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Dear Precious Friends in Christ,

It has been a couple of months since our last newsletter, which is quite unbelievable to me. Time appears to be spinning faster, even while, the individual days and nights seem to be so long. However, with each passing day, I have known the goodness of God and His sustaining grace. Daily, I am reminded that my joy is found in the Lord of my salvation, instead of the circumstances of life. The Lord's faithfulness is being manifested in manifold ways to my family, as well as to this ministry and me. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to testify of the Lord's faithfulness over these past weeks.

Living Under the Shadow of His Wing

This was the topic for the Ladies Event at The Fellowship Church in Albertville, Al. Lisa Atkins, the wife of Pastor Allen Atkins, had chosen this subject last fall for their women. Over the past few years, many events had to be altered, due to Covid. Therefore, Lisa decided they would invite a guest speaker to come once a quarter in 2022, instead of hosting a weekend conference. Each speaker would be focusing on a specific subject that fell under the umbrella of this phrase; 'Under the Shadow of His Wings'. My assignment was that of 'The Family'.

Now, Ed and I have been friends with the Atkins family for over 40 years. In fact, Ed and Allen would travel and minister together on what would be their very 1st Mission trip, all those years ago. This would begin an endearing friendship and partnership in the ministry, along with some very interesting and funny stories of their ventures. They have known of our mountaintop experiences, as well as, many of the valleys of adversities we have faced. For this reason, she assigned to me, 'The Family', and how we are to place them at the feet of Jesus, under the Shadow of His wings.

When Lisa contacted me last fall, asking me to pray about being a part of this event, little did I realize that this study would be profoundly more for me, than for others! Yes, once again, I can see the faithfulness of God through this opportunity. He knew what lay ahead for us, and He was faithfully preparing me for this deep valley. As I began to prepare for the upcoming event, I was reminded of some glorious truths about our God. First of all, I remembered what that phrase represented. The Shadow of His wings is a reference to the wings, which spread over the altar within the Holy of Holies. In the Old Testament, these wings shadowed the mercy seat; which was placed atop the ark of God that held His commandments.

I had just begun this study when everything transpired with Ed's illness. Even though the preparation for this event had to be temporarily set-aside during that time, it was already in my heart and mind. Afterwards, when I was processing what had occurred, I seemed to be drawn more and more to the truths found in Psalm 57.

Now, as I read these words they were describing exactly where I found myself to be. Along with the Psalmist, I too was crying out for Mercy; God's mercy, to help me in my great hour of need! Similar to David in this Psalm, I needed a deepening work of grace to endure this raging storm. Through this heart-wrenching situation, I was not only being called to live by the truths of His word, it was a time for me to **KNOW** my God in an ever-deepening and increasing manner.

In this Psalm, we find David seeking refuge from the enemy amidst the shadows of a cave. During this time, this adversity would appear to be hopeless, confusing, and heartbreaking. Yet, David would once again remember that his only refuge would be found in the God of mercy. Upon crying out to God for mercy, he gains confidence in His God and proclaims, "My soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge,"

Then, when the Psalmist soul was revitalized to the light of his true refuge, you can sense the tenor of his thoughts and heart change, and a new work of joy, love, and peace taking over. He begins to sing aloud the truths about his God, "I will cry out to **God Most High**, to **God who performs all things** for me. **He will send** from heaven and save me;..... **God shall send forth His mercy and His truth**. What follows next rings out loud and clear; for David begins to sing praises to His King, while still being in the midst of the adversity.

"Be exalted o God, above the heavens,
Let Your glory be above all the earth."

Oh, dear brother and sister, our God is our refuge. We must remember, our God is the One who is over all things; has the power to do all things; and who is faithful to supply our needs, no matter the storm that may beset us.

Our God is the Faithful One!

This event was particularly special to me, because our daughter, Benita, accompanied me. She was asked to share her testimony of coming to saving faith in Christ. Additionally, she shared how she came to realize the importance of having parents who prayed for her; and were willing to lay her at the feet of the Lord's throne, asking for her soul to be saved.

I have asked Lisa Atkins, to share a few words about that weekend.

Lisa writes, "We praise the Lord for the way He worked out His plan for our recent ladies event at The Fellowship. Dianne and Benita teamed up, with Dianne teaching on surrendering your family to the Lord. Afterward, Benita shared her personal testimony.



The Lord moved and worked in bringing ladies to hear His word. Some of our women joined us this time, which have never attended any other prior events; along with a few visitors from sister churches. Several testified later, that this was exactly what they needed to hear. Dianne is a gifted teacher of the Word and Benita beautifully shared how the Lord brought her to true salvation. What a blessing they are! Our family loves the entire Lacy family deeply!

Friends, our God was faithful to answer the prayers of His people during this event. I am extremely thankful for this opportunity. Thank you for praying for this outreach.

Our God is Faithful to use His Word and Faithful to answer His children!

God is Faithful to open doors of opportunities!

