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Stop Hiding

The Lord God called to the man, "Where are You?" Genesis 3:9

The first recorded question God ever asked was, "Adam, where are you?" And it's a question you need to stop and ask yourself today: "Where am I-really?" If you don't know the answer, or you do but you don't like it, then today's devotion is for you. When God asked Adam, "Where are you?" he responded by saying, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." It's amazing the lengths we will go to in order to hide. We'll bury ourselves in work, or get involved in an affair, or build a wall around our hearts-anything but face the truth. God wasn't trying to find Adam; He just wanted Adam to find himself. Until you do that, you are truly lost. And the problem is, when you hide you become a phone. Have you any idea how much emotional energy it requires to keep up a charade for others? Only two things are worse: being a phony with yourself, and being a phony with God. Furthermore, you will be afraid they might look into your heart and see the real you. Is that where you are today? Afraid to look into your own heart? The good news is, Adam was naked but God clothed him; he was guilty but God cleansed him; he was anxious but God comforted him. And if you come to Him today God will cleanse you, clothe you, and comfort you. He's just waiting for the opportunity to do it!..the Word for You Today



Upcoming Events

Jan 21	Breakfast of Champions
Feb 4	Leadership Meeting
Feb 18	Serving Saturday
Mar 3	Leadership Meeting
Mar 9&10	Advance
Mar 17	Serving Saturday
Apr 21	Breakfast of Champions
Apr 28	ServingFest

Christmas at the Margins

My name is Edie Ciufolo and my fiance's name is Ricky Eubank Jr. I have 3 kids and have raised my kids by myself for a long time and Ricky has had sole custody of his kids for the last 4 yrs. We have been together almost 2 yrs. and plan to marry next year. We both have kids with absent parents due to their addictions - so above and beyond we ask for your prayer for the healing of our children's minds and hearts as the younger ones do not fully understand why the absence is there, as well as for their parents! We just love the kids all that we can every day and pray that one day they will just see that God has protected them and US so we could be present to take care of them and offer them the love and guidance that the Lord has intended for them to receive.



I would like you to know that I am sitting here in tears as I finish this and think of my family and our Jesus and how this is coming together. I am praying for you and all the Waterboyz as I type and just cannot thank you enough. Our gratitude speaks but I feel God wants to remind you that "GREAT!!!!!! is your reward in Heaven!" My lesson (as I have worried for weeks about everything - is that HE HAS IT ALL IN CONTROL - ALL OF THE TIME)...Thank you for being his vessels of light and love!!!

My children and I had a wonderful time visiting the Afam family today. I have attached a few photos. They opted to open their gifts today and then the children played for over an hour while Mrs. Afam and I talked. They were very warm and inviting. It was a pleasure and privilege to meet and spend time with them. Our older 2 children are the same ages (6&5), so we had a lot in common and shared many stories of parenting joys and struggles. They were really a blessing to us. We are going to keep in contact with them and also will keep them in our prayers. We are so grateful for the opportunity this program gave us to serve.

Sincerely, Jennifer Ruffin

Mary, Claire, and I visited with Jason who was released from prison in the last 48 hours. Recovering from injury, and with no means of support, he was very grateful and appreciative. He expressed shock that we knew to help him at such a time, as he, and no one he knew, put his name on our list. We agreed we must have been meant to be there. I was able to share with him how the Waterboyz are strengthened in Christ by attending a table and Jason expressed interest in coming along. After I wrote down my name, number, and table meeting information, he even gave me his phone numbers, so I'll call him when we return from a trip to visit family, and invite him to the table. Let's pray he finds strength in Christ there as well.

Also, as we approached their home, I was burdened with self-absorbed thoughts about what I would say, how I would sound and be received, what they would think, etc. I prayed with my family before going in and asked Father to replace my heart, mind, and spirit with his so that we could bless them for his glory. I have to tell you, from the moment I crossed their threshold I was completely unaware of myself, and lost in showing them love from Jesus. A small miracle given my nature, and quite a joy to experience. Thank you our God!

Tom Wenck

I just wanted to say thank you for the assistance your group has given me and my family this Christmas. It is very much appreciated. Thank You! Randy Lowery

OK friends we delivered Christmas today to the Zook family and had a great experience. Leeanna was very receptive to us and we had a great conversation with her and her kids as well as her boyfriend and his son. The boyfriend, Todd, has been to a Waterboyz event or two so he is familiar with who we are. She was very interested in getting information about churches in the area as well as some activities for her sons to get involved in. She would also like to connect with the waterlilies as well. We agreed to stay in touch and I will try to give her a call or text every week to see how she is doing. I think we may have some ideas how we can continue to support her and will share at our next table.