5-19-2024

### Please complete this slip and place it in the oak box to the right of the door as you leave.

We value relationships. This helps us get better acquainted and helps us better serve you. Thanks!

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#### I/We would like:

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**Needs, Questions or Comments** 

Over for Requests/Thanksgivings & RSVP

## Word of Life Family Prayer List

#### We Thank the Lord...

- for using flawed, ordinary people like Moses and like us to do extraordinary things, for giving us an important mission and everything we need to accomplish it
- for the recent baptism of Marcus Zarinelli
- for Jerry Johnson's retirement ceremony on May 29th
- for a successful kidney transplant for Pastor Rick Pfaff (Mitschke)
- for \$527,012 given to our Therefore Go building fund
- for the blessings and resources He has entrusted to our care and His promise to multiply them to build a bigger heaven and better lives.

#### We Ask the Lord...

- to inspire and empower us to give up our useless excuses and embrace our divine destiny that we might burn brightly for Him
- to bless pastor Vijay Gurrala and Tegulu Church as they reach out to people in Houston and beyond
- to bless our attenders, community, state, nation and world
- to bless all leaders with godly wisdom and move them to lead according to
- · to bless victims of violence, oppression and disaster
- for peace and justice in Israel, the Middle East and the world
- for sobriety for those with addictions
- to restore broken marriages, engage unengaged parents, heal broken families, reconcile estranged family members
- to bless a son moving into an apartment
- for successful cataract surgery for Patty Stevens
- for employment guidance and opportunities for Jayme Edwards, Dennis
- to bless and protect our deployed troops and their families
- for positive pregnancy results and faithfulness for Jennifer & Brent (Dominguez)
- for a safe pregnancy and delivery for Joy and Michael Silva (Fennigkoh), Samantha and Jadon Kempers (Stemmermann)
- to grant comfort and peace in their last days to Carolyn Johnson, Barry Pfeifer (Grossart), Steve Collins (Vallejo), Frances Johnson (Christiansen), Audrey Abel (Mitschke), Bernard Sowinski (Valentine) and to grant strength and rest to their families and caregivers
- for the family and friends of Mike Jones (Valentine), Benny Mitschke, Martha Varley (Mitschke), Kris Hill (Hatfield) as they mourn their deaths
- to bless Cecilia Friesenhahn & her family (Flowers)
- to heal Rick Latimer, Allen Fennigkoh, Jean & Neil Craigmile, Suzi Malone, Robert Torres, Denise Bruce, Joyce Givens, Joshua Tolin (Bruce), Clarice Craigmile (Craigmile), Sarah, Erica, Edna Robbins, Amber Lozano (Dominguez), Omi, Bethany (Dunaway), Daniel Muller (Grossart), Fayden Evans, Tracy Parks (Hatfield), Mary Clausen (Herrera), Felicia Gant (James), Madison (Leal), Lee Medicus (Medici), Sandy Doering, Ruthann Stroud, Iris Trahan, Alex Murray, Lillian Mitschke (Mitschke), Marianne Powell, Carson (Nightingale), Clayton (Pawelek), Phil (Peterson), Heather Zakarian (Smith), Bud, Riley (Stemmermann), Buster Roque, Beth Roberts, Evan Hance (Stevens), Jeanie Rosenburg, Tonja Brewer (Vallejo), Rita (Wallrich), Cindy (Williams)
- to heal those battling cancer: Ronda Whitaker (Apao), Mark Armstrong (Christiansen), Guy Morgan (Craigmile), Gino Leija, Denise Gonzalez, Betty Ruff (Dominguez), Rhonda Reyes, Kris Frett, Margaret Swartz (Edwards), Shelby Renton (Hatfield), Neva Atkinson (Johnson), Jessie Anderson (Malone), Devin Jackson, Pastor Ken Lieber, Laurine Watson, Kathy Jennings (Mitschke), Maria Molina (Molina), Meredith Powell (Nightingale), Sebastian Hernandez (Paxton), Dave Peterson (Peterson), Chuck Warner II (Pointer), Robyn Tate (Stevens), Adrian Russell (Vallejo), John Gray (Weissmann)
- to help those we now name in our hearts and minds
- to open the hearts of people to the Gospel and to open our ears, hands and mouths to bless them and share Jesus with them.

