

## Life Awakening

teaching the simplicity and practicality of the Gospel for abundant and eternal life.

"...the Gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation..."

Romans 1:16

## Kingdom Seekers Bible Study

Ladies, if you are interested in joining a group of spiritually hungry women, join us in New Holland on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30. We are studying the Gospel of John. If you would like to join us, call for more details!

## Mission Statement

To teach people how to join the Gospel to receive freedom, healing, and victory from the burdens of sin and pain for themselves and others.

## Vision Statement

To see believers fulfill the promise of the Gospel for abundant life here on earth, while furthering the expansion of God's Kingdom.

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Newsletter

## Meet Tom and Vivien...

My name is Tom. This is a story of finding joy through Jesus!

My story started when I was about seven years old. At that time my father joined the masonic lodge and began the process of becoming a master mason. Although memories did not surface until a few years ago, he committed unthinkable acts of trauma upon me that should never be imposed upon a child. He said that if I told anyone I would die. (Not until I was 27 did he tell me that he loved me for the first time.)



Fast forward...I got married in 1984 to Vivien. We started a family in 1987 with the birth of a daughter and then a son. As they grew up something kept telling me to not treat our kids like my dad did. But I didn't know where that voice was coming from. Through those years, our marriage became very rocky and Vivien often said that she could see I had no real joy.

In 2002 we bought a house with in-law quarters for Vivien's parents and we also had a late-in-life child. Within three years, it seemed that everything was falling apart especially after my father-in-law passed away. I got scared for the first time in my life that I wasn't going to make it. As years went on, I couldn't do it all anymore. Out of desperation, in September 2017 I filed for divorce but by December 2017, we agreed that we needed to stay together. We then saw a marriage counselor.

In April of 2018, my father died. Soon after I started having flashbacks and nightmares that didn't make sense. I was afraid to go to sleep which led to an alcohol problem as only alcohol could help me sleep. And eventually, the nightmares came back even with the alcohol. I had even developed a porn addiction that started in my childhood. Vivien had had enough and gave me an ultimatum that I either seek counseling or she was leaving. I agreed to go.

Vivien had heard of LA and called. I met with Linda and another person the next week. I came to understand how a child has a defense mechanism to be able to stuff things behind an amnesic wall. For me, that wall started to crumble after my dad passed away when the little hurt boy inside of me knew he could no longer hurt me. Through the *Gospel Process*, with its prayer power and understanding, I was able to leave each session with relief from another burdensome stuffed-away memory I had been carrying for so long.

We worked through so much pain! I can now look back on those traumatic acts of my dad's sin against me and talk about them with no more pain. At my last session, Vivien was able to be there and she witnessed the power of the *Gospel Process* herself. It is something you really can't explain to someone until you have experienced it. I now experience joy for the first time in my life. Linda and Life Awakening have been a gift of God to Vivien and me.

## Sowing v. Reaping

We reap what we sow, don't we? At Life Awakening, the Gospel is sown into the deep, dark, and sometimes hidden places of one's spirit, soul, and body so that one can reap freedom, healing, and victory. Sowing the Gospel through the *Gospel Process* truly reaps an incredible harvest through the simplicity of *Embrace, Die, Bury, Rise*. Since 2006, God has been developing and clarifying the elements of the *Gospel Process* to bring it to where it is today.

Although people, prayer, faith, and encouragement are needed to sow the Gospel, money is also needed. We are believing you to prayerfully consider sowing your finances into Life Awakening on a regular basis so that our 2022 budget of \$72,000 can be met. After all, if you sow into Life Awakening, you are sowing directly into the fulfillment of the promise of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to bring freedom, healing, and victory.

## Director's Corner

Linda S. Ingham

Paul taught in Colossians 2:15, "When He [Jesus] had *disarmed* the rulers and authorities, He made a *public display* of them, having triumphed over them through Him [emphasis added]." *In completing His cross-work including walking out of His grave, Jesus disarmed or spoiled the dark realm and publically displayed them as the losers not only to the whole angelic realm and all the witnesses who were present but to hell itself and the rest of the dark realm.* I wonder what it was like for Jesus to *disarm* the dark realm and put them on *public display* after all of their attempts to kill Him and keep Him dead. He must have been bursting at the seams with unspeakable deep joy. Did He have a party and jump for joy? Did the disciples, the people back then even *get it* as far as what really transpired?

You see, we can also "*disarm*" the dark realm and make a "*public display*" of them like Jesus did, every time we give a testimony, we experience a victory, or we do what only God can do through us! Tom's testimony as written down on the front page and as he now lives out joy, is *disarming* the dark realm and making them a *public display* as being losers.

Here at Life Awakening, we want to continue to see the dark realm *disarmed* and *publically displayed* as the losers! We are believing you to join us in this mission not only through your interest and prayers, but by becoming a financial partner so that we can meet our 2022 financial budget! Thank you and like Tom, may you disarm the dark realm and make a public display of them through a testimony, a victory, or obedience to God's call on your life!

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