

AMAZING GRACE INTERFAITH MINISTRY

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**To: All Friends of Amazing Grace & News From The Heart Readers
Welcome back! Wishing all of you a healthy and peaceful 2026.**

The Call

Imagine God calling you. Just imagine. In this hi-tech world of ours, how rapidly has our phone system grown. Imagine God calling you! Thank goodness for Caller ID! The phone rings. There it is right in front of you. “Oh my! It’s God calling. I just won’t answer it.”



Thank goodness for Call Waiting? Beep. Beep. The soft tone comes through. You answer the beep. “Hello. This is God.” “Actually, God, I’m on another line. I’ll get back to you.”

Thank goodness for Call Forwarding! Hello?” “Oh, hello, God. What? Oh, no, no. You must have the wrong person. Yes, definitely the wrong person. I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.”

MORAL: Answering God’s call is a challenge for us. How and when we’ll do it is often a mystery. But one thing I do know from experience. God never stops calling! Thank you God - Vicki Homes

Do You Have A Hole In Your Heart?

Perhaps the wound is old or perhaps the wound is fresh. A friend, the boss, your husband, wife, child. You are hurt. Part of you is broken, and the other part is bitter. Part of you wants to cry, and part of you wants to fight. The tears you cry are hot because they come from your heart, and there is a fire burning in your heart. It’s the fire of anger. It’s blazing. It’s consuming. It’s flames leap up under a steaming pot of revenge. And you are left with a decision. “Do I put the fire out or heat it up? Do I get over it or get even? Do I release it or resent it? Do I let my hurts heal, or do I let hurt turn into hate?” ...

Resentment is the deliberate decision to nurse the offense until it becomes a black, furry, growling grudge...but the worst part of all is that, without forgiveness, bitterness is all that is left. -*Applause of Heaven*



“My entire life, I’ve felt like God was using me to give others hope... I have a long journey ahead, a journey full of unknowns and milestones but it’s a lot easier to face your fears when you know God is with you.” – Damar Hamlin, Buffalo Bills NFL

God In Your Corner

When I was seven years old, I ran away from home. I'd had enough of my father's rules and decided I could make it on my own, thank you very much! With my clothes in a paper bag, I stormed out the back door and down the alley. Like the prodigal son, I decided I needed no father. Unlike the prodigal son, I didn't go far. I got to the end of the alley and remembered I was hungry, so I went back home. I was rebelling and had you stopped me on that prodigal path and asked me who my father was, I just might have told you how I felt. I might have said, "I don't need a father. I'm too big for the rules. It's just me, myself and my paper bag" ...

I didn't get a robe and a ring and sandals like the prodigal did. But I learned from my father on earth what the prodigal learned. God is no fair-weather father. He's not a love-'em-and-leave-'em God. I can count on him to be in my corner no matter how I perform. You can too.- *Anon.y*

"Your vision will become clear only when you can look into your own heart." Carl Jung



A Higher Standard

Most of my life I've been a closet slob. I was slow to see the logic of neatness. Why make up a bed if you are going to sleep in it again tonight? Does it make sense to wash dishes after only one when you get up and put them on?...Then I got married...

I enrolled in a twelve-step program for slob. (My name is Max; "I hate to vacuum.") A physical therapist helped me rediscover the muscles used for hanging shirts and placing toilet paper on the holder. My nose was reintroduced to the fragrance of Pine Sol...

Then came the moment of truth. Carol went out of town for a week. I reverted to the old man. I figured I'd be a slob for 6 days and clean on the seventh. But something strange happened, a curious discomfort. I couldn't relax with dirty dishes in the sink. What had happened to me? Simple. I'd been exposed to a **higher standard**. Isn't that what happened with us?...Before a slob until we met Him...

Suddenly we find ourselves wanting to do good. Go back to the old mess? Are you kidding?
-*Anonymous*

CARRY ON

At times when you feel troubled when your happiness is gone look to the heart within you for the strength to carry on. In your heart you will find special virtues such as faith and hope and love. These gifts have been sent down to you from a Power up above. It is faith that keeps the soul searching for the joy the heart hopes for. It is love that heals the spirit, making it stronger than before. And if your heart is broken if your strength should fade away the power of these virtues will still win out the day. So remember when you're troubled when your happiness is gone look to the heart within you for the strength to carry on. - *Tom Krause*

STRESS ANTIDOTE

- I'll take one thing at a time.
- I'll do what's possible and deal with whatever comes.
- If I panic, I'll only make things worse.
- Calm down
- Take it slowly
- Easy now.
- Take it easy
- No situation need destroy me
- I've lived through other difficult situations
- I'll get through this lone
- I can handle whatever comes along.



