



Project 52

God is good. God is faithful.

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Unleavened Bread Café

Every once in awhile God puts a new “General” of the faith in our path. A true warrior for Jesus who inspires us to continue serving in the way we do. One such person is Elease Womack- “Mamma Womack” to many who know her, on the east side of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Elease and her husband started Unleavened Bread Café over 20 years ago. A simple corner café offering a hot meal to the locals, but also to the needy in her community. God’s Holy Spirit resides at this small restaurant, that also doubles as a ‘house of prayer’ at times. A ministry called Freedom’s Fire shares half of the building, ministering, counseling, praying and discipling women coming in off the streets, out of prison, out of abusive situations and wherever God brings them from. It really is an overall house of refuge for all. Many pastors congregate there for prayer and conversation and they have a community garden outside on their property.

Elease is a true woman of God who cares about the ‘one lost sheep’, and she has helped us put biblical understanding to a year of loss, sacrifice and refinement. (3 words I believe the Lord showed me in 2017 concerning 2018). She continues to persevere despite losing her husband 3 years ago, and 2 grandchildren (to shootings) these past 2 years. She continues to be a lighthouse in area of darkness. Keep your canned goods coming for Project 5 2, especially coffee items, as well as Bibles for this precious Jesus-focused café.



Jesus...
Risen Savior!

Micah 4:9

Why do you now
cry aloud—
have you no king?
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perished,
that pain seizes
you like that of a
woman in labor?

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The boys and girls at Sunrise Children's Services know when the Reiners of Project 52 Ministries come to town. Whether it be the boys at Spring Meadows who fill up from the donated restaurant food or the girls at Glen Dale who are able to use the new donated clothing items to add to what little wardrobe they have, the kids at Sunrise always look forward to the bounty of love given by Project 52. Matter of fact, many kids who wouldn't have a Christmas will receive new toys this year, thanks to this ministry.

There is no doubt that the Reiners, who operate Project 52 Ministries, believe in the James 1:27 call to practice pure religion by caring for the widows and orphans in their distress. Their ministry of transforming surplus restaurant food and unused items from retail stores into a ministry of boundless love for abused and neglected children displays the very essence of this commandment. Their gifts could not have come at a better time. Sunrise currently serves over 1,330 kids and families throughout the state of Kentucky.

Jake Pelfrey, Advancement Director of Sunrise, stresses the incredible need that Jerry and Tracy Reiner have met at Sunrise.

Jake states; "We have come to rely on organizations like Project 52 Ministries to help care for the least of these. The kids at Sunrise will experience a season of love and hope thanks to Project 52. We are truly thankful for their partnership in ministry." Thank you to all of our new toy sponsors/donors this year. Over 200 toys have been redistributed!

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Come Up Higher

Rev 4:1; Col 3:3; 2 Cor 5:16

I've spent a lot of time over the past 3 ½ years studying scripture related to the sovereignty of God, and paradoxes along with a lot of other things. These scriptures can be found all over the Old and New Testaments. In many ways, the study of these texts has changed my Christian walk because God is changing my perspective through them. Now, when I mention sovereignty, many of you will immediately think I'm talking Calvinism and Arminianism, and I'm not. In fact I've been so undone by the studies, that if you were to ask me if I was a Calvinist or an Arminian, my answer would be "yes". Do I understand God's Sovereignty and His ways completely? Not at all, but the lens is slowly being pulled back for me that I'm starting to see the bigger picture, and starting to see things more clearly from a different point of view, and as a result, it continues to give me more peace of mind in this 'crazy-town' of a generation we are living in.

A few times over the past few years, toward the end of a calendar year, God has seemed to impress on Jerry's heart a theme – if you will, in the form of a word or a short phrase that pertains to what the following year will hold. It hasn't happened every year, but when he has shown us that grace, the message has been pretty clear. So in November of 2017, the phrase Jerry heard was "2018, will be a year of loss, sacrifice and refinement." Not exactly a prosperity message and definitely not words we were excited about if I may be honest... from a worldly point of view anyway.

February of this year rolled around and we were met with the passing of a friend (and sponsor of Project 5 2) who led a team of people including Jerry and our son Zach to New Orleans in 2005 to help with clean up efforts after Hurricane Katrina. He left a God-filled legacy to his family no doubt, and we are thankful to God for his impact on our lives.

