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Situation Normal

I mentioned to the District Assembly that I am reading through the Bible again using the NRSV translation as my “new voice” this year. I have found it to be a refreshing practice to read the Bible through in a different translation from time to time because it forces me to hear it in a new way. It becomes a fresh voice to me.

I also talked to you at District Assembly about “digging a new well” this year. I challenged you to find a new expression of ministry to your community in hopes that your new well would be your Rehoboth—your place of renewed fruitfulness and peace.

It was about the time of District Assembly that my personal devotions landed me in the very familiar story of the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. The reader is likely to be familiar with many of the details from the plagues, to the Passover, to the parting of the sea. It is difficult to know how long it is from the time Moses first encountered Pharoah to the parting of the sea. Scholars disagree on the amount of time that may have passed for the unfolding of all the plagues. However, it is not until we get to the other side of the sea that we see an interesting comment made by whoever was recording what was happening, “31 Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.” (Ex.14:31).

Here, in this small sidenote, the Holy Spirit seemed to say to me, “That is how it normally works. People see the work of the Lord, which causes them to fear the Lord (respect, trust, or come under convection), resulting in their believing (coming to faith) in the Lord, and in his servants (trusting in the people of God).

Think about this pattern as it applies to your church. If we want people to come to faith in us and in God, we have to show them something first. They must see God working before they will come to have faith in him and in us.

How are people who have not met God yet going come to believe in him and in his people? Do you remember the school project we used to do called, “Show and tell?” This method is God’s method. He shows himself at work and we give witness to the fact that what people just encountered was God.

It seems to me that God reveals himself in two primary ways. One way he reveals himself is through the work of his church. As we serve our neighbors through works of love and compassion, people see the Lord working through the church and come to believe in him and in his people. The other way that people will encounter the Lord is when they actually come to worship. When they see the Lord acting in a worship service, drawing people to him, freeing people from their sins, making himself known, breaking people’s bonds of brokenness, filling the room with his presence, they believe in him and in his people.

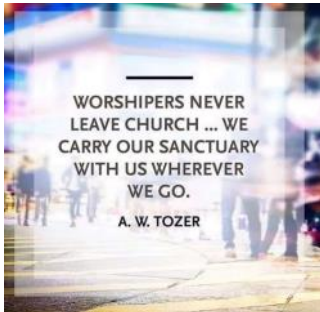
Because people need to see to believe, we need to make sure that we are creating room for God to work in our midst—both when we are working outwardly and when we are working inwardly within the church. It does us no good to work ourselves to death trying to do the Lord’s work for others or for him if he is not inhabiting it with his presence and power.

The secret to seeing God act in mighty ways in our midst goes back to verse 15 where God asks the question, 15 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry out to me?” God’s question to Moses reveals what it was that Moses was doing before God showed up. He was crying out to God.

God doesn’t show up randomly. He shows up when his people cry out in desperation for his help. Let’s expand the formula then. The way that God normally works is: his people cry out to him in desperation, then people see the work of the Lord, causing them to fear the Lord, resulting in their believing in the Lord and in their servants. Perhaps the reason we are not seeing God do wonderful things in our midst is that we haven’t become desperate enough to cry out, really cry out, like our lives depended on him.

In His Love,

Dr. Larry



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Encuentro !! The NM district W&W trip to Costa Rica!!



Broadview Cowboy CON



Aztec CON VBS and Saturday Womens Work FROLIC!



Rio Vista CON



Mission Albuq.—Sandia CON

REVIVAL WEEKEND!

with Evangelist Rev. Arnie Ledy

With music and preaching, Arnie and Lane have taken the revival message from one end of this nation to another. It is the conviction of their hearts that the church is the world's last great hope, because the church is God's plan to reach the world!

There are times when we believers need the Holy Spirit to jettison us from where we are to where we want and need to BE. Those times are called times of Revival. So come join us! Let's move up to Higher Ground... Together! Invite your family, neighbors, friends!

