

# DALE EBEL MINISTRIES

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**Winter: Disciple Groups met in Oregon as Dale and Linda did ministry a few weeks in San Clemente, California.**



**This May: Dale Teaches Men's Retreat in SC and at a Prophecy Conference session at Good Shepherd Church locally.**



## See What God Has Done!

Numbers 23:23, NIV

In Genesis 12:2,3 God promised Abraham, "I will make you a great nation . . . and I will bless you, and the one who curses you, I will curse." God reiterates the blessing and cursing statement in Genesis 27:29 and Numbers 24:9. This covenant is of perpetual obligation, and throughout the Scriptures, those who fought against Israel, found themselves fighting directly against God.

Not only did God intervene to destroy Egypt for oppressing His people, but also then, as Israel subsequently traveled across the wilderness, God destroyed every nation that rose up against them.

The Moabites and Midianites saw this and decided to take a different tack in an attempt to defeat them. Gathering a large sum of money, they sent Balak to a prophet named Balaam to hire him to place a curse on Israel, promising him great financial rewards if he would do so. When Balaam attempted to curse Israel, God directly intervened and told him to pronounce a blessing on them instead. As part of that blessing, Balaam prophesied that not only would Israel be protected and prospered by God, but also the nations would marvel at her and say, "SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!"

Isn't this a grand affirmation? Even though in the context this exclamation is referring to a whole nation, isn't this what we would like others to say about us individually or collectively as His Church when we do God's will in God's way? "Look What God Has Done!" Yes, and of course, this is what Jesus Christ our Lord expects and desires of us, "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." (NASB)

2 Corinthians 13:5 tells us to make an examination of ourselves to see if we really are in the faith. What has God been doing in YOUR LIFE? Remember that *the greenhouse for change is evaluation*. How has He been using you? What demonstrative manifestations of His presence and power have been evident in your life and experiences? Can say, "See What God Has Done?"

This phrase, spoken by Moses in Numbers 23:23, was also quoted by Samuel Morse, the inventor responsible for the development of the telegraph and the Morse Code. On May 24, 1844, Morse sent this Bible message, "What hath God wrought!" (KJV) from the basement of the U.S. Capitol – the first telegraphic message to be transmitted between cities – the Capital and Baltimore.

Morse later would say, "It is His work and He alone could have carried me thus far through all my trials and enabled me to triumph over the obstacles, physical and moral, which opposed me." He went on and quoted from the Psalms 115:1, "Not unto us, not unto us, but to Thy name, O Lord, be all praise."



## See What God Has Done in San Clemente!

Linda and I spent several weeks in ministry there in January and February. Todd Morehead and family are pictured at left with us at *The Shoreline Church of San Clemente*.

Todd authored the excellent study guide we use titled, *Israel, the Promised Land*. It can be found at [www.walkingonwater.com](http://www.walkingonwater.com). A highlight was to participate with our son, Seth, in leading a Starting Point class. Those attending were mostly young in their walk with Christ. The comments, questions, and hunger to grow in their faith stimulated me to follow Christ more fully. Hebrews 10:23-25 exhorts us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds," and that is exactly what these Christ-followers did for me. Here is a photo of a few of them with Seth (second to right).



One weekend I was asked to teach at the worship services at The Shoreline Church. It was rewarding to connect with people after the service and interact with them about what they learned, how they were going to integrate the Biblical truths and about some of the challenges they were facing. A few days were also spent consulting with some of the Leadership Team of this wonderful church in regard to their future direction. It was a thrill for me to be used of the Holy Spirit in this way.

