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Deeper Life Ministries began in 1994 with three primary objectives:

1. To disciple Christians who are struggling with spiritual or relational trials.
2. To strengthen families & churches in order to prevent problems from arising.
3. To equip church leaders so they can effectively disciple people through times of spiritual and relational struggle.

These objectives continue to be our goals.

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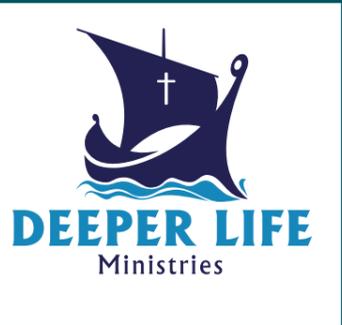
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Deeper Life Ministries' daily operations are funded by donations. *Our buildings are approximately forty years old and in need of some upgrades. Additional contributions are needed for the larger projects. We can use funds, materials, or labor. For more information, contact Dave Snyder at 614-873-1199.*

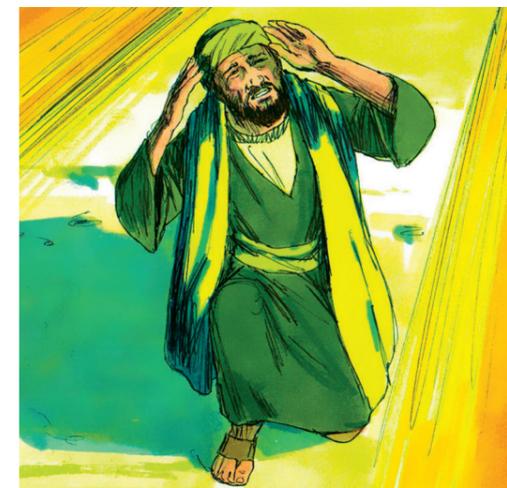
The Anchor is a quarterly newsletter sent free of charge to interested persons or congregations. To receive it, contact Deeper Life Ministries.
— Ben Waldner, Editor

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Suffering by Faith
from Ben Waldner

Since the fateful day that Adam decided to disobey God, sorrow and suffering has been the experience for Adam and his descendants (Gen. 3:16-19). While most people (myself included) seek to bypass all sorrow, Jesus reminded his disciples that in this world they would have tribulation (John 16:33). Since Jesus miraculously healed many people and relieved their suffering, He is for alleviating pain, distress, and sorrow. However, in this world, not all pain, distress, and sorrow will be avoided. In other words, no matter how determined we are to avoid all sorrow and suffering, according to Jesus, it is a losing battle. Since Jesus only tells us what is true, it is best to accept that reality and learn how to live in a manner pleasing to him in the midst of suffering. Three Bible characters that serve as examples in suffering are Moses, Paul, and Peter.

him. His list of qualifications (Philippians 3:5-6) placed him in position to give the valedictorian address. His resume may have caught the attention modern terrorist recruits. He was zealous to the degree that "Saul" and "havoc" was synonymous to believers in the early church. But something happened to Saul. On the way to Damascus, there was a bright light, a brief conversation, instruction what to do, and then dark silence for



In our first example, the Bible says that Moses "chose to suffer affliction with the people of God" (Heb. 11:25). From this world's value system, Moses had it all. He was educated, had position (and influence), physical strength, and wealth. But he esteemed something else of greater value than these. Moses' valued ridicule for the sake of Christ above all the wealth of Egypt (Heb. 11:16). How did Moses see so far into the future to behold Christ, and even further yet to the eternal reward? By faith in the invisible One who makes and fulfills promises (Heb. 11:23, 24, 27, 28).

3 days. By his own admission, Paul later writes, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ" (Phil. 3:7). (Savor the next sentence in his letter). "Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (3:8). Personal merit went to the dung pile and the pursuit of Christ (with suffering) would

In our second example, Saul (later known as Paul) also had much going for

~ 2020 SEMINARS ~

March 6-8 • Family Life

Sandy Ridge Mennonite Church, Bourbon, IN

- Topics
- Friday PM: Blueprint for Family—Dave Snyder
 - Saturday PM: Leading Your Family—Denver Yoder
 - Sunday AM: Parenting Essentials—Ben Waldner
 - Sunday PM: Teaching Moral Purity—Ben Waldner
- Call 574-453-0108 for more information

March 27-29 • Marriage Enrichment

Deeper Life Ministries, Plain City, OH

- Topics
- Friday PM: A Portrait of Christ's Love—Dave Snyder
 - Saturday AM: Following the Rationale—Dave Snyder
 - Saturday AM: Feeling the Emotions—Ben Waldner
 - Saturday PM: Setting Goals—Denver Yoder
 - Saturday PM: Testimony: Walking Together Through Life—Kenton & Wendy Martin, PA
 - Sunday AM: Cultivating Loyalty—Ben Waldner
 - Sunday PM: Worshipping Together—Denver Yoder