June 28 & 29, 6 pm
June 30, 11 am
33 El Cerro Rd.
Los Lunas



Los Lunas Cornerstone CON



Roswell 1st CON/ They also provided 40 rooms for evacuees from Ruidoso



Carlsbad Church Street CON opened up rooms and spaces for evacuees from Ruidoso.



Angus CON feed the 1st responders during the fire.



La Vista CON SPLASH Party

IMPORTANT PALCON INFORMATION!



JULY 22-24, 2024

PALCON Theme: One Heart.

This is the prayer of Jesus for us. It's also an invitation—an invitation into the love of God,
One Heart...summons us to live into and from the promise of Jesus to accompany us as, together,

Here is the **conference website** (www.palcon.org) and the dates and location for the PALCON on your field.



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

2024

July

District Childrens Camp **July 8-12**

District Teen Camp **July 15-19**

PALCON **July 22-25**

Family Camp **July 26—July 30**

August

Ladies Retreat **Aug 23-25**

November

Leadership Retreat **Nov 7-9**

Always check the district Calendar online: www.nmnaz.com

KIDS CAMP 2024 July 8—12, 2024



JULY 8-12
\$230.00 CAMPER
\$185.00 SPONSOR
REGISTRATION COMING SOON: NMNAZ.COM

Hello my NM District Family... Sign up your children for this Amazing event. I will be the Camp speaker, I will be Challenging, Encouraging, and Reminding our Kiddos that they have a Purpose in Jesus Christ. Blessings.

Pastor Johnny Pacheco



TEEN Camp 2024 and NYC 2026!!!!

TEEN CAMP 2024

And Yet...

JULY 15-19, 2024

\$230 @ Bonita Park
with Eden Avalos

And Yet...

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace as
you trust in him, so that you
may overflow with hope by
the power of the Holy Spirit.
Romans 15:13

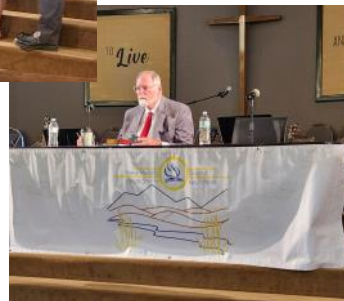
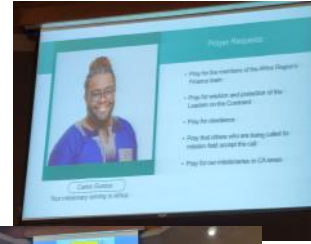
TEEN CAMP 2024
JULY 15-19, 2024

NYC 2026!



REGISTRATION ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE: www.nmnaz.com!!!!

2024 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTIONS



New Mexico District Family Camp

85 Years and Generations to Come

Friday July 26 – Tuesday July 30, 2024



Rev. Vicki Copp
Speaker



Mackenzie Wood
Musician



Deuteronomy
6:4-7

Join us for
fellowship, fun,
worship,
activities,
delicious food
& more!



Josh Herndon
Missionary

Contact us today to make a reservation at
575-336-4404 or info@bonitapark.com.

bonita park

District Women's Retreat

Come sit in the SHADE* of the Father

*Safe Haven Amongst Daughters of
the Eternal God

Rest and Renew



Online Registration starts May 15 at nmnaz.com

August 23–25, 2024

Bonita Park Campgrounds

**Come and Rest and Renew with us!
Hear our special speakers as they bring a
message from God!**

Rebekah Bienhoff
Pastor's Wife
Music Ministry Director
Roswell First COTN
Grandma to 3 (BeBe)



Rebekah
Guardiola-Landry
Youth Director
Resident Services Director
Resource Center Director
Sandia Main Campus

Each person attending is asked to bring a
new gift (\$5–15) and their favorite snack
to share together.

Each Church is asked to bring a gift
basket for our silent auction to benefit
The District Women's Ministry

Cost: \$165 Fri – Sun (whether you are in camp
housing or your own)

\$105 leaving Sat afternoon before supper

If bringing an RV – site fees are additional cost.