



Stronghold Ministry's The Exchanger

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Prayer is not an after-thought, but a major tool in our support. Please pray with us for healing.

New Toll Free Number

Tell us your story.
We want to help.
877-230-7674

Coming Events

***November 7th** - Stronghold Ministry Banquet in Dallas for Fundraiser /Awareness.

***November 14th** - Joe speaks at Grace Life Seminar of Exchanged Life Ministry at the brand new Hope Center in Dallas.

Call or write for more info.

Abiding While I Wait in Unanswered Prayer

And behold, one of those who was with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"

So often I think God is a million miles away. He lets me watch the pain of those I love, whether it is physical pain, pain of rejection and failure, or pain of dying to their dreams. He doesn't answer what I think is an urgent plea for them. So I do not feel all that love that everyone says God is. I see people hurting. People I love. No relief; and I am helpless in fixing that pain. Watching without being able to change anything brings me to the end of my resources faster than anything.

Jesus then takes me with Him as He shows me the road He walked that day He went to the cross. Perfect surrender, perfect rest. He didn't need Peter's sword or Peter's help. He knew He had a Father that could release a legion of angels to deliver Him. And His Father was not going to deliver Him at this moment. He did not fight, He kept walking towards the cup He was going to drink.

Sometimes my cup is full of watching others hurt. I want to pull out my sword and make a way of clarity and smoothness for them. He helps me put that sword away as I abide in His ability to trust His Father, when I can't. He reminds me that God's love is full of purpose, and the cup of pain that I see others drinking will lead them to the same resurrected life that Jesus experienced, as He releases His power in them through their weakness.

-Terri Fornear



Stronghold Ministry Banquet

Our banquet will be held on Saturday, November 7th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Dallas at LBJ and Central (NE corner) from 6-9 p.m. This will be a fundraiser and provide awareness of Stronghold Ministry's progress and vision. We have about 185 who have committed to

attend. We would be honored to have you as our guest! Dinner will be served. There is no cost to attend. Please write or call us if you would like to come and did not receive an invitation.

Testimony Time

We are featuring the stories of warriors and caretakers we serve. This month, we share the thank you notes of three warriors. Please pray for their healing.

*From **Vivian** who is battling breast cancer. Please contact us if you would like to connect with Vivian regarding pursuing a holistic/prayer approach to healing.*

Dear Pastors Joe and Terri,

I was overwhelmed by your loving generosity (*after receiving a Stronghold gift basket*). I was brought to tears. Joe, I read your book in two hours. It was amazing how God used the chemo at the 11th hour as it were. So sorry you lost your Dad to the same disease. As always, wished I had been blessed with a large family. Even a small family would have been great. But I was a sickly baby born with a tumor on my head and got left in the hospital. Do you recall the song, 'I Know Your Name?' It goes on to say, "I know your every thought. I see each tear that falls and I hear you when you call." Yes, Joe and Terri, the Lord knew me and wanted me when no one else did. How I love Jesus.

Blessings to you & Love in Christ,
Vivian

*From **Matt** who has been fighting Stage IV melanoma for two years.*

Dear Joe,

I wanted to thank you for the gift basket you sent me and all the inspiration in the basket as well as felt by the material. You are an inspiration and a great ambassador of God's work..

Thank you for you!
Matt

*From **Betty** who has been battling colon cancer off and on for nine years. Also, Betty's sister, **Beverly**, has been battling breast cancer off and on for almost ten years.*

Dear Joe,

Thank you so very much for the box (basket) of books you sent. You had said you would be sending a box of goodies but was surprised when I received so much. I am proud of each and every thing. And have some very good reading material. You have a wonderful ministry. I know you touch the lives of many people and that they, like me, appreciate you and what you are doing. You have certainly been a blessing to me.

God Bless You.

Sincerely,
Betty



Stronghold Prayer Wall



Please join us in prayer for these warriors

Stronghold has reached out to this list of individuals who are fighting cancer or have fought cancer (some have other serious illnesses). We don't want to neglect the centrality of prayer for healing. Will you take a moment to intercede with us for these warriors? It is motivating to know our prayers are like a sweet incense to the Lord (Revelation 5:8).

*Lord, please bring
complete healing,
strength and
comfort to each of
these You love
so much.*

Revelation 5:8

The twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb,
each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which
are the prayers of the saints.

Mike D	Sue	Dianne	Barb	Pete
Brisy	Dave	Michelle	Kent	Gina
Bekah	Garrett	Vicky	Ted	Duke
Mike P	Kathy	Beth	Andy	Don
Donna	Peggy	Tiffany	Steve	Jack
Janice	Mr. L	Rachel	Lois	John
Mr. W	Becky	Stephanie	Chuck	Richard
John	Frank	Judy	Karen	Lori
Bill	Randy	Terri	Pat	Sheila
Jon N	Sue	Megan	Jodie	Betty
Rich	Mr. S	Ruth	Matt	Beverly
Gloria	Susan	Hank	Susan	Martha
Claudia	Mrs. L	Vivian	Hudson	Darlene
Jeff	Priscilla	Tony	Craig	Cheryl
Carolyn	Stephanie	Melody	David	Karon
Laura	Lynne	Phyllis	Darlene	Jacob
Mary Sue	Althea	Michael	Lynda	Rebecca
Ed	Kevin	Susan	Yvette	Anne
Milton	Robbin	Joseph	Sean	Susan
Sara	Correy	Emily	Frank	Ms. M
Rex	David	Michael	Larry	Mr. H
Monette	Angela	Robert	Lori	Allison
Joan	Maryann	Mike	Katrina	
Brian	Bill	Debra	Gregg	
Joanne	Tina	Michael S.	Ruth	
Kathy	Edward	Debbie	Sam	