Also in February, we received a call from Zach telling us America's beloved pastor, Billy Graham passed onto glory also. It was a bit of a jolt and a sad day for us all, but we thank God for his resolve, example and commitment to Jesus Christ and the preaching of the gospel. We spent days watching old video footage of his crusades.

Three of Jerry's relatives, an uncle, a cousin and a great aunt all passed on in the winter/spring of this year, and in May, Jerry went to two more funerals of dear brothers in the Lord who he has attended a bible study with for years.

Sometime in April, I began to have pain in my left knee which led to a diagnosis of a 'worn' meniscus, which led to a halt of my walking routine. I have been an

avid walker for years and now I really can't continue, as it's pretty painful. Anyone who exercises regularly will understand that kind of loss. To be honest, I'm struggling a little with that one.

About this time, our sump pump and refrigerator made their departure as well.

As many of you know, my father in law, Jerry's dad, went to his heavenly home on June 23rd of this year, after an 8-year long battle with dementia. We spoke of him in our last newsletter and we miss him dearly. The kids really had a hard time with it but everyone seems to be doing a little better. The same day that he passed, Jerry officiated his first wedding. Completely dependent on the Holy Spirit, he did a wonderful job and the wedding was beautiful.

In September we received the final news that the bible study I had been attending and the fellowship group we were a part of would be stopping after 3 ½ years as my dearly loved and gifted teacher was being called in another direction. In the building where we met, Jerry was given office and warehouse space for Project 5 2 that we lost also, with the transition... let me just say our garage is full at the moment, which is a huge understatement.

Our dishwasher went to appliance heaven in October.

November brought the bittersweet news of a job for our son Josh. (Thank you to all who prayed!) We are excited and so thankful as it really is a great opportunity, albeit... 9 hours away in Philadelphia.. His move now makes 3 of our children 8+ hours away.. gulp.. another jolt to the heart! (We helped all 3 move this year).

Also in November, a dear childhood friend (who taught me to swim!) passed on to glory and we attended that funeral in Pittsburgh, and then stopped at the Tree of Life Synagogue to pray.

As I write this, I know many people in our life, like those at the Tree of Life Synagogue have been met with far worse circumstance this past year, and our prayers continue for them.

For us, it has been a year of loss, sacrifice and refinement – a difficult year emotionally, physically and financially, but as I reflect back on 2018, a few certain scriptures come to mind.

In Revelation 4:1, John the Apostle is on the island of Patmos, where he was exiled by the Romans. He was given a vision in which he was looking up to an open door in heaven: "And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'...and in verse 2 it says "At once I was in the Spirit"... Notice he was not told to "look back", or "look straight ahead" or "come down here." He was told "Come UP here." John was called to come higher, that he would be able to see all that would take place in the future from heaven's perspective. I think it is impossible to totally understand his experience but the Bible says that immediately he was in the Spirit.

I'm finally starting to understand much of how we navigate this life in Christ depends on our perspective,

ISAIAH 43:2
 WHEN YOU PASS
 THROUGH THE
 WATERS,
 I WILL BE WITH
 YOU;
 AND WHEN YOU
 PASS THROUGH
 THE RIVERS,
 THEY WILL
 NOT SWEEP
 OVER YOU.
 WHEN
 YOU WALK
 THROUGH THE
 FIRE,
 YOU WILL NOT
 BE BURNED;
 THE FLAMES
 WILL NOT SET
 YOU ABLAZE.

whether we are in the Spirit or not. It also depends much on our capacity to surrender our lives to Him, and rest in what was accomplished on the cross for us. I love the NLT translation of Colossians 3:3: "Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God." So if we are hidden in Christ with God, from where should we be looking at our circumstances? Heaven of course! 2 Corinthians 5:16 states, "So from now on, we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ this way, we do so no longer." Or as my bible teacher once put it, we no longer see God through man's eyes, we see man through God's eyes- from a heavenly perspective. Isn't that what being transformed looks like? A new creation? The old has gone and the new has come? Putting on the new self?

