

SOLD OUT NEWSLETTER

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INSPIRATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS BIRTHDAYS

The Purpose of this Newsletter is to inform, inspire, and invite anyone seeking a loving and caring Church Family. All are welcome (**Adults 18 and over**) to join us in praise and worship. Doors open at 9:15 a.m. Sundays. See calendar for details

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to take the word of God out into a broken world to those who struggle and feel lonely, hopeless and abandoned. Going out and sharing the message that there is hope. That Jesus Christ saves souls from the muck and mire setting the lost on a solid foundation.



THE SOLD OUT BAND

The Sold Out Band is the worship band for Sold Out Ministries Inc. and is available to play at your next event. Be sure to visit our website, email us at soldoutallin@gmail.com. Contact Milt @ (727) 458-9905 or Dawn @ (727) 458-7124



THE SOLD OUT COFFEE HOUSE

The Coffee House is open every Saturday from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. This is the place to go to begin your Saturday with good fresh coffee and fellowship. The Food Pantry is held on the first and third Saturday of each month (October 5th and 19th) during Coffee House hours.

THE SOLD OUT STORE HOUSE

For anyone in need of clothing, the Sold Out Store House is open whenever our doors are open.

THE CONTINENTAL INN

Is located at 12810 U.S. HWY 19N Clearwater, Florida 33764
Contact Dawn @ 727-458-7124

THE BLANK PAGE

The blank page is an artist's canvas to paint a masterpiece. It is a sculptor's lump of clay to be molded into something magnificent. It's a place for a writer to assemble the right words in the right order creating an unforgettable story. All three are gifts from God. I continue to encourage, challenge, and invite anyone who wishes to contribute *original writing* to this newsletter. Whether you believe you can or not. See Jim Ellis for details.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT SEASONS



The heat and humidity of the Florida summer has slowly been shifting to much cooler conditions; a transition welcomed by everyone. We go through seasons in our life as well. Some changes are for the good and need to happen. Some may be unexpected changes and considered negative and unwanted until we move through it on to the next season. Nothing should ever remain the same. If our lives do not change, it's probably because our thinking hasn't changed we become stuck on a plateau, unable to reach new heights. Falling down instead of rising up. ***Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*** (Romans 12:2)

For years I chased dreams desperately trying to change my life. But my thinking remained the same. I was in a season of being trapped on that plateau because my thinking did not change. Everything I tried failed. I tried to stop drinking, I tried to convince myself that I could live life, my way. I fooled myself by believing that everything in my world was okay; but it was not. I fought with the demons that told me I wasn't good enough for anyone or anything. A vicious circle that brought me back to my addictions time and time again. There were people in my life that tried to tell me that there was a better way. Asking Jesus to come into my life as my Lord and Savior could change everything. Resisting, I ran from what they were telling me.

When I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior my thinking changed. Everything changed. My deepest darkest secrets came to the surface. The drinking stopped because there was nothing to mask anymore. Like transitioning from the heat, humidity and storms of summer to the more comfortable conditions, seasons changed for me.

SPIRITUAL LIFELINE

If you woke each morning and your heart leapt with hope, knowing that the renewal of all things was just around the corner—might even come today—you would be one happy person. If you knew in every fiber of your being that nothing is lost, that everything would be restored to you and then some, you would be armored against discouragement and despair. If your heart's imagination were filled with rich expectations of all goodness coming to you, your confidence would be contagious; you would be unstoppable, revolutionary.

Friends—don't let anyone or anything cheat you of this hope; it is your spiritual lifeline. You have barely begun to take hold of it. Do not let anything diminish the beauty, power, and significance of this hope above all hopes. Jesus lived the way he did in this world, for this world, because his hope was set beyond this world; that is the secret of his life. ***“Study how he did it. He never lost sight of where he was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor right along side God.”*** (Hebrews 12:2 The Message)

Oh yes we need to make this practical. We need to take this hope so seriously we sell everything to buy this field. We must make this utterly real and tangible, so that over time our souls are truly anchored by it. Of all things we could do that would be the most practical, that has the most staggering implications.

Extracted from Ransom Heart by Joe Barefoot

“The Principle of Gam Zu LeTovah” (This Too Is For the Good) A JEWISH PERSPECTIVE By Mark Bonn

Those of us who are believers must always seek the truth and goodness of every situation, regardless of the material outlook of a situation. Very often something which we consider an absolute tragedy occurs, and only years later, when looking back and placing all events into the proper perspective, do we realize that the tragedy was not a tragedy, but rather enabled something wonderfully good and marvelous to happen.

