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ListenLovePray

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A New Season of Grace

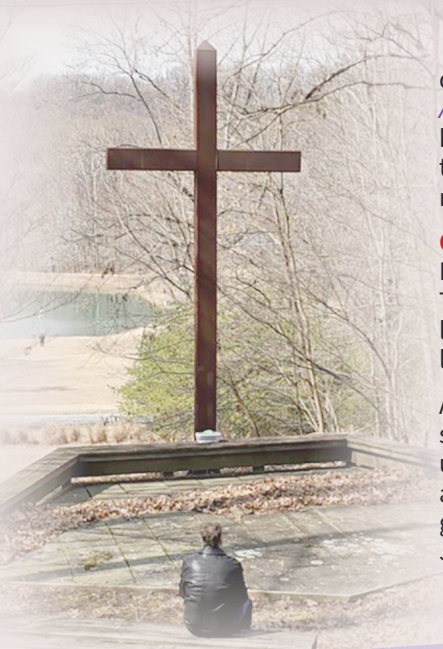


"I am sent to announce
a new season of Yahweh's **grace**" — Isaiah 61:2

The 2022 LLP retreat attendees pictured above are 'wrapped' in God's Grace. Brought together by a planning committee that *prayed* and prepared, and *prayed* and listened, and *prayed* and hosted, attendees found a new season of His grace. LLP invites you to join in the new season by watching retreat talks and testimonies [on our You Tube channel](#).

Friday of the retreat focused on our Identity as God's children in a talk given by *Art Thomas*, the invited speaker, followed by a time of soaking prayer.

Saturday featured Praise and Worship, a Q & A session with Ken and Art, prayer triads, and Art's talk on Healing Ministry, with at least two immediate healings. The afternoon was



dedicated to a beautiful time of *Prophetic Art and Gifting* creating God's blessing upon blessing! The evening held a Healing Service that pulled out the old to make space for His new.

On Sunday morning the retreat closed with Praise and Worship and a sharing of retreat Testimonies. The Holy Spirit was strongly present with all those who shared and listened.

As we move this month from the Lenten season of preparation into a new season ushered in by Easter, we fix our eyes on Jesus and walk a new path. We pray Holy Spirit gently helps you let go of the old and allows Jesus to cultivate the new.

Testimonies from the Retreat Planning Committee

Grace Walk

March 2022 retreat



Adopting Grace: This grace is what God uses to bring us into His family.

Verse: *“And he chose us to be his very own, joining us to himself even before he laid the foundation of the universe! Because of his great love, he ordained us, so that we would be seen as holy in his eyes with an unstained innocence. For it was always in his perfect plan to adopt us as his delightful children, through our union with Jesus, the Anointed One, so that his tremendous love that cascades over us would glorify grace - the same love he has for his Beloved One, Jesus, he has for us. And this unfolding plan brings him great pleasure!”* —Ephesians 1:4-6 (The Passion Translation)

Ponder: Look closely at the tree in front of you. Think about how this tree represents God’s family. You are a child of God and by His grace that you are adopted into His family.

I looked up expecting to see a stately oak. I didn’t see one, so I thought, “well what tree am I supposed to look at?” My eye landed on an ordinary tree; one without large branches or anything else that made it stand out. I took a closer look. I saw brown prickly balls on some of the branches. “Lord what does this mean?”

This is what I heard: Prickly people are His children too. His grace adopted me into to His family. His grace allows me to see past the ‘prickles’ in others. I prayed for Jesus to help me use words of love and compassion when I speak. Thank you, Jesus, for your grace gift of love and compassion!

—Judy Winfield



When Lucinda and I first started talking about the retreat, I suggested making it simple. But everyone had such good ideas that any thoughts of making it simple went out the window. It seemed that all the pieces fell into place in our first meeting. Maybe an hour talking about our ideas and we had it. Maureen managed us like a program manager. It was great fun.

