

## WHO SHALL LET IT?

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What's in a word? The specific word I'm referring to is the tiny three-letter word "let." Moses records this word as being the very first word God spoke in this earth's history.

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

I would like you consider the implication of using this word first. Webster's

Dictionary defines "to let" as "to not prevent or hinder but to allow." When it comes to the Gospel we find Paul using this very word again in His letter to the believers in Philippi. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). Could this really be true? We spend so much time and effort to "make" things happen but could it be that what God wants is simply for us to "let" them happen? This would imply that there is another power outside of us endeavoring to work, and we simply get in its way. But isn't this exactly what Paul stated in the same letter just a few paragraphs (if they used paragraphs back then) later? "For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure" (Philippians 2:13).

Jesus also used this word.

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

For Isaiah had written "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you" (Isaiah 60:1). The implication is that something is taking place which involves us but is being initiated and performed outside of our doing, and we are simply not to hinder it, but to "let" it happen. Why? Because as Paul stated at the very beginning of his letter to Philippi, "I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

"But isn't there something we must do?" you may ask. Absolutely! But be careful.

"There is need of constant watchfulness, and of earnest, loving devotion; but these will come naturally when the soul is kept by the power of God through faith." (Ellen White, Selected Messages Vol. 1 p. 354; emphasis added) Did you catch the word "naturally?" The principle remains, that by love is love awakened. (Desire of Ages, p. 22) God is ever at work seeking to awaken the principles of His other-centered love in each of us. He is ever

bestowing grace, mercy and kindness upon all both good and evil alike (see Matthew 5:45) endeavoring to restore us back to His image, His love, through this awakening encounter. The greatest question we can answer is "will we let that awakening take place?" Will we keep trying to do it ourselves or will we choose instead to lay down our best efforts and focus instead on His great character, His great love for us? Only by encountering His love for us will that same love be awakened in us, both for Him and those around us. The path of self-reliance leads to continued failure, the path which keep His love ever our focus and emphasis leads to joy, happiness, peace and even victory. Again, "When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously" (Ellen White, Christ's Object Lessons p. 384). Spontaneously? Really? Yes!

Do you long for greater unselfishness in your life? Are you tired of continued failure? Try resting for a while. Try not trying. Give up! Surrender to Him and let Him do it! Take a moment right now and pray this prayer with me.

Dear Loving and Gracious Father,

I'm tired of always trying to do it myself. I'm tired of continually failing. I surrender to you right now. You have my full permission to take me on the journey of discovering Your great love for me with the hope that in encountering Your love, that same love will be awakened in me by You. I choose to believe that You are at work in my life, and that You have not given up on me. You will finish the work that you began. I choose, right now, to let you.

In the name of Your Son,

Amen.

Take heart my dear friend. He has promised,

"I will work, and who shall let it?" (Isaiah 43:13, KJV) †

### Thoughts to Ponder—

"Compelling power is found only under Satan's government. The Lord's principles are not of this order. His authority rests upon goodness, mercy, and love; and the presentation of these principles is the means to be used. God's government is moral, and truth and love are to be the prevailing power"

Ellen White,

*Desire of Ages* p. 759

# MINISTRY UPDATE

## New Newsletter Name!

The original idea was that this newsletter would be a way for people to keep their fingers on the *pulse* of what's going on with Renewed Heart Ministries (RHM). But after much thought and prayer we have changed the name of our newsletter from *The Pulse* to *Awakenings*. This name represents the passion of RHM and the two-fold purpose we would like our newsletter to serve.

“The earth was dark through misapprehension of God. That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan’s deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God’s government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him.” (Desire of Ages p. 22)

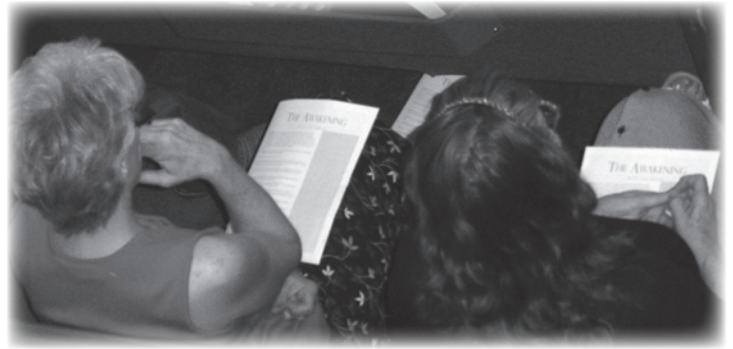
Our hope is that, each month, this newsletter will not only serve as a way of sharing how others have experienced this awakening, but that through it’s messages your heart might more deeply encounter God’s love for you so that you may more deeply experience this same awakening as well!

