



Fall MINISTRY Update 2019



CALLING INDIVIDUALS TO PURITY AND HOLINESS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Here is what Jesus Christ has been speaking into me the last few months. "HAVE FAITH". Here is what the New Testament says about it.

FAITH addresses Need and Worry. It's the antidote for FEAR. It brings FORGIVENESS. It ENDS HOPELESSNESS. It opens SPIRITUALLY BLIND EYES. It rescues from STORMS. It's how we deal with SICK FAMILY. It provides DAILY NEEDS. It faces the IMPOSSIBLE. It SMOTHERS DOUBT. It calls us to SERVE. It readies us for the 2nd COMING. It makes me USABLE. Our Faith MEETS THE NEED IN OTHERS. It settles that GOD CARES. It USHERS IN HEALING. It CONQUERS OUR FAILURES. It REPLACES BEGGING. It UNPARALYZES and SAVES. It can NOT co – exist with the love of \$. WE NEED TO ASK GOD for **FAITH** instead. It tells us to TRUST GOD'S JUSTICE. **JESUS PRAYS FOR US TO HAVE IT.**

Faith turns inability to STRENGTH, rebellion into OBEDIENCE.

It always PRECEDES GOD'S POWER. Faith produces ENDURANCE, PURIFIES THE HEART and is the CHURCHES FOUNDATION.



Joel's Update (Youth Ministry)

I need to tell you about what Jesus has been doing in me.

BE REAL: Jesus recently gave me the space to express anger that I had bottled up for too long. I fell to the floor, I wept, I punched the ground, I shouted. It was the most real I've felt! In His grace, He received me like that, and released me from an emotional block. Now I'm feeling a lot more 'me' and I'm hearing from God better than ever. I don't want to come to God any other way than REAL. I'm certain that's how He wants it too.

BE UNHINDERED BY THE PAST: I admit I have carried unforgiveness and it's caused me real anxiety. Recently in church, I cried out for help to extend grace and mercy. I experienced the Holy Spirit reach into my stomach, where anxiety had caused me to feel sick, and take a hold of what felt like claws that had dug into me. I felt physical pain as the Lord tore this out – I believe freeing me of the enemy's grasp.

It draws us to REPENT, KEEPS US HOLY, SECURES GOD'S PROMISES. It SECURES PEACE.

WITHOUT LOVE OUR FAITH IS NOTHING.

(1 Cor. 13:2)

Faith produces CERTAINTY IN THE RESURRECTION and makes you BRAVE, ALERT and STRONG. It produces CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER. It's the GROUND of UNITY. It is a SHIELD AGAINST ATTACKS. Faith can NOT COMPROMISE TRUTH. IT GROWS as Love Grows. Faith must be MIXED with a GOOD CONSCIENCE and GOOD DOCTRINE. It's an ENDURANCE RACE not a sprint. IT ACCEPTS TRUTH REBUKED. Faith REQUIRES TESTING. WITHOUT FAITH YOU CAN NOT PLEASE GOD.

But the LAST thing God gave me as I sat by the Sebastian River was...

"BRAD, I am NOT asking you to 'understand faith'.... I am ASKING YOU TO HAVE FAITH IN ME!!

My faith is NOT what I believe, NOT in the church or even in faith itself.

My Faith Rests in the Resurrected, Loving, All – Sufficient PERSON of Jesus. In HIM I put my faith.

Love You, Brad

(Pure For God Director)



Brad teaching First Love

BE READY AND COUNT THE COST: like Rocky Balboa getting focused and fixing up the picture of his opponent, 'Drago', before his big fight – God is preparing me to fight the good fight and I'm fixing my eyes on Him. This has involved repenting of cowardice, stepping out of the door even when I'm afraid, and tightening up my faith in Him in readiness for harder days.

This has built me up to:

- Mentor and tell teen boys who feel orphaned, that they have a Father in God, because of Jesus.
- Speak regularly at the local school, where I'm passionate about telling the Gospel boldly – I was delighted to see 15+ teens say they wanted Christ. (Please pray with me for more – for a move of the Holy Spirit across the whole school!).

Robin's Update (Director of Soul Care)

I attended a seminar on *Domestic Abuse* sponsored by the *National Council of Catholic Women*. They too recognize the limited training within the church walls of all denominations.

From Oct. 28 – Nov. 3 I will attend a week's training from *Desert Stream Living Waters Ministries*. Their primary method of training is to encourage leaders to enter more deeply into their personal wholeness. Of course, the teachings will be things I can use in the ministry of Soul Care I currently am doing with many people locally and around the world. Some of the teachings will be:

1. Becoming Responsive to the Fathers Love
2. The Cross and Confession. Restoring the True Image of God in Humanity
3. Identifying Brokenness
4. Restoring Women's Honor
5. Listening for the Healing Word
6. Overcoming Addiction through the Real Meal
7. Restoring Broken Boundaries
8. Restoring Men's Honor
9. Renouncing Idols
10. The True Self Forgives
11. Becoming Trusting/Integrity & Boundaries
12. For the Bride

I am currently \$600 short of paying for this conference held in Pa. and am blessed to attend with Dana Bellinger, PFG's Bookkeeper. She has such a beautiful ministry heart too! Would you like some personal care to work through some of your brokenness, hurt, discouragement, unforgiveness?



Jodi's Update (Family Ministry)

I am leading a small mom's group as well as building relationships with local moms and women my age. The Lord has given me a fire in my heart to tackle and talk about the subjects within motherhood and womanhood that have often gone unspoken/unheard. One of the topics that the Lord is having me fight through is an opposition to the phrase 'I am a strong, independent woman.' The reality is that without Christ I am weak, and I must be completely dependent on Him to thrive. Brad and I are working on a First Love for Kids! It will be some time before it is completed, but we are excited about working on a foundational discipleship tool for young families. I have also just

Christ wants and HAS so MUCH more for you – Why wallow in it, try to ignore it, push it away? It doesn't work and leads to layers of hardness of heart, suppressed anger, loneliness, depression and so much more. All is confidential so please don't be shy to call me ladies at 315.777.1879 or robin.pureforgod@gmail.com



Joel & Jodi with the Imani Milele Children's Choir

Prayer Needs

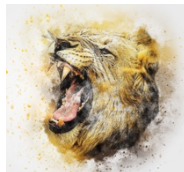
Housing provision for Brad & Robin and Joel & Jodi.

Brad's health – for answers, effective treatments if needed, and ultimately, FULL HEALING.

For us to all hear the Lord's voice for direction in current and future ministry opportunities.



Friends of PFG meeting in Buffalo this October. Ben & Ruth Tagg, Dave & Sarah Gabel, Luke Arcadipane, Dana Bellinger, and Joel & Jodi.



started meeting with a 14-year-old girl who has never been mentored one-to-one before.

Just recently I asked the Lord to show me a picture of what my heart was like. I immediately saw a picture of a lion roaring – mouth wide open, teeth showing. Brad has been challenging me over the summer, saying that God wants me to get my 'fight' back. I used to fight for the wrong things, and in anger, but now I am beginning to feel and know a fight bursting from me for Kingdom things!

OUR MISSION

Pure for God is a youth ministry that preaches and confirms the Gospel of Jesus Christ and calls God's people to live pure and holy lives. Pure for God is a ministry that emphasizes cultivation of the heart, spiritual self-examination, holiness and community as essential to a healthy Christian lifestyle.

-- HAPPY THANKSGIVING --

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