I think when we as believers, are diligent to study the Word of God, and we start to gain deeper understanding, while spending time in prayer with our Heavenly Father, our perspective does begin to change, at least I know mine slowly is. I've lived long enough to know life doesn't always play fair but I've decided I can bow in submission to the sovereignty of an omniscient God (in the Spirit) or I can rebel (in my flesh) and sink in dangerous doubt, despair and anger. We can see things from heaven's perspective, knowing that God created the evil one, for His use, to sanctify us (Col 1:16); knowing that when people who are not in Christ offend or wrong us, that they can't help it so THAT, should dictate our response (1John 5:19); that He has subjected us to sin and frustration so that He can have mercy on all of us (Romans 11:32); that He chose US, we didn't choose HIM (Eph 1:4); that He has a plan for us (Jer 29:11), and He will accomplish that plan till the end (Phil 1:6). We can stand in faith believing that He works in us to will and act according to his good pleasure (Phil 2:13); that all who confess and believe in Him as Lord and Savior will be saved (Roms 10:9); that He works all things for our good (Roms 8:28), knowing, as painful as it can be, we are being sanctified for His return and eternal life with Him. (2Thess 2:13, Hebrews 2:11). Sounds a lot like God is doing much of the heavy lifting but we must be surrendered. What kind of loving Father is that?? OR, we can weigh everything on worldly scales and react as the world does, in fear, and rage, and offense, confusion, retaliation and pride. Only one of those will bring peace. Personally, I am still

getting there, but I've also come a long way.

At the appliance store, when we went to shop for a new dishwasher, we had the opportunity to share our ministry and faith testimonies with the owner, and pray with the sales associate as she tearfully shared that her step son was in the hospital after a terrible motorcycle accident.....*come up higher*.....

After Jerry officiated the wedding, he told me he experienced 2 Cor 12:9 for real, ("But he said to me, 'my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'...) A few people even told Jerry afterward, (because of the Holy Spirit), that they had never heard a wedding message so much about Jesus Christ and for sure never heard anyone slip a salvation message in like he did. They thanked Jerry for (his) boldness..... *come up higher*.....

In the bulletin at his father's funeral, Jerry included a written eulogy of hope to his father which also included to all (200+) people, an invitation to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and gave his contact information if they wanted to meet and talk about it..... *come up higher*.....

There are more "seed sowing" stories that we could include, however, we are pretty sure THAT kind of intimacy with God here on earth, that Jerry experienced, and that we experienced when God graced us with a 'heads-up' in 2017, is true prosperity -from heaven's perspective. As 2019 nears, let's commit together to study, pray, and "setting our sights on the realities of heaven." Jesus told us, that in this world we will have trials and persecution, but he also said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace." (John 16:33). Let's come up higher in 2019, resting in God's sovereign love for us, living in the Spirit and allowing him to do the miraculous work of giving us that new perspective! (I've included just a few of the scriptures that I have studied, praying you will have time to study for yourself and be encouraged as well).

Happy New Year everyone,

Tracy

2 Cor 5:16; John 12:38-40; Phil 2:13; Phil 1:6; Col 1: 16-17; 1John 5:19; 2 Cor 4:4; Psalm 146:8; Romans 11:11; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Ephesians 2:10; Zephaniah 1:17; Romans 11:32; Psalm 139:16; Romans 8:20; 1 Cor 2:7; Romans 10: 9,10; Romans 11:25; Isaiah 62:5; Deut 29:29; Jer 29:11-14; Romans 8:28; Job 42:2; Psalm 115:3; Isaiah 46: 9-10.

The Simplicity of the Gospel...

If you pray and fast with a pure heart, (Is 58, as you feed God's needy (Matt 25), God will give us opportunities to disciple (Matt 28). When we begin to share resources across the Body of Christ (Acts 2/4) as a united Church (John 17), and take the gospel and the love of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 13) to the streets, people will see Jesus. (John 3:16).

It is critical that we seek first God's Kingdom, not our own. (Matt 6:33). Let us never forget God's statutes and commandments for as God blesses us, it is for His glory, and it has truly come from His hand, not ours. (Deut 8). The more we abide in Jesus Christ, the more fruit that will be produced in our lives, and the lives of others. Don't fight the pruning (John 15). Solomon learned the hard way. He had all the riches of the world. His accumulation of wealth, buildings, land, riches, personal pleasures were described as "vanities of vanities", like "chasing after the wind" (Ecc 1 & 2) (ESV), and "meaningless" (NIV) - a waste of time.