—Ken

As we were in my house for the initial planning session, and talked about the theme for the retreat, there was a turning point for me. I felt Holy Spirit had led us to where we landed on our theme of ‘A New Season of Grace’, and the 3 verses we used for the weekend, and from there it was about putting all the pieces together. As we continued our planning over the next few weeks, all the pieces came together beautifully in Holy Spirit fashion. —Maureen

The Holy Spirit led us to write the names of participants on index cards then place the cards on my dining room table and pray for Holy Spirit to lead us to move cards into prayer triads. —Roxie



For quite a long time Holy Spirit had been guiding me in creative, prophetic expressions of prayers and praise. When we met to plan the retreat I sensed Him say to me: “Edi, creativity is my gift to all my children. Release what I have given you. There is so much grace in the creative process and in blessing others with My gifts. Have fun and watch what I can do!” I asked the team to call it Prophetic Art instead of Arts and Crafts because God said: “This is a new thing”. —Edi

Bud and I drove out to a parking lot in the country. Prayed and then wrote the ‘Grace Walk’ together. Holy Spirit led us to the verses and what to ponder as we sat in God’s creation. —Roxie

The ‘Exchange Box’ came to me as a tangible idea for us to physically surrender a hurt, hang up, sin or offense we have held on to; I sensed Holy Spirit saying, “A new season of Grace begins with letting go of the old and letting me give you newness of life. A prophetic act of receiving my replacement.” —Edi

It’s amazing what happens when you let go and trust the Holy Spirit to truly be your guide. It was such a blessing to witness Holy Spirit using each team member’s gifts and talents in perfect and different ways. And, what a privilege it was to use our gifts and talents to serve Jesus in his Kingdom! —Nancy

I heard in my prayer time that God has so much more for LLP. I saw Grace pouring down on us and a new season beginning. I get the impression that we can’t even imagine what He has in store for this ministry. —Roxie





Healed

It's 3:00 am Saturday, March 5, 2022. I wake up suddenly and don't know where I am. As I take in my surroundings, I remember I am at the Hollywood Retreat and Conference Center for the Listen Love Prayer Foundation retreat.

Memories of the previous night come back to me. The incredible *talk by Art Thomas about identity*, the joy in seeing all my friends from LLP, and the sensation felt when the Holy Spirit joins the party.

I wonder why I'm awake. After a busy week, I should be exhausted. Why am I lying in bed wide awake? I grab my Kindle with the plan to read myself back to sleep. As I prepare to read my usual secret agent story about murder and mayhem, I remember the retreat theme, "A New Season of Grace." Maybe I should consider different reading material. Hmm, maybe I should read *the Bible*?

I always try to be a good Christian but fail in many ways. I know I need to read the Bible more, but rarely do. As I open the reading list on my Kindle, I am reminded of how infrequently I do. I begin to scroll through the books on the list. Plunder, kill, maim, book after book about violence. *About 6 pages down*, I find the Bible and open it.



Kindle leaves each book in your library where you last read from it. I find the Bible in the book of Acts, at chapter 3. The chapter begins with the story "Peter Heals a Lame Beggar." It tells of a man who is carried by his friends to the temple gate called Beautiful, then how Peter and John provide the man with healing rather than giving him the silver and gold he hoped for. The man, who was lame from

birth, is pulled to his feet by Peter, and immediately begins to walk and jump around.

After reading the chapter, I began to reflect on my own life. I'm not sure if I was awake, asleep, or somewhere in between, but I realized I am a lame beggar. That *my loving friends at LLP bring me to the Beautiful gate* every time I am with them. That Ken and Lucinda Nelson, the founders of LLP, are like Peter and John providing the healing of Jesus. That my time at the retreat is like the time the beggar spent outside the temple. Begging for healing.



I woke up a couple hours later refreshed and ready to continue the healing in A New Season of Grace. I went for a walk outside, found some rocks to climb and discovered a quiet spot to sit and pray. I thanked God for how He has blessed me all my life, and for the revelation I had earlier that morning. I prayed for more as the retreat continues. As it frequently does when I pray, my mind began to wander. In response to my loss of focus, a goose honked loudly at me. After I finished praying, I walked back to the center knowing that He was still with me and had more in store.