Through your love, prayers, and continuing generosity, the Lord continues to open doors of opportunities. This is also a way of God's faithfulness being manifested among us. Since many of you have shown your commitment to remain co-laborers in this ministry, we have been able to supply:

- **Gospel Tracts** - Several churches are using the tracts from this ministry in their outreach endeavors. We always suggest that churches label them with their own information on the back of each tract. This way, any interested individual will be able to contact them freely.
- **The pastors, church-planters, and missionaries** laboring in foreign fields, as well as within the United States with needed funds. In addition, we have provided resources such as: the printing of gospel study materials, tracts, bibles, food, and travel expenses for those who are continuing to teach and train others. These men have a desire to continue using Ed's bible study resources in their training and equipping of others.
- **The workbooks** and help with study bibles in the drug/alcoholic rehab facilities.
- **Aid Students** as they prepare for the ministry.

Of course, this is just a sampling of how the ministry has been answering the call to be on mission with the Lord. However, in mentioning these, I in turn want to encourage you. I want you to be aware of how your gifts and prayers are being used and multiplied in so many areas. These supplies and help would not be availed to others, through this ministry, without the Lord stirring your heart for missions; and then your willingness to cooperate with Him.

I always receive the blessings of hearing from our fellow brothers and sisters in the faith. These laborers of the Lord had assumed since Ed had passed into glory, the ministry would cease its work. But these men have been overwhelmed by your steadfastness in this gospel work. They always express their heartfelt gratitude and love for your prayers and your gifts. Since you don't get to read all of them personally, I have chosen a couple of correspondences for you to read. As we have often expressed to you, we have made sure that these ministers understand, that we are merely the conduits through which others give toward the work of the ministry. Please continue to pray for these ministries.



First, this is from Pastor Mario, from South Africa. [I plan on putting a spotlight on this ministry in our next newsletter.] He writes, **I am humbled by God's grace and grateful for your support of me, and our ministry. I am thankful knowing that the help that comes from your ministry is not just monetary, but also spiritual. I am reminded by the Apostle Paul's plea, "You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our**

behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many." (2 Cor. 1:11) **Prayer is real, practical help! Thank you for your financial support. God knows how much we need it, but even much more than that, I am thankful for your prayers. God knows how desperately we need such help! With deep gratitude, Your brother, Mario**

OUR GOD IS FAITHFUL TO SAVE!

Next, notice these precious words from our brother and friend, Frederick of Kenya. Frederick is a diligent worker and was such a servant to Ed on his many trips to Kenya. He writes,

I am so much humbled to hear that you and the entire Ed Lacy Ministry partners are willing to support me. Indeed, I am very much grateful. I have been also praying for you that God will keep you and strengthened you after the loss of your husband and my friend and mentor, Ed Lacy. This loss affected me very much. I had great love for Ed and his ministry. His teachings have made me, and my ministry, understand in depth about God's mission to mankind. I learned about true happiness and what is the eternal life. These teachings impacted me, and my ministry. It made me to see that my fellow pastors and church-planters had to hear them and move away from the false gospel of material prosperity. Indeed, God moved and hearts were touched and lives changed, glory to God. Though Ed Lacy is gone, his legacy will live among us forever. Thank you once more for the support. May God bless you abundantly! Fredrick



The Faithfulness of our God knows no boundaries!

I, too, along with these precious servants of the Lord, stand amazed by your steadfast partnership with this ministry. Please know it is because of your concern, prayers, and gracious giving that enables us to continue to move forward in supporting pastors like Mario and Fredrick. I have communicated with these faithful servants, explaining that as long as our Lord continues to keep this ministry operative, we will continue to be faithful servants for His Work, done His Way, for His Glory!

Also, I want to thank you for your ongoing prayers for my family and me. Your thoughtfulness, notes of encouragement, and phone calls are such a blessing. I need your prayers and I cherish your friendships. The task of completing the writing of the first book from Ed's studies is underway. My precious husband had started on this writing project; but did not complete it. I have committed to completing this massive undertaking. However, I realize I need the Lord's guidance and wisdom, to carry this project to completion. Moreover, I recognize the need for your prayers to undergird me through this endeavor. Many of you have already been so encouraging to me about this project. Therefore, I know you will be prayer partners with me through this mission.

My heart is filled with thanksgiving for you and your heart to join with us, for the sake of the gospel. I can only express it, as did Paul in his letter to the precious saints in Philippi. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in prayer making request for you with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

For His Glory,

Dianne

Please continue to pray for the Lady's Bible Studies, which I teach on Sundays when I am home. In October, I will be speaking for a ladies retreat – 8 sessions over the 3-days. I have not yet settled on the topics we will study.

Again, I would like to mention the devotions we are posting on Facebook. I encourage you to join us and invite others to read them also. They are such an encouragement and a great tool for growth.

Next newsletter we will once again spotlight one of our pastors, as well as a book nook.