Know in this world, there will be mountaintop and valley experiences. Both highs and lows, and every life circumstance, once you are a child of God, (Gal 3:26), (John 1:12), (Roms 8:14),(Roms 8:16), (Gal 5:24), (1 John 3:10), 1 John 5:2)- are used for God's glory (Roms 8:28). He uses everything to accomplish his perfect will and to refine us (kill our flesh), so others will see more of Jesus in us (Phil 2:13)

Prayers, Praises and Thanks

Our son Josh was blessed with a great job offer, and is now working for a software company in King of Prussia, PA. Thank you to all who helped him on this journey and prayed!

We received over 14,000 pair of new socks that went to 50 ministries in Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia!



Thank you Lord! And thank you Hannah's Socks!

Praises for the Whole Foods account! It's a blessing to many ministries monthly!

Prayers for someone to help us update our website. If you know of someone, please have them contact us, or help us contact them.

Continued prayer for a new delivery van, as our mechanic told us to start praying for a new one.. (that's never a good report from the mechanic :))

Thank you to our financial sponsors; we have much gratitude for our "Gideon's army" of monthly sponsors who keep us and this ministry going. Your gift each month is like wind in our sails! Thank you for your love and prayers and financial support. Our heavenly Father hears and answers our prayers through your giving.



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Ways You can support Project 5 2... Charitable Giving Strategies.

It's that time of year when we all reflect on receiving the greatest gift, Jesus Christ. With that inspiration in our hearts, we are led to be better givers ourselves. I have had the pleasure of calling the Reiners friends for over 20 years, and in that time I have witnessed firsthand, their passion for serving those less fortunate. Their diligence in spreading love and resources not only in Cincinnati but throughout the country, is Christ's work in action. I want to share a few strategies that will have a positive impact for both the giver and the recipient (Project 52).

- 1) **Write a check, give cash, money orders, etc.** That is the simplest form of giving, and it's easy!
- 2) **Donate Appreciated Securities in lieu of cash.** By doing this you avoid capital gains taxes on the growth of the security, while also being able to use the full market value as a deduction when you itemize. This allows the recipient of your gift to receive the full value of the security without the tax liability.
- 3) **Fund Gifts with IRA Withdrawals**
By sending IRA withdrawals directly to charity you can reduce your tax liability. Similar to the donation of securities, you will not have to pay taxes on the distribution. Current law allows use of this strategy if you are over the age of 70 ½ and the IRA withdrawal goes directly to an IRS-approved charity.
- 4) **Contribute to Donor Advised Trust** By donating to a Donor Advised Trust, you separate tax planning from charitable decisions. You donate cash (or appreciated securities) to an account held at a brokerage firm or with a charity that functions similar to an escrow account. You get the deduction in the year the donation is given to the fund, while still being able to distribute those funds to your desired charity at your own pace.

Example: \$100,000 donation to the fund, paid to the charity as annual \$10,000 donations for 10 years. These donations are irrevocable and can only be made to IRS-approved charities.

These are just a few of the numerous strategies available for maximizing charitable giving. If you would like more information or have questions about charitable contributions, feel free to call our office at 513-793-8445 and ask for Ken Stone. You can also visit our website stone-financial.com to submit questions and gain helpful insight on charitable contributions.

**In all matters related to taxation,
please consult your personal tax advisor
before making any decisions!**

Again, many blessings to Jerry and Tracy Reiner and the entire Project 52 team for the tremendous service and love they share on a daily basis.



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Here are some other ways you can support Project 5 2 in 2019:

You can help Project 5 2 with each purchase when you shop on AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>). The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Project 5 2. There are no extra fees- just choose our name as your charity for an easy way to support the cause. Thank you!



We have a Paypal link on our website, www.pro52.org...



Please prayerfully consider supporting businesses like Stone Financial and A Rose A Day Lawn Care, as they endorse Project 52 and help the Reiner family.

THANK YOU!

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. ~ John 6: 12, 13



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 (Living out Isaiah 58 & Matthew 25)

- Be the hands & feet of Christ by redistributing freely-given material wealth of others to the poor, specifically along the Appalachian Trail.
- Be the hands & feet of Christ by serving and redistributing goods to those who are neglected locally (the Tri-State), specifically orphans.
- Be a teaching mechanism to the Church, ministries, and others on serving the needy kingdom through principles.



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