

International House of Prayer of Greater Fort Wayne

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A Firm and Secure Place– A Solid Rock

I was recently in conversation with a friend who was sharing the hardship of the season that we currently find ourselves. A season where truth is being sold as subjective, where the world is in chaos, still navigating the devastation of a pandemic that has not only changed our way of life but has been the spring board for untold conflicts between people. We are in a season, in our country, where politics have catapulted us into mistrusting every one and most things around us. Family has taken on a different face, challenging the Christian norms we have known and cherished. And the times of quarantine have opened the way for people to rethink what church is, prompting changes that were perhaps waiting to sprout just below the surface of our church communities. Although some of these changes may be good, it seems that the ground all around us is sand. This season, we must also remember, is accompanied with a deep grief which can also make us feel shaky. Because of that we need to create space for grace and compassion not only for ourselves but also for those who are around us. There is no shame in recognizing the grief, sitting with it, processing it, and allowing the Lord to minister to our hearts in it. In fact, it is healthy and right to do so. But getting stuck there is not who we are, we are invited to move out into our broken culture and live the love of the Father to those around us who may feel overwhelmed by the season, to those who are looking for truth, for a hand hold (and heart hold) to keep them steady. As we abide in our Father and the extravagant love He continues to pour into us, it gives us the strength, passion, and motivation to meet those around us who are struggling.



I waited and waited and waited some more, patiently, knowing God would come through for me. Then, at last, he bent down and listened to my cry. He stooped down to lift me out of danger from the desolate pit I was in, out of the muddy mess I had fallen into. Now he's lifted me up into a firm, secure place and steadied me while I walk along his ascending path. A new song for a new day rises up in me every time I think about how he breaks through for me! Ecstatic praise pours out of my mouth until everyone hears how God has set me free. Many will see his miracles; they'll stand in awe of God and fall in love with him! Psalm 40:1-3TPT

Beloved, you are His song on the earth even when you yourself are discouraged and disheartened. Your discouragement does not disqualify you from sharing His love to those around you. It may be that your willingness to share vulnerably will be just the encouragement someone needs to open their heart. Could it be, like Esther, that you were created for such a time as this. The unique way you carry the beauty of our Triune God is meant to be a light, a beacon, a lamp on a hill, drawing those around you to a firm and secure place that will steady them. That secure and firm place is the love of our Father.

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We sure love and enjoy our crew. All of us were able to be together for about a day and a half over Christmas. So thankful for these beautiful humans that we get to call our family. Hoping you had some time to be with and cherish your family as well. One of the things the pandemic has accentuated for us is the gift family can be. Grateful.



- Join Us As we Pray**
- Thursday 6—7 am—phone call meeting. Contact Ben @ 260-403-4948 to join.
 - Friday—7pm at 1414 Archer Avenue and
 - On Zoom—833 669 278

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Ben and Denise, Please agree with us over these prayer needs for the next month...

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