Pre-registration Required • Registration Deadline: March 15, 2020 • Call 614-873-1199

April 24-26 • Family Life

Cold Springs Mennonite Church, Abbeville, SC

Same topics as Family Life Seminar in IN • For information call: 864-378-9593

Financial Report

October 1 – December 31, 2019

10/1/19 Beginning Balance.....\$134,191.41

12/31/19 Ending Balance.....\$159,452.45

Beginning Balance Project Fund \$ 175,316.14

OTHER INCOME

Gifts; Project Fund\$5,545.61

OTHER EXPENSE

Maintenance; Projects\$0.00

NET OTHER INCOME\$5,545.61

Ending Balance Project Fund.....\$180,861.75

Beginning Balance Operating Fund

.....- \$41,124.73

INCOME

Bookstore\$8,473.62

Donations\$37,780.19

Offerings.....\$42,864.36

Other Income\$274.37

Seminar.....\$5,266.47

OPERATING INCOME\$94,659.01

EXPENSE

Bookstore\$6,026.41

Food\$1,661.51

Fire Protection.....\$1,111.45

Insurance\$1,093.00

Maintenance.....\$1,705.94

Payroll\$40,674.51

Printing & Mailing.....\$4,204.38

Seminar.....\$3,904.55

Supplies.....\$1,628.54

Utilities.....\$7,418.30

Vehicle.....\$2,001.10

OPERATING EXPENSE\$71,429.69

NET OPERATING INCOME.....\$ 23,229.32

Ending Balance Operating Fund ..- \$21,409.30

MISC- \$3,513.89

Note – The Operating Fund is borrowing from the Project Fund for operating expenses.

Counselor's Thoughts

From the Desk of Tom Johnson



The 2020 Helping People in Need seminar is now history. Hopefully, the content of that seminar will have left lasting impressions in the minds of all who attended. It did for me. One thing that was impressed upon me was the fact that all Christian churches, Anabaptist churches in particular, need to take the reality of abuse seriously. Church-based discipleship ministries like Fresh Start Training Center and Deeper Life Ministries cannot escape that reality. The presence of the problem is starkly obvious to them because that is what they exist to help with. But a poignant point made that week was that all groups of Jesus' followers need to make sure they don't "put their heads in the sand" by thinking "That can't happen here." This is a real problem, involving real people. Fortunately, the trend toward ignorance, either in realizing the presence of the problem, or in how to deal with it, can be changed. God provides real solutions by giving us methods and resources. He designed the church to be a place where people can equip and help each other resist their tendency toward sinful thinking and behavior. He gave us the tools and His own Spirit to give direction and hope in living lives free from abuse. 🙏

Suffering by Faith *Continued*

be Paul's life. How did Paul come to the place of solely depending on Christ for righteousness? By faith in Christ who is the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises (Phil. 3:9).

Our third and final example is Peter. A fisherman by trade, Peter worked the late shift on the unpredictable Sea of Galilee, which was not for those easily given to vertigo, fear, or impatience. Lacking educational acumen may have contributed to his inquisitiveness and speaking out of turn. After all, if something needs to be said, why not say it? Peter's view of suffering comes from an eye witness—one that saw the suffering (1 Peter 5:1). He was part of the small group in the Garden when Jesus prayed in agony, and may have been among His acquaintances at the crucifixion (Luke 23:49). In the process of restoring Peter after denying Him thrice, Jesus prophetically informed Peter of the manner of his death, and then simply stated, "follow me" (John 21:19). And follow he did. He went to prison (Acts 5:18; 12:2), was beaten, and rejoiced that he was counted worthy to suffer shame for his name (Acts 5:40-41). How did Peter come to the point of rejoicing in suffering for Christ? He saw suffering first-hand and embraced it personally.

Moses saw the suffering Savior in the future by faith and chose to identify with him. Paul saw what the Savior had accomplished in the past by faith and identified with him as well. Peter saw suffering first-hand and accepted Jesus' invitation to follow Him through suffering. 🙏

True-Life Books That Will Inspire You!

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LED BY HIS HAND

Romaine Stauffer

Paperback, 282 pages, 16-page color photo section. \$11.99

These stories portray the missionary ventures of Merle and Edith, told with a touch of humor. As God led the couple to minister to souls in snowy Ontario and sunny Haiti, their journey is mixed with success, failure, and everyday happenings. Their kingdom work continues in other countries around the world.



CAPTAIN GARRISON

Katrina Hoover Lee | Paperback, 382 pages, \$12.49

For years, Nicholas faces storms, pirates, and the lure of loose living. He longs to be worthy of his family's trust. Then, desperately ill, Nicholas realizes he is not smart enough to escape, not good enough for heaven—he deserves to die. In anguish he cries, "Father God! Give me one more chance!"



