



# And Also With You

MID-MARCH 2015

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## Movement

### MARCH

#### SUNDAYS

10:00 am  
Worship  
(nursery provided)  
&  
Children's Chapel

#### MONDAYS

10:30am-  
Intercessors Soaking  
Prayer-990-8225  
6:30pm-Graham  
Cooke Group-  
Information 455-5940

#### WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am  
Women's Bible  
Study-  
Information 990-2973

12:00 noon  
Holy Communion

#### FRIDAYS

8:15 am  
Men's Group-  
Information 422-3169

### CHALICE BEARERS

March 15  
Susan Jones  
Maggie Rockett

March 22  
Janic Terry  
Kitty Barksdale

March 29  
Palm Sunday  
Julian and Maggie  
Carnes

April 2  
Jane and Bob  
Grafe

April 5  
Becky Johnson  
Jan Bogue



The Rev. Scott Davis

Recently, I asked the Lord to teach me about mammon. Jesus says that a person cannot serve both God and mammon. Mammon is riches personified and stands in opposition to God. Some believe that

mammon is the demonic presence that often attaches itself to money or wealth. Money can appear to be the answer to many of life's problems, yet many can be destroyed by it as well.

The Lord began teaching about mammon but quickly moved on to a larger teaching on *movement*. He said that the success to handling money is to keep it moving. Everything about God's kingdom involves movement. This is why Jesus says, "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you Luke 6:38." Do you see how much movement resides in this one verse? Movement is critical to how God's kingdom operates. Ecclesiastes 11:1 says, "Cast your bread upon the waters [movement] for after many days you will find it again [movement]." This is why the Federal Reserve stimulates the economy when it becomes stagnant. Healthy economies flow; stagnant economies do not.

The Lord explained how important it is for money not to stagnate. Trust funds

are not bad, but they are meant to stay fluid. When they become stagnant then they begin to break down. It is in the movement of money that people are blessed. Movement opens doors for both the borrower and the lender. Financial movement stimulates ideas, creativity, and life. Proverbs 11:25-26 talks about money and movement. "A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. People curse the man who hoards grain, but blessing crowns him who is willing to sell."

In Genesis, Joseph held back grain (capital) for seven years in order to release its flow with an even greater force that saved his world from famine. It is OK to hold back for a period if the Holy Spirit leads, but hoarding is a different matter.

The reason why fallen man is tempted to hoard goes back to Eden. We believe Satan's lie that we can be *as God*. The problem is that we are not equipped to run the universe with just our human resources. Since we do not know what the future holds, we are inclined to hang on to everything possible in order to survive what *might* come our way. Do you see the lack of movement in this thinking? This is why we cling to things, holding back because we fear for what hardships lie ahead.

The Lord continued by stating that it is not by accident that the bodies of water in His land illustrate the truths of movement and stagnation. The Sea of Galilee teems with life, as does the Jordan River. However, both flow into the Dead Sea which



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has no outlet. The water is stagnant. No life can live in such a fierce concentration of minerals that collect there. It is also the lowest elevation on planet earth.

The Kingdom of God always involves movement versus the kingdom of darkness which always tries to prevent flow. Jesus says in John 10:10 that the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. All three attributes of the enemy have to do with



lack of movement. If someone steals from you then your hold on the

item ceases. There is no longer movement of that particular item in your life. To kill is the ultimate non-movement experience. Life ceases. This is why we cremate or bury the dead because they no longer move. What does a doctor tell post surgical patients? *“Motion is lotion.”*

Fallen man hates change which is actually a form of movement. People become controlling because they fear change—they fear movement. Darkness is about remaining static, status quo.

I asked God about rest since we are called to enter into His rest. He reminded me that even when a person sleeps, the cells in the body regenerate.



Rest is important yet rest is not just about

remaining still. There is quite a lot of joyful movement in re-creation. What are vacations? We often move to another location for a period of time to recoup and regenerate.

The Lord next reminded me of the resurrection story. The Easter

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event is a story of movement. It begins with women hurrying to a tomb,

worried about how to roll away [movement] the stone. God, however, had already moved the stone [movement]. Peter and John race [movement] to the tomb. The tomb is empty which creates quite a bit of movement!

Lastly, the Lord provided a smorgasbord of verses to back up what He was saying. The cloud led Israel by day and became a pillar of fire by night.

Fire is constantly moving. It is no surprise



that the burning bush, the fiery furnace, and the tongues of fire at Pentecost are all kingdom events rather than death events. *“Quench not the Holy Spirit* (I Thessalonians 5:19)” deals with movement. We often pray for a move of God. We name the great revivals of the past, *movements.*

God wants to move in your life. He is a God of flow. The areas of your life that are stagnant are areas that you may want to examine, asking God to make them move again. Blessings,  
Father Scott +



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Congratulations to Tyler and Beaux Dutton on the birth of their son, Fletcher Robert Dutton, on March 2.



**Holy Week**

 March 29  
10am

 April 2  
6 pm

 April 3  
12:noon

“ Being poor in spirit is not self-criticism. It is maintaining the perspective that He gives me the credit for what He did.”  
Bill Johnson



“Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.”