## Kingman Arizona

Last month I had the privilege of spending a week in Kingman, Arizona. I made seven presentations of the character of God, and the most exciting news is that these were videotaped for our new website.

Night after night hearts were touched and lives were changed. One attendee wrote, “We were truly moved by your seminar in Kingman. We have heard you twice at camp meeting but each time we are again ‘renewed.’”—PS

Keep a lookout for the videos on our website [www.renewedheartministries.com](http://www.renewedheartministries.com). They should be arriving this month in a new section under the resources tab titled “Videos!”



## Tabernacle Church Battle Creek, MI

Battle Creek. Just the name evokes the deep roots of Adventism. After all this is where our church had its official beginning. I had the opportunity to see Kellogg’s Sanitarium, many of the pioneers’ graves as well as those of the White’s, and the of course the Tabernacle itself. I found myself wrestling with many emotions that weekend, but most of all I was stirred by our history of victories and failures to finish the work we were called into being to accomplish. We have been here too long, my friends. Two statements played over and over in my heart all weekend.

“Those who wait for the Bridegroom’s coming are to say to the people, ‘Behold your God.’ The last rays of merciful light, the last message of mercy to be given to the world, is a revelation of His character of love” (Ellen White, Christ’s Object Lessons p. 416, emphasis added).

“Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving to the world the message of mercy, Christ would, ere this, have come to the earth, and the saints would have received their welcome into the city of God” (Ellen White, Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 450. emphasis added).

We had a good mix of both youth and adults in attendance, I believe we had over 150 in the evening and afternoon. For Church there were more than three hundred regulars in attendance. I spoke on the difficult subject of how God could love us so much and yet still so many horrendous things happen to us in our lives. Many were moved. One dear sister approached me at the back of the church with tears in her eyes. She said, “Thank you. You have done for me in one sermon, what 15 years of counseling could not. I don’t know how to thank you.” God bless you, dear sister.

## Announcing Life Unlimited!

“A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”—  
John 10:10

Jesus came to affect every area of our life through giving back to humanity a true representation of the character of the Father. Since man’s fall came through deception over God’s character

(Genesis 3:1-3), Jesus knew that man's restoration would also come through the restoration of the truth concerning God's character. In John 8:32 we find Jesus explaining to us, "You will know the truth [about God], and the truth will set you free." And again when looking toward Calvary, Jesus understood this to be the primary purpose of the cross, when He stated, "But for this purpose I came to this hour. 'Father, glorify Thy name [character]'" (John 12:27-28). And thus, if we combine Jesus' statements in John 12 and John 10, we find that He came to this world in order that we might have the life we were made for through restoring to us a true understanding of God's character and His great love for this world.

This month Renewed Heart Ministries is releasing a brand new series, "Life Unlimited," for free download on our website under "Resources." This seventeen-presentation evangelistic series is aimed at reaching our culture with the message of God's life-changing love as seen through the unique truths of the Seventh-day Adventist movement. It is based on the premise that a correct view of God's character of Love, through our teachings, will bring healing and direction to every area of our life. If believed and applied, the principles of God's love will bring emotional healing, fitness and health, spiritual fulfillment, mental development, and financial freedom.

Experience Adventist truths--spanning from our prophetic interpretations all the way to the Sabbath, the State of the Dead, and even Tithing--in light of the Gospel of God's character of Love and the abundant life Jesus came to give us. Our teachings as a church were given to us so that we might "lighten the earth with His glory" (Revelation 18:1).

Come encounter them as never before. Jesus sought to meet the felt needs of the world He was endeavoring to teach on the character of the Father. May we, too, passionately share the truth of God's character with this world in a way that they can hear. Life Unlimited!

Free for you to download this month!



## THE WILL OF GOD

By E.J. Waggoner

. . . All this deliverance is "according to the will of our God and Father." The will of God is our sanctification (1Thess.4:3). He willeth that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth (1Tim.2:4). And He "worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Eph.1:11). "What! do you mean to teach universal salvation?" We mean to teach just what the Word of God teaches,--that "the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men" (Titus 2:11, R.V.). God has wrought out salvation for every man, and has given it to him; but the majority spurn it, and throw it away. The Judgment will reveal the fact that full and complete salvation was given to every man, and that the lost have deliberately thrown away their birthright possession. Thus every mouth will be stopped.