A FAITHFUL WITNESS

Teresa Flora | Paperback, 251 pages, \$10.99

The Bayer family story is full of faith, family, and friends. George and Anna were young, with the hopes and expectant dreams common to young families. They longed for peace and prosperity, for a safe place to raise their children. Their hopes were abruptly interrupted by the realities of the Civil War. About 750,000 soldiers passed through the narrow strip of western Maryland where you could eat breakfast in Virginia and lunch in Pennsylvania. Afterwards, the world as they knew it would never be the same. Their story was repeated thousands of times throughout the land with myriad variations.

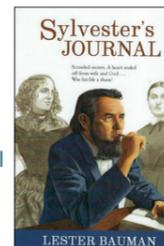


Over 2,000 battles would pit not only the North against the South, but brother against brother, father against son, neighbor against neighbor. Approximately 620,000 men would never return home. One million more would bear lifelong wounds from the battles they fought. The economy was decimated wherever the soldiers had been with crops ravaged, animals slaughtered, and plantations, farms, and homes burned.

SYLVESTER'S JOURNAL

Lester Bauman | PaperPaperback, 244 pages, \$11.99

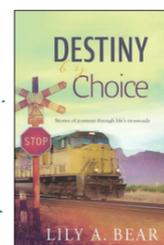
A closed door. A locked desk. A hidden journal. Irregular trips to town. Sylvester Martin has built a wall around his heart that shuts out his wife—and God. Who really is this man and what is troubling him?



DESTINY BY CHOICE

Lily A. Bear | Paperback, 244 pages, \$11.99

Defining moments—we all face them. Times of testing. Personal crises. The crossroads of life. Destiny by Choice is a collection of true stories. Though each journey is different, the characters have one thing in common: God is asking them to choose the right path. These stories soberly remind us that choices take people places—and eventually to one of two eternal destinies.



BLUE HEN AND HER BABIES

Eva Zimmerman | Hardcover, 31 pages, \$6.99

Blue Hen is the delightfully true story of a hen who enjoyed being a mother to ducks, guineas, and to anything else she could hatch. Fully illustrated, this book is eye appealing and educational for your children.



ANGELS AT THE TILL

Mary Ellen Beachy | Paperback, 118 pages, \$8.99

Page after page, *Angels at the Till* will keep your attention as you witness the hand of God working in the lives of His faithful servants. Travel around the world—from Kenya, to Ireland, to the USA, to Romania—as stories are told of God's providence.



LEARNING FAMILIES

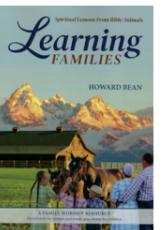
Howard Bean | Paperback, 360 pages, \$10.99

Family worship is a time for parents and children to gather for singing, Bible reading, and spiritual instruction. Many parents see the importance of family worship, but struggle to find material suitable for their whole family.

Learning Families is part of a series of devotional books that addresses that need. Each of the thirteen sections in this book focuses on animals from the Bible, including cows, horses, birds, and ants. Each section has readings for seven days, making ninety-one lessons - enough for a quarter of a year.

Each-day's-lesson-consists-of-two-parts-The first part is especially for Mom and Dad and older children. It includes a suggested Scripture reading, a theme verse, and a devotional meditation on the topic introduced by the Scripture reading.

The second part consists of a reading from a continued children's story related to that week's theme. Each story is followed by questions for review and discussion, which provide opportunities for applying the theme to life.



2020 Helping People in Need Seminar CD Album

Various Speakers | \$54.99

1. Mised Worship? - Tom Johnson
2. Misplaced Values? - Tom Johnson
3. Misguided Morals? Dave Hochstetler
4. Pursuing God? - Dave Snyder
5. Profiles of an Abuser - Tim Weaver
6. Understanding an Abuser - Dave Snyder
7. Ongoing Effects on the Abuser - Bryan Fleagle
8. Church Safety Protocols - Phil Helmuth
9. Foundational Principles - Bryan Fleagle
10. Looking Back: What Happened - Ben Waldner
11. Looking In: Personal Effects - Ben Waldner
12. Looking Forward: Facing Future - Phil Helmuth
13. Case Study—The Victim's Cry
14. Case Study—Confession: I Did It
15. Case Study—Helping the Abused and Abuser

You may buy individual CDs of any topic for \$4.95 ea.



DLM NEEDS

• STAFF

Urgent Need—Single Ladies Counselor - Begin ASAP

Domestics Person - Begin ASAP

Secretary - Begin March/April

• EQUIPMENT

2 - Portable Camcorders

For development of DVD training materials

Sound Equipment

8 channel digital mixer for DVD development

• PROJECT

Volunteers Needed—Interior Door & Trim Install - Winter 2020

WINTER PROJECT FOR HOUSE 6015

Remodel 2 bathrooms, replace and trim interior doors, and trim windows. Trim carpenters needed.

We are grateful for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support for the work of DLM.