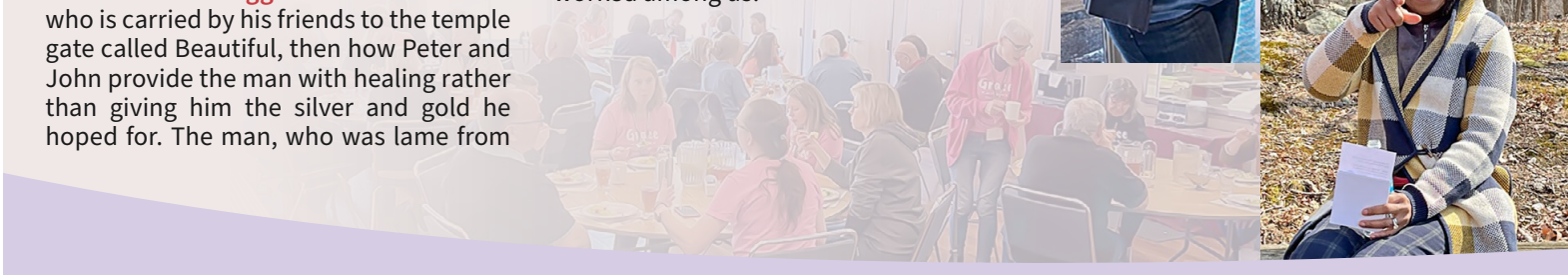
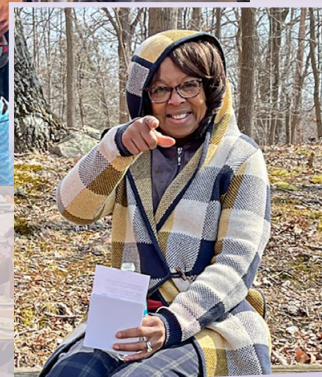
A few hours later, 40 people at the retreat joined in Edi's **Prophetic Art** program. We all chose one type of prayer, which determined what type of art we would do. We each did one of a dozen different art mediums; from pencil drawing, to crocheting, to playing music. I painted a rock in response to my request for prayer of surrender. Each type of art clearly become prophetic as the Holy Spirit worked among us.



When we were done creating, Edi brought us all together and explained that *our artwork was not for ourselves*, but that we would give it to another person. Being the leader, Edi drew the first name and randomly picked me. Edi's chosen prayer led her to the art of writing a story. As she began to read her story she wrote, **I realized she had written about the lame beggar in Acts 3.** I think Jesus had a message for me. It certainly was not a coincidence that I had come upon the same chapter and verse a few hours earlier. Each participant gave their art to another. Time after time, the Spirit had the right artist share the right art with the right recipient. It was mind blowing.

I write this testimony the following Friday. I can't stop smiling. **My usual triggers do not bother me.** I am able to show patience I don't normally have. I am able to laugh at situations that would typically anger me. I have stayed away from violent books, and have been choosing from the religious fiction genre. I am not only walking and jumping, I am dancing in the love of Jesus. Thank you to everyone who brought me to this wonderful place. *Thank you, Jesus!*

—Ted Winfield



ListenLovePray Events

April

- Apr 4/11/18/25 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
Mondays • 7:00 pm
- Apr 5/19 Healing Prayer Service (in person)**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
at Marvin Chapel UMC
- Apr 6/13/20/27 Ladies Bible Study**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am
at Old National Pike Park
- Apr 6/20 Rainbow of Love Recovery Bible Study**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm
- Apr 7/21 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:15 pm
- Apr 12/26 Healing Prayer Service (on Zoom)**
2nd & 4th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
- Apr 13 FRM-Beacon House**
Every 2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am
- Apr 24 FRM-Beacon House Healing Program**
Every 4th & 5th Sunday • 6:00 pm

May

- May 3/10 Healing Prayer Service (in person)**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm
at Marvin Chapel UMC
- May 4/11/18/25 Ladies Bible Study**
Wednesday • 9:30 am
at Old National Pike Park



Healing Prayer — A Deeper Look

Friday, April 29, 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Zoom

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Marvin Chapel
(lunch included)

Learn how to hear and follow guidance by Holy Spirit, discuss and practice the discerning of words of knowledge. Move deeper into inner healing prayer, and understand how to pray for healing of chronic conditions.

Two-session class with teaching time, personal ministry, and small group discussion. Register at listenlovepray.org.

\$30 suggested donation

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