The will of God is, therefore, something to rejoice in, and not something to be accepted with a wry face, and merely endured. Even though it involves suffering, it is for our good, and is designed to work "for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (Rom.8:28; 2Cor.4:17). In the law His will is revealed (Rom.2:18), and we should, therefore, study it, saying with Christ, "I delight to do Thy will, O My God" (Ps.40:8).

Here is the comfort of knowing the will of God. He wills our deliverance from the bondage of sin; therefore, we can pray with the utmost confidence, and with thanksgiving; for "this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (1John 5:14,15). Blessed assurance! Let us ever with glad and humble hearts pray, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Glad Tidings, pp. 23-24).

## REQUEST A SEMINAR!

Would you like to experience God's love for you more deeply than you ever have before? Would you like your relationship with God to become more alive and passionate?

Would you like to truly understand the teachings of our church in the light of the Gospel of God's love?

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## TESTIMONIES . . .

First, I wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed seeing and hearing you at the Kingman church. We drove 80 miles round trip to come every night and would do it again in a heartbeat... I want you to know how thankful we are that the Lord has brought you into our lives. Don't get me wrong, I am not praising you (although you deserve a bigggg hug), but praising our Lord Jesus for what He is doing through you. Stay focused on what you are doing.

I believe that you are in sync with what our Lord is trying to accomplish not only in the world among those who don't recognize Jesus, but in our church among those who "do", but have either fallen out of love or have never fallen in love with Jesus. I have downloaded all of your sermons onto my MP3 player and listen to them on the way to work. It keeps me wrapped in the arms of Jesus. Thank you for listening and following His calling. —D

*We missed you at \_\_\_\_\_ this year. I had the pleasure of seeing you the last two years and my son really enjoyed you also. I wanted you to know that after last year he was*

*really ready to be baptized and we got your sermons and we have listened to them several times. He went to all of \_\_\_\_\_ meetings this year and a couple of more things click for him and after the last meeting he went to our pastor and asked him if he would*

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***"It has been a wonderful spiritual feast...."***

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*perform the Baptism. Thanks for all your kind words last year and reaching another young soul.—Anon.*

I wanted to thank you specifically for what you said in your sermon "Light on the Dark side of God." I have never particularly worried much about hell, but your analogy about it having the same zip code as heaven was a new way to look at things. I've had a lot of questions in my life about various Adventist tenets that didn't much make sense but we learn to simply live with the contradictions and sort of shrug uneasily. No wonder most people view Christians as people who have turned off their thought processes- they don't get how we can let so much just slide. I appreciate that

you have the tenacity to have wrestled until God revealed Himself. I also deeply appreciate what you said about your Muslim friend that if he simply could acknowledge the love of God his life could be renewed . . . I'm glad you have your sermons online. If feel like I need to hear them over and over . . . Though I know I am cynical and jaded, and not as God would have me, I am hopeful through the message that you brought that God still needs and truly loves even me. Thank you.—T

*"... total appreciation of your commitment and love for our heavenly Father, to helping others to see Him more clearly in the light of that love."—Anon.*

"It has been a wonderful spiritual feast having Herb preaching here at Battle Creek this weekend . . . Thank you for your ministry!"—D & K

*"I am 21 years old. I was raised around Christian people all my life, but I don't fully understand it all. My great friend \_\_\_\_\_ from SDA church in \_\_\_\_\_, [California] has really been helping me. I would like to know more about God. I have listened to most of Herb's sermons...they are great...Thank you."—M †*

## CALENDAR

### **July 19-28, 2007**

Northern California Conference  
Campmeeting,  
Redwood National Forest  
Redcrest, CA  
925.685.4300

### **August 17-18, 2007**

Durant SDA Church  
Durant, OK  
580.924.4019

### **August 25, 2007**

Summersville SDA Church  
Summersville, WV  
304.872.6958

### **August 31-September 1, 2007**

Adventist Christian Fellowship  
Los Cruces, NM  
505.642.7578

### **September 7-8, 2007**

Underground Oasis Christian  
Fellowship

### **October 5-13, 2007**

Glendale SDA Church  
Glendale, AZ  
623.934.3295

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### **October 19-29, 2007**

Bakersfield Central SDA Church  
Bakersfield, CA  
661.832.2620

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