

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Traci Stengl Ghaffarian - was diagnosed with Leukemia in August. She begins her radiation and chemo on 1/5 and then starts the bone marrow transplant on 1/12. Pray for God's peace and comfort and strength for her whole family during this difficult journey.

Marlyn Marsilia - is at Dominican with a kidney infection and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Pray for rest, healing and a transplant opportunity.

Yvonne Wilkins - is in ICU at Dominican due to kidney failure. Please pray for healing.

Ryan Evans - is in ICU in the military hospital in Texas fighting for his life. His parents, Doug and Chris are with him and are very concerned but know that he is in God's mighty hands.

Tom Carr - is back in the hospital due to anemia. Please remember Tom and his wife, Becky in your prayers.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Ken Kirby - former active member of TLC went home to be with his Lord on December 29th. He and his wife Karen have been living in Roseburg, OR and Longview, WA. Please remember his family in your prayers.

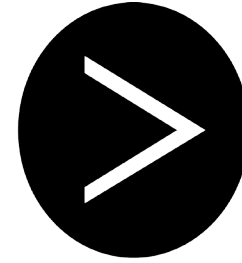
Bob and Jean Kettleman (Barbara Taylor's mom and step-father & Barry Schneider's grandparents) - are together in heaven as Jean passed away on January 2nd and Bob on January 4th. Please remember the family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of two family members.

Dorothy Breuninger - Dave's mom who has battled Parkinson's for the last 15 years in now completely whole in the arms of her Heavenly Father. Please remember Kim and Dave in your prayers as they prepare for her graveside service on January 12th in San Diego.

Karl Heebner's dad, Karl Sr. - is now in the presence of the Lord. Please keep his family in your prayers as they grieve his loss.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



GREATER

GREATER COURAGE

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WHY ARE WE DOING THIS SERIES?

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, **think about these things.** Philippians 4:8

SO HOW DO I HANDLE BAD NEWS?

The righteous will never be shaken... **They do not fear bad news;** they confidently trust the LORD to care for them. Psalm 112:6,7 NLT

3 KEYS TO COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH BAD NEWS

1. SIZE UP _____

And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negev. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.” Numbers 13:27-29

2. SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN _____

But Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for **we are well able** to overcome it.” Numbers 13:30

Then the men who had gone up with him said, “**We are not able** to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” **So they spread among the Israelites a bad report** of the land that they had spied out, saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.” Numbers 13:31-33

3. STAY FOCUSED ON _____

(Caleb and Joshua) said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. **If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us** into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.” Numbers 14:7-8

“Only **do not rebel against the LORD**. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and **the LORD is with us**; do not fear them.” Numbers 14:9

BIG IDEA: SEE _____
IN LIGHT OF _____

Do I live by my performance or by the grace of Jesus Christ? What if God is calling me to fail anyway? So what? I have His love, I have His kindness, and if I fail, He will only use this failure to prepare me for something that is better. My worthiness is not found in my success. The reason I’m scared is because I am holding onto an imaginary life raft. Jesus is my security. So I don’t have to worry about failure here. - Tim Keller

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

They **do not fear bad news**; they confidently trust the LORD to care for them. Psalm 112:7

FOR THIS WEEK’S DAILY MEDITATIONS

For daily devotions during the GREATER series, pick up your free copy of the GREATER booklet at the info desk, or download a free PDF at tlc.org

RESOURCES USED IN PREPARATION OF THIS SERMON

“How to be Brave: Your Story Has Already Been Written,” message preached by Steven Furtick at Elevation Church

“Fear, Faith, and Courage,” message preached by Tim Keller at Redeemer Presbyterian Church