

September 2019 Newsletter

“From Heavens Heart”

Get Out of God’s Way

When I began writing my very first newsletter, I took it very seriously. I decided that the only way I could be absolutely sure that whatever I shared with you each month was from God Himself, I would have to try my best to **Get out of God’s way** and allow God be God. I knew that for the message shared in our Newsletter to be meaningful, important, the absolute truth, exactly what all of us needed to hear, the words I shared must come directly from God Himself. For this to happen, I knew I had to **Get out of God’s way** and allow God to do the talking. For this reason, God said, “Call this exercise in sharing My truth, From Heaven’s Heart”.

So each month, I begin by typing these God sent words at the top of the page. “From Heaven’s Heart’. This signals to me, **Get out of God’s way**.

I knew with no doubt that if I’d move out and stay out of His way, God would speak through me. And I pray I have never wavered.

So here we go.

When I began our new teaching series several months ago on God’s Power to Change Our Lives, you may have noticed that many of our lessons have been focused on recognizing and applying our Spiritual Gifts to our lives. If we listen carefully, and apply what He says, God releases His power to bring about positive changes that we all need. This will not happen until we **Get out of God’s way** and place our lives, our problems, our dreams, our disappointments, our sins, our addictions, our worries in His hands.

The last several Sunday’s, as I worked on my messages on Gentleness, Kindness, Joy, Peace, Love, Etc., I found myself wondering if these topics had enough meat on the bone so to speak. When the world and our small personal worlds seem to be upside down or out of control, “Father, is this what your people need to hear? Are these subjects, gentleness, kindness, too soft for problems that are so hard and difficult”?

I need to be completely honest with you. I have tried each week to get in God’s way by changing course. Thank goodness, He stopped me always saying the same thing, **“Stay out of My way**. I know what my people need from me. Let me be God. Just study my word. Allow My Spirit to speak. Write it down. This is what they/you need to hear”.

I have been amazed with your comments each Sunday. You'd think I have been doing this long enough not to be surprised but God keeps surprising me with what only He can and will do if I will **stay out of His way**.

A man about my age visiting with us said, "I came today not knowing what to expect and wondering if you'd say anything about the mass shootings that took place this week. You hit the nail on the head pastor. I know God wanted me here so He could speak to me today and He did. Thank you". I was surprised when the man gave me a hug while shedding a few tears. God touched us both. God's power to change our lives!

A member said, "You sure did step on my toes today". I'm glad God had something important for this person to hear. He touched us both. God's power to change our lives!

Someone else wrapped their arms around me and I felt God's presence through the hugs. His voice sang out through the tears. Comfort in the midst of deep, heart wrenching pain is a wonderful, empowering gift from God. He touched us both. God's power to change our lives!

Another member said, "I really appreciate what you said. I have needed to do something for along time but have been putting it off. I'm going to do something about it this week. He touched us both. God's power to change our lives!

I could go on sharing more of your comments but I'm out of my allotted pages.

God's message for me...for you! Get out of His way and stay out of His way and let God be God. He has you life, my life, and yes the world under His control. Nothing happens that does not pass through His hands. He allows it with purpose. He causes it with purpose. And the final outcome will be His. He has the power to change your life and mine. He has the power for you to see your dreams become a reality. He has to power to get you out of debt. He has to power to heal you from any illness...physical, spiritual, emotional, relational. Nothing you face is beyond His power to overcome. Let God be God. Hand everything over to Him. He holds your future in His hands.

From someone who struggles with letting go, I'm working still on it...you can too.

Love,

Pastor Steve

PS Most of the time, God changes the world one person at a time. He often does this when we **get out of His way** and allow Him to say something we need to hear and begin to **apply it to our lives**. Gentleness, kindness, forgiveness.....