



Free at Last!

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It is hard to believe that Fall is already upon us once again with all of its beautiful colors on the leaves of our vast variety of trees. We recently revisited our old home in Half Moon Bay, CA where we lived for 27 years and where we raised our sons Ron and Rodd. As we entered the bayside town, we drove by several fields of beautiful orange pumpkins ready to be harvested and purchased by hundreds of school children to be carved into funny or scary faces or baked into wonderful delicious pies. Ah, wonderful memories of days gone by!

Free at Last discipleship ministry: My faithful life-long friend Ed Woodhall and I have been discipling men together the past 40 years. For the past year we have been discipling a group of wonderful men with the same goal our risen Lord and Savior had for His disciples just before He returned to His Father in heaven: *All authority has been given to Me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always to the end of the age* (Matt 28:18-20). Our men will be leaving us this month and our prayer is that they will find God's place for them with their spiritual gifts to minister within the Body of Christ and the world, and we ask our Heavenly Father to bring them some men that they can disciple. Ed and I are now praying that God will bring a new group of men for us to continue our Lord's command in the new year.

Free at Last teaching ministry: Pastor Danny Wallen of High Street Church in Santa Cruz, CA asked me to speak on the subject of Discipleship last month as he seeks to have his whole spiritual family focus on that subject. The late Dr. John R.W. Stott of London, England wrote, based on his international ministry: *We are witnessing one of the most over-evangelized, but under-discipled eras in history.* Pastor Frank VanderZwan and I continue teaching the Gospel of Mark at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church's class called *New Horizons*. Ed Woodhall and I just finished teaching the New Covenant (2 Cor 1-6).

Personal news: Our son Ron and his wife Kelly are now settled in Portland, OR. He is helping to get some of my books available on Kindle. Our son Rodd, a co-pastor at Cole Community Church in Boise, ID, can now be seen preaching their Sunday morning services at 10 AM on Facebook. A dear friend found their Facebook service in France recently. Our godson Andrew Martin and his wonderful wife Rachel gave birth to a beautiful daughter named *Eden Eraine* (Eden in Hebrew means *delight*, and Eraine means *peace*). My younger sister Debbie, who served on the staff of *Child Evangelism* in Allentown, PA for decades, was recently called home to be with Jesus. A wonderful godly sister and friend to so many. Anne Marie is still in need of your prayers for healing from a concussion she suffered due to a fall a year ago. And, in a recent visit to my doctors, both were delighted that the tumor in my right eye has been mummified and the cancer has not moved to my liver or brain.

God is so good! Please keep us in your prayers.


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