GOD THINKS YOU'RE WONDERFUL

God is fond of you...if he had a wallet, your photo would be in it. If he had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. He sends you flowers ever spring and a sunrise ever morning. Whenever you want to talk, he listens. He can live anywhere in the universe, and he chose your heart. Face it, he's crazy about you. It may be difficult for you to believe God knows your name...but he does. It's written on his hand, spoken by his mouth, whispered by his lips. Our hearts are not large enough to contain the blessings that God wants to give. So try this...the next time a sunrise steals your breath... or a meadow of flowers leaves you speechless listen as heaven whispers, "Do you like it? I did it just for you." If you want to touch God's heart, use the name he loves to hear. Call him "Father". He thinks you're wonderful!!! - *Max Lucado*

WHO'S PUSHING YOUR SWING?

Children love to swing. There's nothing like it. Your feet fly toward the sky, you lean so far back that everything looks upside down. Spinning trees. Ahh, swinging..... As a child, I only trusted certain people to push my swing. They could twist me, turn me, stop me...I loved it!! But let a stranger push my swing, and it was hang on tight! It's no fun when your swing is in the hands of a stranger.

Do you remember when Jesus stilled the storm. It was frightening enough to scare even fishermen like Peter. So the disciples ran to wake up Jesus. How could he sleep through a storm? Simple.

He knew who was pushing the swing.



We live in a stormy world. Everywhere we look, storms occur. Family death, strained marriages, broken hearts, war, addiction, lonely evenings. We must remember who is pushing the swing. We must put our trust in him. He won't let us tumble out.

Who pushes your swing? In the right hands, you can find peace....even in the storm.

- *On the Anvil*



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Thank you to all of you wonderful people who donate your time and funds to help the children of the *Amazing Kids Connection*, Calvary and Olivet Congregations, and for all your prayers. Like I always say, "This is your ministry"

We will be back **March 6th** for set up and **March 7th** for distribution of **NEW socks, NEW underwear** as well as any hats, gloves, coats left from previous events and lunch items for the children. In April we will be distributing the second weekend of the month, **April 10th** for setup and **April 11th** for distribution, along with our Community Days event. We hope to have the FDNY and NYPD join us again with giveaways for the children. Plenty of help will be needed in April! Any help you can provide is greatly appreciated.

We are together many years now and I am so grateful for all of you & Magen, couldn't do it with you!

PRAYERS: Please keep in your prayers: Bob who is going for tests, Sue, Pam, Lauren, Rosalie, Lois & Richard, Magen, Francine, Dick, Rachel, Rob and Robbie, Mona, Alice.



A GRATEFUL HEART

An old legend tells how a man once stumbled upon a great red barn after wandering for days in a dark, forest. Seeking refuge from the winds of the storm that seemed to rage perpetually in the forest, he let his eyes grow accustomed to the dark and then, to his astonishment, he discovered that this was the barn where the storehouse of seeds to be sown into human hearts were kept. He lit a match and began to explore the piles and bins of seeds around him. He couldn't help but notice the containers labeled "seeds of discouragement" far outnumbered any other type of seed. An old caretaker came into the barn to pick up a fresh supply of seeds and the man asked him why the great abundance of discouragement seeds? "Because they are so effective and they take root so quickly!" the old caretaker said. The man then asked, "Do they grow everywhere?" The caretaker glared at the man and admitted, "No. They never seem to thrive in the heart of a grateful person."

Be thankful for what you have today and trust the Lord to take care of what you don't have.

"Love is everywhere around you - in everything that God created. You only need to pause for a moment to recognize the Holy presence - as the night sky, as each blade of grass, as your own heartbeat." - Susan L. Taylor

Until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of His hand. - Many blessings Love Mary

Our Zoom Services are the first 2 Sundays of the month at 11AM
Meeting ID 86165970857 Password 918817