Please take this home to review and apply this week's LifeLesson and to keep your Word of Life family in your prayers throughout the week. Please keep this list current by sharing updates on your Info slip.



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LifeLesson Notes for:

# **Useless Excuses**

Heroes of Faith

May 19, 2024

Traditional 8:30 am

Contemporary 9:45 am

Contemporary 11:00 am

Why do we feel we can offer excuses about church that would be ridiculous if used anywhere else?

How many excuses do you offer?

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Exodus 3:11—Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the people of Israel out of Egypt?" (GW)
"I" and "my" always get in the way:
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Exodus 3:12—God answered, "I will be with you." (GW)
It's not about me. It's about!
"Who? You?" Excuse

'What is his name?' What should I tell them?" (GW) It's not what you know, it's you know! Most people are not committed to God because they don't really

Exodus 3:13—Then Moses replied to God, "Suppose I

go to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of

your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me,

Exodus 3:14—God answered Moses, "I Am Who I Am. This is what you must say to the people of Israel: 'I Am has sent me to you." (GW)

#### "What if ... " Excuse

Exodus 4:1—Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you'?" (NIV)

"What if they ask me a question I don't have the answer to?"

Exodus 4:2—Then the LORD asked him, "What's that in your hand?" He answered, "A shepherd's staff." (GW)

God uses what we \_\_\_\_.

God isn't looking for ability but .

Three cool tools:

snake (vs.2-4)

leprosy (vs.6-7)

blood (vs.8-9)

## "But I Don't Speak Well" Excuse

Exodus 4:10—Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I'm not a good speaker. I've never been a good speaker, and I'm not now, even though you've spoken to me. I speak slowly, and I become tongue-tied easily." (GW)

God wants us to get our "\_\_\_\_\_" out of the way.

Exodus 4:11-12—The LORD asked him, "Who gave humans their mouths? Who makes humans unable to talk or hear? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? It is I, the LORD! Now go, and I will help you speak and will teach you what to say." (GW)

#### "Send Someone Else" Excuse

Exodus 4:13—But Moses said, "Please, Lord, send someone else." (GW)

We really have NO EXCUSE

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Exodus 4:14-16—Then the LORD became angry with Moses and asked, "What about your brother Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He's already on his way to meet you, and he will be very glad to see you. You will speak to him and tell him what to say. I will help both of you speak, and I will teach you both what to do. Aaron will speak to the people for you." (GW)

God becomes \_\_\_\_\_ at our excuses and withdraws his blessings.

Exodus 4:20—So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey, and started out for Egypt. He also brought with him the staff God had told him to take. (GW)

"I believe there are many who have not responded to God's call on their lives—many who may miss opportunities to flame brightly for Him, like a radiant city shining on a hilltop. I speak to so many who are waiting for some kind of curious sign in the heavens, some engraved invitation hand delivered by an angel, some wondrous, mystical moment. And all God is waiting for is to hear you say, 'I'm here, Lord. I'm Yours, thorns and all. Just set me afire."" - Chuck Swindoll



### **Prayer Requests/Thanksgivings:**

☐ Confidential - for pastor only
Please PRINT CLEARLY
These requests/thanksgivings may be removed:
I want to invite the following people to Word of Life. Please pray for them and me.

# **RSVP**

# **Opportunities to Serve**

Yes! I'd like to learn more about being trained and helping with:

- Vacation Bible School
- ☐ Worship Open/Turn On
- ☐ Recording offerings after the 11:00 service
- ☐ Nursery volunteer-8:30/9:45 (circle one)

Name(s)

Preferred Contact Info