just to keep the relationships. But, I feel I'm getting dulled to God. Can't find much time to pray and I fall asleep when I do pray." Jack will tell you, wavering extracts a painful price. Like sitting on a fence, those pickets are nasty!

Paul learned a pointed lesson in Acts 26:14. God told him, "...it is hard for you to kick against the goad." Ouch! The goad referred to is a sharp instrument, hard enough to pierce skin. We all have something of Paul the know-it-all or Jack the fence-sitter in us—overconfidence, good intentions, the tug to compromise, procrastination, ignoring personal responsibility, arrogance, dissatisfaction with prayer and an unwillingness to change, poor choices due to time demands, etc.

I remember how my grandma used her strict voice when she said, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions!" As kids, we probably laughed, but now I see truth in her homespun expression. The world is hell bent and determined to entice us to coast along with it. We are tempted to excuse our half-heartedness, because we are born into this world as the center of our own universe.

"The wind of the Holy Spirit blows us off the fence."

Yesterday, I read about new words added to Webster's Dictionary. The article said, "Among the specific psychological conditions...increasingly cited in recent years is narcissistic personality disorder." I checked the definition. "The hallmarks of Narcissistic Personality Disorder are grandiosity, lack of empathy for others, and a need for admiration. People with this condition are frequently described as arrogant, self-centered, manipulative, and demanding." Two newly listed words in the dictionary are "Me Time" and "Selfie". Do we see a pattern here? I heard a pastor pray today, "I want to be delivered

from this high percentage of self-focus."

Yes, we are born egocentrics. I suppose that is why Jesus told us, "...don't be so surprised when I tell you that you have to be born from above...by the wind of God, the Spirit of God." (John 3)

The wind of the Holy Spirit blows us off the fence. Free of the pain of indecision, we start exerting ourselves. Listening for God. Waiting on Him. Let us develop a healthy mistrust of our own answers and our own programs for spiritual growth. Let us nurture a strong determination to experience God!

Hold it! Can you hear the Holy Spirit saying, "Give me twenty, give me thirty, give me sixty!" He wants us to spend those minutes exclusively in His Presence. It takes effort and energy to wait attentively on God, listening for the movement of the Holy Spirit within our hearts. Let's flex our muscles! It's time to get strong.

—Annette



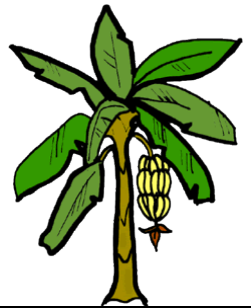


All-Australia B4P Team

Uganda Mission — Miraculous



More Testimonies and Tales in the
Next supernatural issue!





Guyana Tailwind Team

On April 6th the Bridge for Peace RaphaEl Medical Mission Team left from New York to fly to Linden Guyana. Prior to the arrival at JFK for check in, some members of the team visited the Bridge for Peace retreat in Hampton Bays. Those on the retreat prayed over the team members to send them out and provided the team name: *Tailwind Team*.

The first tailwind experience came when we arrived in Guyana forty-five minutes early and were swiftly brought through customs and loaded onto a bus with all the equipment. Although the mission lasted only a week there were many activities. These included salvation, demonic deliverance, physical healings of headache, leg and knee pain, inability to eat, asthma, and dizziness. Over one hundred people were seen in the clinics and thirty-five surgical procedures were performed. The team spoke on the radio, were interviewed by television, and had a newspaper article written. I was invited to preach, held a meeting informing local ministers about Bridge or Peace, and ministered per-

sonally to several people in the hospital and hotel including the hospital's Medical Director. Also, Dr. Florence gave a talk to the medical staff during their grand rounds. Getting so much accomplished in such a short time was a work of the tailwind from the Holy Spirit!

One excellent testimony was from an older woman who moved to Guyana from Venezuela. She moved there with her mother to get away from the problems in her home country. The team met her at the Sunday church

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service where we held a medical clinic. She stated that she had come to the church at the request of her 80-year-old mother. However, she did not really want to come because she had lost all hope and had stopped believing in God. She stated that when I laid my hands on her to pray she felt a burden leave and hope returned to her again. So she went to see Dr. Florence and decided that she would have the surgery necessary to repair her problem. After a successful surgery she reported she miraculously had absolutely no pain. She was so thankful to God and would always praise His Name.

—Dr. Scott Silverberg



June

- 5 Samantha's Li'l Bit of Heaven 7p.m. *How to Unleash Healing*
- 14 Ronkonkoma Rotary Int'l 7:30 a.m. Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma
- 24 King's Chapel, Southampton 11a.m.-1p.m.
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July

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Event Details

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Mon. 10 a.m. Channel 115

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