

GREATER GRACE FAMILY MINISTRIES CHURCH

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Strengthening Families by the Word of God

CELEBRATING 31 YEARS



Dr. Bishop
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Dr. Bishop Edward Barnett has faithfully been advising, teaching, preaching and supporting families, within this ministry.

He started in 1991 and God has blessed him to carry on His work and will continue to do God's work until God calls him home.

Bishop is God's chosen and he is blessed by God.

FAMILY

The nearest thing to heaven on this earth is the home where husband and wife, parents and children live in love and peace together for the Lord and for each other. The nearest thing to hell on earth is an ungodly home, damaged by sin and iniquity, where parents quarrel and bicker, and children are abandoned to the devil and all the forces of wickedness.

In the wisdom of God, the family is the smallest complete unit of society on the earth. As goes the family, so goes the nation, and civilization, and the world.

No nation has ever risen higher morally, intellectually, or spiritually than the families of which that nation was constituted. All efforts, therefore, at improving moral and spiritual standards in the world, combating crime, infidelity, and violence, must begin with the home and with the family. Attacking these problems anywhere else, anywhere farther down the line, can only be temporary. It can only restrain but never result in a cure.

Until the homes of our nation, and that means first of all the parents of our nation, turn to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our country will deteriorate morally and spiritually.

O blest that house where faith you find, and all within have set their mind. To trust their God and serve Him still and do each day His Holy will!

Come Worship With Us at 9:00am Sundays at: 4025 9th Street, SE, Washington, DC 20032

CAN THESE DRY BONES LIVE AGAIN?

Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Ezekiel 37:4

As I read in the Book of Ezekiel, I felt a sense of restoration is needed. Many of us are at dry places in our lives and there is a need for us to begin to speak to these dry bones. Can you speak to your situation? Can these dry bones live again?

There are some broken relationships that exist in our lives. There are some old things that need to be revived in our lives. Though it is needed, many of us don't know how to go about doing it. Is this you? Do you need restoration in some areas in your life? Can these dry bones live again?

I often wonder what God thinks of the way that we handle situations in our lives. Should we walk away the way that we do? Or does He want us to handle the situations differently? Ezekiel's was the same as many of us at the beginning of his vision. When God asked him if the bones could live again rather than Him "saying yes", his reply was "God you know." How often does this happen to us? How many times does God ask us do we have the faith to , and our reply is God you know rather than God yes? How many times does God ask us can we speak life to our situations and our reply is God you know rather than yes?

I want to begin to encourage each person who has dry places in your life to begin to prophesy to it. Speak life where there appears to be death. If it is your marriage, then speak life. If it is your finances, then speak life. If it is your job, then speak life. If it is your holding pattern in life, then prophesy. If it is your dreams, then speak life. If it is old relationships, then speak life. You see when God asked Ezekiel if the bones could live his reply should have been "yes Lord." This is the same with us, when God is asking us if the dry bones can live again, we must believe in our hearts and answer with a "yes Lord."

So today know that those dry bones can live again. Those places that need restoration need you to speak life to them. God is not a God of hopelessness. If it is God's will then know that God can make a way. It takes your faith to believe that which you ask will be given unto you. Pray with expectancy. Pray with the knowledge that your prayers do not fall on deaf ears. God hears. God cares. God wants you to have the faith to believe that these dry bones can live again. And therefore remember "*Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.*" "

GREATER GRACE FAMILY MINISTRIES CHURCH
31ST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

The Highs and Lows of Ministry

Ministry is not for the wishful thinkers or thin skin people pleasers, nor should it be a means to gain great personal wealth or passions. Rather, it is for the individual that has heard the call of God so deep within their soul until it is a joy to live out the purposes of God as they are revealed, and to sacrifice natural comforts for the sake of gaining spiritual insights, revelations, and illumination. Ministry is for the one who has never been the same since encountering **JESUS** and will never again go back to being the same as before. It was after a Bible study at my church long before being in ministry, the Word of the Lord came to me one night in the early 80's while sleeping. My call came from **1 Chronicles 28:7-10**. ***7 I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.***⁸ ***"So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever.***⁹ ***"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every desire and every thought. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.***¹⁰ ***Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house as the sanctuary. Be strong and do the work."***

The highs and lows of ministry are both experiences where I get pleasure when I look back over the 20 years. The lows proved that God was there beneath me to strengthen and guide me when I was facing depressing situations and circumstances. The highs remind me that God cares so much about me that He can entrust me with responsibilities, secrets, and plans that He hasn't entrusted to anyone else. It would be impossible to name them all.

The Lows:

- ▶ In the early 90's after a church wide agreement to move into DC, and a 6-month evangelistic training, when the church moved in DC – only half the church (people) moved.
- ▶ In 1998 the community where the church was located was torn down by the DC Government, so Greater Grace Family Ministries moved again but could only find location in Maryland. Only 5 members relocated to the new church to start over.
- ▶ 2005 after a steady church growth in Marlton

Bless Us to Bless You!

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Elementary School, a new principal announced that the school would no longer allow spiritual organizations to use its auditorium, that's right, we were on the move again.

The Highs:

- ▶ My trip to Africa
- ▶ In the early 90's when the Lord spoke to me while in Africa, confirming my vision of the church, that I should start when returning home.
- ▶ Seeing the church grow even larger every time it moved - seeing souls saved.
- ▶ Seeing leaders emerge from the teaching, preaching, and training.
- ▶ Having my mother, wife and children support me in the ministry.
 - ▶ Interesting people I met along the way of ministry.
 - ▶ Given the opportunity to use this church for our worship services and to save souls.
 - ▶ The freedom to Praise God for all the blessings in my life that He has brought.

With all the highs and lows, I am still here! With the help of the Lord, I have been able to stay committed to the ministry and willing and able to serve my Lord until the day I am called home to be with Him. Thank you, Lord, your son

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