In *Parshas¹ VaYechi* ('And he lived') (Genesis 47:28-50:26), Yosef's² brothers plead with him to not take revenge or otherwise punish them for what they had done to him. Yosef responds that although their intentions were bad, since *Hashem*³ intended it for a good purpose, namely to keep everyone alive, he would not consider harming them at all. (Gen. 50:14-21)

Likewise, in *Parshas MiKetzi* ('it passed') Yaakov⁴ is so distraught; he believes that his whole life is falling apart: Yosef is gone, Shimon⁵ is gone, and now they were taking away his beloved Binyamin⁶. Our sages tell us that at this time *Hashem* was sitting in Heaven Above and chuckling at Yaakov's *krechzing*⁷. Yosef is gone? He is the Prime Minister of Egypt and is on top of the world! Shimon is gone? He's roaming about freely touring Egypt! (Yosef only imprisoned him as long as his brothers were there) And now Binyamin too will be lost? Nothing at all happened to Binyamin, just like nothing at all happened to Yosef or Shimon. Yaakov's perception was that he experienced tragedy after tragedy, while in truth nothing had gone wrong at all.

The Jewish *Talmud*⁸ tells us that when we experience a tragedy we must recite a special blessing, *Baruch Hashem Dayan HaEmes*, (Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, the True Judge) and that this *beracha*⁹ should be accompanied by acceptance of the tragedy with great *simcha*¹⁰, based on the belief that everything that *Hashem* allows to happen is always for the good!

In the Torah, the Jewish nation is commanded to wipe out the Nation of Amalek (Deuteronomy 25:17-19); the expression used is that they should be wiped out "*mitachashomayim*" – ***from under the heavens***. Every word in the Torah is specific, therefore, our sages tell us that the implication is that only from our perspective should Amalek be wiped out, as they are the physical embodiment of evil.

However, from *Hashem's* perspective, which takes into consideration the totality of all events, even Amalek embodies some good. This is what the Rabbis in the Talmud had in mind when they pointed out that the descendants of Amalek and other evil individuals converted to Judaism and learned and taught Torah. Although Jews view Amalek as the ultimate symbol of evil, history has proven that even they had some redeeming value.

¹ Jews divide the *Torah*, the Five Books of Moses, into several sections called *Parshas* in order that the entire Torah may be read on the Sabbath throughout the year.

² *Yosef* is Hebrew for Joseph

³ Jews do not pronounce, nor write, the name of the Eternal One, due to reverence and respect for Him. *Hashem* is Hebrew for "*The Name*", and if written otherwise, it is done so – G-d.

⁴ *Yaakov* is Hebrew for Jacob

⁵ *Shimon* is Hebrew for Simeon

⁶ *Binyamin* is Hebrew for Benjamin

⁷ Yiddish for complaining.

⁸ The *Talmud* is the "Oral Torah" that Jews believe has just as much force and effect as the written Torah.

⁹ *Beracha* is Hebrew for blessing

¹⁰ *Simcha* is Hebrew for joy

In conclusion, no matter what evil event, tragedy or setback that may currently influence us, it must be understood that *Hashem* would not permit this tragedy to occur unless the final end result was not something good. The key is perspective and the knowledge that we do not always know what is good for us. Remember this the next time you get in a “slump.” ***Gam Zu LeTovah!***

Mark Bonn recently came to us after years of incarceration. Coming here with just the desire to do the right thing; to change his life, he has settled in. Without wasting any time he has found employment and his place within the Sold Out Family. Mark has joined us on Sundays for praise and worship. At the Thursday evening Bible study he has so much to contribute. Mark spends much of his free time out at the BBQ grill cooking for many. He always says if you have something that needs to be cooked, just bring it to me and I will cook it for you. As I see it, Mark is one who puts others needs before his own asking nothing in return.

Chofetz Chaim's Guidelines For Right Speech

- 1. Do not spread a negative image of someone, even if that image is true.**
- 2. Do not share information that can cause physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual harm.**
- 3. Do not embarrass people, even in jest.**
- 4. Do not pretend that writing or body language or innuendo is not “speech.”**
- 5. Do not speak against a community, race, ethnic group, gender, or age group.**
- 6. Do not gossip, even to your spouse, relatives, or close friends.**
- 7. Do not repeat gossip, even when it is generally known.**
- 8. Do not tell people negative things said about them, for this can lead to needless conflict.**
- 9. Do not listen to gossip. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt.**

SOLD OUT EVENTS

Praise and Worship Sundays at 10:00 am doors open at 9:15 am

Bible Study Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm doors open at 6:15 pm

Coffee House every Saturday morning 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Food pantry is held on the first and third Saturday of each month during Coffee House.

Friday October 25th Jordan Feliz Concert at Indian Rocks Baptist Church

The Great Pumpkin Carving TBA

ON THE ROAD WITH THE SOLD OUT BAND

Monday October 7th Celebrate Recovery Abundant Life 6:15 pm
1550 Belcher Road Largo, FL

Saturday October 12th Fall For Jesus Concert Freedom Ministries
5595 66th Street North Saint Petersburg, FL

Sunday October 13th Start of Revival Week at Freedom Ministries
5595 66th Street North Saint Petersburg, FL

Wednesday October 16th Freedom Ministries
5595 66th Street North Saint Petersburg, FL

Sunday October 20th Freedom Ministries
5595 66th Street North Saint Petersburg, FL

BIRTHDAYS ARE CELEBRATED ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH SEE ANDREA FOR DETAILS.