Pictured below are some of these church leaders, from l. to r.: Elder Jim Martin, Community Life Pastor Seth Ebel, Craig Stirling (*who was in our youth group when I was a youth pastor in San Clemente in the early 1970's*), Lead Pastor George Hulse, and Worship Pastor, Jadon Lavik. Jadon's story and music: [www.jadonlavik.com](http://www.jadonlavik.com)





# OREGON AND CALIFORNIA MINISTRY

## Look at What God Will Do!

In May I will be teaching at the Men's Retreat at the Shoreline. I will be taking J.J. McNown, our grandson, with me as we team-teach. J.J. will speak about some of his experiences in the high school classrooms and how he has tried to maintain a faith walk with his life and words. The most powerful way to disciple someone is to take them with you as you do God's will together. This was the primary way Jesus trained His disciples by introducing them to situations in which they needed to trust the Holy Spirit. He took them on field trips ☺.

In the last months when I have had opportunity to teach at various men's groups I have centered on what it means to be a masculine, godly man. Some of the characteristics of masculinity are as follows: being courageous (Joshua 1:8), being strong (Exodus 15:2, Joshua 1:7), taking risks and leading (Joshua 1:14), radical obedience (Matthew 11:12), speaking up and speaking out in tough situations (Luke 11:11,12), living zealously (burning) to carry out kingdom works (Titus 2:14), and obeying the Holy Spirit while you are afraid (Philippians 2:12). What I have discovered when the men open up the Word and we embrace some of these attributes they are thrilled, convicted, and motivated to become more spiritually masculine!

Also in May I will be leading one workshop at a prophecy conference, titled *Destiny Conference*, May 17-20, at Good Shepherd Community Church here in Boring. Friends, this conference will have huge consequences for the Christian Community as the scholars teaching believe, as Linda and I do, that God's covenants (except Mosaic) still apply to Israel and Israel is still "the apple of His eye." (Zechariah 2:8)

*"He has remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded to a thousand generations." (Psalm 105:8)*

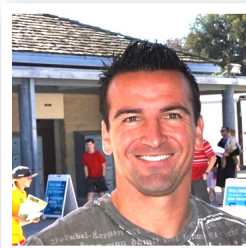
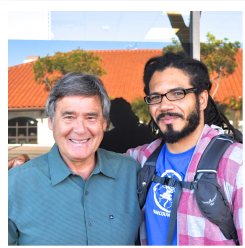


## See What God Has Done!

While in San Clemente, Linda led a four week Bible Study on "What the Bible Says About Angels," hosted by Tina Taylor, above, back right, in her home. We thank you, Tina! The above photo is of a few of the wonderful women in the group. Some have gone on to use the study with other women or in their home groups. Seth thinks Linda ought to get this Bible study she wrote published and I agree! It is excellent! Linda extends a HUGE thank you to Elaine Fowler (below left) and Beth Clark (below right) for leading Linda's groups while she was gone, and to all the women who took turns facilitating lessons and opening their homes for the studies. There was much positive input from the women about Seth's book. You can purchase his book, *Faith That Follows* by putting in his name, Seth Ebel, at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Joan Dingle commented:



*"This is a great Bible study! We have had four weeks of meaningful discussion and are only through chapter three. Even the drawings make you think. The Holy Spirit is really coming alive for me."*



## See What God has Done!

While in San Clemente we loved connecting with Seth, Vanessa, Jude and Isla. Thank you for your continued prayers for Jude, age six, as he is being slowly weaned off of his seizure meds. He is improving in speech and skills for which we praise God! Isla Rose, age three, adores her brother.

Some of the men who attended the Tuesday study are pictured below. Some have been previously incarcerated and have struggled with past addictions. They are participating in a highly structured spiritual discipleship program. One said to me, "Dale, at first I thought you were far to knowledgeable and intellectually above me. I thought I would never be able to learn from you. Not only have I learned, but am attempting to act in obedience to the Biblical truths that you have taught us in these past weeks. You have put God's truth right at our level." Once again I have discovered that many people, whether they are genuinely seeking truth and God, young in the faith, or seasoned Christ-Followers, are looking for substance and want to be challenged in their walk with Christ. It is simply not true that seekers need a palatable, adjusted message so as not to be turned off to Christ. His sheep hear His voice when He speaks (John 10:4,5) and God the Father, in His sovereignty, draws His own to Himself (John 6:44). We can do our best to present and live the truth, but we also can trust God's election!

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